



# INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

423/975-2715

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**Bid Name / Number** UNDERGROUND FACILITIES LOCATING & MARKING SERVICES / # 6074  
**Due Day / Date / Time** Friday / September 9, 2016 / 1:30 PM  
**Bid Location / Mail Address** Johnson City Purchasing Department, Debbie Dillon-Director,  
 209 Water Street (37601), P O Box 2150 (37605), Johnson City, TN  
**Bid Contact / Telephone** Anthony Todd (423) 975-2733; [atodd@johnsoncitytn.org](mailto:atodd@johnsoncitytn.org); or [purchasing@johnsoncitytn.org](mailto:purchasing@johnsoncitytn.org)  
**Bid Issue Date** August 26, 2016  
**Project Location** Jobsites as needed  
**FOB** Destination, freight prepaid and allowed - Johnson City, TN  
**Payment Terms** Net 30

**Bidder is responsible for completing the remaining portion of this bid document**

ITEM NO.	QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE
		Term Contract to furnish all labor, equipment, transportation and supplies as required to provide locating and marking fiber optic cable, signal cable and conduits (with locate wire installed) for the City of Johnson City Public Works Department as per the attached specifications which are an integral part of this bid.	
1.	Ea	Cost per locate	\$ _____
2.	Ea	Cost per locate after hours (holidays, weekends and after normal working hrs)	\$ _____
		OPTIONAL:	
3.	Ea	Damage investigation charge	\$ _____
4.	Ea	Testimonial support charge	\$ _____

**BID SUBMITTALS:**

Completed insurance forms

References

**PAST PERFORMANCE OF VENDOR WILL BE AN AWARD CONSIDERATION**

**Cooperative Purchasing Agreement: Vendors are to indicate if it is permissible for other governmental agencies in the State of Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges may be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery costs to other locations. Please indicate your approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Yes No.**

**Bidder's Check List** Place a check mark  by all areas to signify compliance.

Bid signed in ink by authorized company representative

Bid prices, extensions and total verified as correct

Addenda initialed and returned with bid, if applicable

Completed checklists

By signing this document, the undersigned hereby agrees to the prices and all other terms and conditions, including the attached Sealed Solicitation General Terms & Conditions and the City's Requirements for Bids, Requests for Proposals, and Contracts Between the City of Johnson City and Other Parties and the Requirements of the Iran Divestment Act (Sealed Solicitations General Terms & Conditions #20) contained in this bid and associated documents relating to this bid and will furnish items as specified if this bid is accepted. Iran Divestment Act: By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A. § 12-12-106.

**SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Place signed bid response in a sealed envelope plainly identified on the outside in the lower left corner with the Bid Name and Number. Vendor responsible for delivery to Johnson City Purchasing Dept., Debbie Dillon-Director, P. O. Box 2150 (37605), 209 Water Street (37601) Johnson City, TN on or before the bid opening date and time.

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED & SIGNED**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRONIC RESPONSES ARE ACCEPTABLE**

VIA: <https://jc-purchasing.johnsoncitytn.org/bs>

**BID MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID**

**UNDERGROUND FACILITIES LOCATING & MARKING SERVICES  
SPECIFICATIONS  
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE**

The City of Johnson City Public Works Department wishes to obtain an independent contractor to provide locating and marking services of underground facilities on a per request basis and in accordance with the specifications contained in this bid document.

1. Duties and Responsibilities

- 1.1 Provide sufficient qualified staff, office and field equipment (including a teletype printer or computer compatible with the existing communications system used by the One-Call Locator Service Center), transportation and supplies sufficient to fulfill the duties required.

All locators shall be properly trained in the following areas and documentation retained.

- Locating equipment training and techniques
- Theory of locating
- Map reading and symbology
- Safety procedures per OSHA Regulations, MUTCD requirements, and Federal, State and local Laws

