

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM

THE CITY OF READING

ADDENDUM NO. 7

BID: LABOR AND DISPOSAL OF TRASH (ALL MATERIALS), ACCUMULATED NUISANCE, WEED REMOVAL AND SECURING NECESSARY PROPERTIES

DUE DATE: August 29, 2022
3:00 P.M. Prevailing Time

This addendum must be signed, attached to, and returned with your proposal to the City of Reading by the time and date indicated ABOVE.

Q1. "All bids shall be secured in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid. The bid surety may be in the form of cash, certified check, a bond with corporate surety or at the City's option, or an irrevocable letter of credit."

Will this amount be 10% of the combined hourly labor rate for weed removal and trash removal? e.g. \$75.00 per hour for each = \$150.00 ; Bid Security = \$15.00?

A1. The bid bond is for the total amount of the contract value as presented to the City. For example if the total bid for the tasks required to be completed is \$10,000, then the bid bond will be 10% of said total value which in this given EXAMPLE would \$1,000.

Q2. Does the City of Reading require the Contractor to have paid for the City of Reading Business Privilege License before the submission of the bid?

A2. At the time of awarding the project to qualified contractors, said contractor shall have a valid business Privilege license valid for the duration of the contract.

Q3. Can you confirm address for today's pre bid meeting?

A3. There will be no prebid meeting held for this project.

Q4. Is a separate Contractors Pollution Liability insurance policy required, per the RFQ on page 16?

CONTRACTOR'S POLLUTION LIABILITY - with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$1,000,000 Aggregate. Coverage to be provided for pollution claims resulting from the operations of the Contractor and any Subcontractors, as well as any materials or supplies brought onto the jobsite. Policy to include coverage for Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Cleanup Costs. Contractors Pollution coverage should include coverage for Pesticide/Herbicide Applications Contractor's policy must name the City of Reading, its elected officials, agents and employees, as an Additional Insured on a primary and noncontributory basis, as well as provide a Waiver of Subrogation Clause be added to the Pollution policy. Policy must provide for Transportation Coverage if the CA9948 is not included on the Commercial Automobile policy.

A4. Qualified contractor's liability insurance. The City does not require a special environmental insurance policy.

Q5. In the RFP on page 20. It states in section C that a trash truck is to be used when a roll off is not needed. Is a roll-off or dump truck with tarps suitable?

A5. Yes, so long the trash are not overflown back to the streets.

Q6. The bonding company requested a "not to exceed amount" provision in order to approve the bond request for the individual/company that is awarded the contract.

Is the Obligee (The City of Reading) willing to add a "not to exceed amount" to the awarded contract?

A6. The bidding process is open to all contractors, therefore not to exceed will not be endorsed. The annual budget for this project \$100,000.

Q7. Addendum #4 - Bid Bond

On the PennBid announcement, it states that "Bid Surety, in the amount of \$500.00 as specified in this document, shall accompany each bid. A certified check or bid bond will be accepted."

Just to clarify, are we able to provide a \$500 cashiers check made payable to the City of Reading OR a Bid Bond at 10% of the total bid amount (estimated project cost of \$100,000 x 10% = \$10,000 bid bond)?

A7. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of (10%) of the bid amount. Per the purchasing policy you will not need a Bid surety in the amount of \$500.00. This statement has been removed from the bid.

Q8. Is the Cashiers Check made out to the City of Reading for \$500.00 for bid surety non-refundable?

A8. Same as in Q7

Q9. Also, Addendum #4 that was recently posted on PennBid doesn't appear to answer the second question regarding the City of Reading Business Privilege license.

Does the Contractor need to have a City of Reading Business Privilege license in place prior to the submission deadline of the bid on 08/29/2022? Yes

A9. Please read the answer to question No. 2.

Q10. Is snow removal a part of the duties/requirements for this solicitation at the subject properties?

A10. YES

Q11. What value should be used to calculate the 10% bid bond?

A11. Please read the answer to question No. 1

I, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE CHANGES COVERED BY THIS ADDENDUM HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

Firm Name (Type or Print) _____

Authorized Signature _____

Title _____

Name (Type or Print) _____

Date _____