- 1.2 Receive and record locate requests from the One-Call Locator Service Center during business days and during the office hours of the One-Call Locator Service (7:00am – 5:00 pm on business days).
- 1.3 Retain and safeguard the City's location maps and records. Records shall not be disclosed or made available to any person not approved by the City.
- 1.4 Maintain records appropriate to support the invoicing and reporting requirements set forth in this section and retain these records for a period of three (3) years.
- 1.5 Provide additional services such as site surveillance and maintenance of marks and stakes if specifically approved by the City prior to the commencement of the work and the costs charged will be at the rates specified.
- 1.6 Investigate incidents of damage for accuracy of the locate(s) and submit a written report to the City of such investigations. Maintain a copy of the report for a period of six (6) years. Upon request, the Contractor will give testimonial support in cases deemed necessary by the City. The charges for investigation of damage and testimonial support will be billed at the rates specified. However, if the damage was a result of the Contractor's failure to locate a locatable facility with reasonable accuracy, then the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for the charges.
- 1.7 The Contractor shall notify the excavator of the presence of any identifiable, but unlocatable facilities of the City and caution the excavator that any location information supplied may not be within the definition of reasonable accuracy. The City shall also be notified.
- 1.8 During the course of locating if the locator becomes aware of errors or omissions, due to miss-drawn records, changes during construction, repair or abandonment, the city shall be notified. The City shall be notified of any discrepancies or omissions in the records or other information provided to it by the City to the extent such discrepancies and omissions can be determined by the Contractor.

1.9 Markings shall be adequate for its intended purpose. The marker types that are most suitable to the terrain and site condition shall be used. Example: flags and stakes in landscaped areas, snow or loose soil; flags, stakes or whiskers in high traffic areas. All marks shall extend a reasonable distance beyond the bounds of the requested area.

2. Invoicing and Reporting

2.1. The Contractor's weekly invoice shall include the following;

1. The City's name and department;
2. The period during which the services were performed;
3. The total number of tickets received;
4. The total number and nature of additional services performed for the City; and
5. Total charges for the billing period.

2.2. The weekly report to accompany and support the invoice shall include an itemized tabulation which shows the following information with respect to each locate request the Contractor received:

1. Ticket number;
2. Locate date;
3. Locations or proposed excavation; and
4. Type of request

2.3. The Contractor's responsibility per locate:

1. All locate requests shall include Johnson City fiber optic lines
2. One charge shall apply to each request.

3. City's Responsibilities and Duties

The City will provide the Contractor a digital copy of the maps and diagrams of their underground facilities which maps and diagrams will reflect the most current information available to the City.

4. Indemnification

The Contractor shall indemnify for the City and will hold the City harmless from (a) any claims for property damage, death or bodily injury arising from the negligence or intentional wrongdoing of the Contractor, its agents or employees in the performance of this Contract; and (b) any claims for property damage, death or bodily injury resulting from the Contractor's failure to locate a locatable underground facility with reasonable accuracy.

5. Term of Contract

5.1 This is a three (3) year contract subject to annual renewal provided all terms, conditions, and prices remain unchanged and the vendor is in agreement. Prices contained herein shall remain firm for each renewal term of the contract. The City reserves the right to re-bid at the end of any one (1) year period.

5.2 The Contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

6. Independent Contractor Relationship

The parties hereby declare that the relationship of the Contractor to the City under this agreement is that of an independent contractor. No agent or employee of the Contractor shall be considered an agent or employee of the City. The City is concerned only with the results obtained under this contract; the time, manner and means of performing the work are the sole control of the Contractor.

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7. Frequency Requirements

**The estimated frequency of calls based on 811 data from 2014 is approximately 2,313.**

8. References

8.1 Bidders shall include a minimum of five (5) business references of similar contracts locating Fiber optic or traffic signal facilities performed within the last three (3) years. Each reference shall have the company or government entity name, address, contact person and telephone number along with type of service performed. References will be used to determine past performance if contractor's history is not known.

8.2 Qualifications to perform this type of work will be a consideration in the bid award.

9. Insurance

The attached Insurance Checklist and General Contract Form (which includes a section for your insurance agent to fill-out), must be completed and returned with the bid package. Successful vendor shall provide insurance certificate, as specified, prior to contract release by Purchasing. Insurance shall remain in effect through-out term of contract.

10. Definitions

The following definitions are used throughout this bid document and are explained as follows:

1. "Business Day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday, or any legal federal, state or local holiday.
2. "Excavation" means any operation in which earth, rock or other material on or below the surface of the ground is moved or otherwise displayed by any means (except the tilling of soil less than twelve inches (12") in depth for agricultural purposes, or road grade or ditch flow line).
3. "Excavation Site" means the area where an excavator intends to excavate or actually perform excavation.
4. "Excavator" means any person who engages directly in excavation and/or the design of excavation and who requests the location of the City's underground facilities.
5. "Excavator Notification" means notification given to the excavator that underground facilities are not present at the excavation site.
6. "Facility Owner" means the owner of a specific underground facility which in this case is the City.

7. “Identified, but unlocatable” means an underground facility, the presence of which is known, but cannot be field marked with reasonable accuracy.
8. “Locatable underground facility” means an underground facility which can be field marked with reasonable accuracy by using devices capable of identifying and locating the City’s underground facilities within the required range of accuracy, or by use of the City’s maps and records.
9. “Locate” means the process of detecting underground facilities through the use of inductive or conductive equipment and marking the surface of the ground to identify the existence and location of underground facilities or underground plant.
10. “Marking” means the use of flags or paint strips of a minimum of two inches (2”) by twelve inches (12”) or other clearly identifiable materials at distances of every ten feet (10’) and at each divergence from a straight line in accordance with the current marking standards of the American Public Works Association to show the field locations of underground facilities with reasonable accuracy.
11. “One-call locator service” means a service through which a person can notify utility companies of proposed excavation and request field marking of underground facilities.
12. “Person” means any individual, partnership, franchise holder, association, corporation, state, city, county or any subdivision or instrumentality of a state and its employees, agents, or legal representatives.
13. “Reasonable accuracy” means locating within thirty inches (30”) of the outside dimensions of both sides of an underground facility or underground plant.
14. “Underground facility” or “underground plant” means any item buried or placed below the surface of the ground for use in connection with the storage or conveyance of water, sewage, electronic or optical communications, cablevision, electric energy, petroleum products, gas gaseous vapors, hazardous liquids or other substances, including but not limited to pipes, sewers, conduits, cables, valves, lines, wires, fiber, manholes, attachments and those parts of poles or anchors below ground.

ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THESE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE CLEARLY INDICATED, OTHERWISE FULL COMPLIANCE IS UNDERSTOOD.

# INSURANCE CHECKLIST

## (Underground Facilities Locating & Marking Services)

**REQUIRED COVERAGES (marked by "x")**

**MINIMUM LIMITS**

- 1. Worker's Compensation (proprietor/partners/executive officers exclusion not allowed) ..... Statutory limits of Tennessee and Employer's Liability ..... \$100,000/accident, \$100,000/disease, \$500,000/disease policy limit
- 2. Commercial General Liability (including Premises/Operations) ..... \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 3. Automobile Liability & Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles ..... \$500,000 BI/PD each accident, Uninsured Motorist
- 4. Independent Contractors ..... \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 5. Products/Completed Operations ..... \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 6. Contractual Liability ..... \$1,000,000 CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 7. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability ..... \$1,000,000 each offense, \$1 Million annual aggregate
- 8. Umbrella Liability ..... \$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury
- 9. Per Project Aggregate
- 10. Professional Liability
  - a. Architects and Engineers ..... \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
  - b. Asbestos Removal Liability ..... \$2 Million per occurrence/claim
  - c. Medical Malpractice ..... \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
  - d. Medical Professional Liability ..... \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
- 11. Miscellaneous E & O ..... \$1 Million per occurrence/claim
- 12. Motor Carrier Act End. (MCS-90) ..... \$1 Million BI/PD each accident, Uninsured Motorist
- 13. Motor Cargo Insurance
- 14. Garage Liability ..... \$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage per occurrence
- 15. Garagekeepers Liability ..... \$500,000 Comprehensive, \$500,000 Collision
- 16. Inland Marine-Bailee's Insurance ..... \$
- 17. Moving and Rigging Floater ..... Endorsement to CGL
- 18. Dishonesty Bond ..... \$
- 19. Builder's Risk/Installation Floater ..... Provide coverage in the full amount of contract
- 20. XCU Coverage ..... Endorsement to CGL
- 21. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of B++V or better or its equivalent
- 22. Notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to City at least **30 days** prior to action. Worker's Compensation and/or non-payment of premium - notification may be **10 days** prior to action.
- 23. The City of Johnson City shall be named as Additional Insured on all policies except Worker's Compensation, Auto and Professional Liability. **Per Acord 25 (2009/01), policies must be endorsed; please submit copy of endorsement.** (Cert. Holder: City of Johnson City, Attn: Purchasing, P.O. Box 2150, Johnson City, TN 37605. Email: purchasing@johnsoncitytn.org.)
- 24. Certificate of Insurance shall show project number or other contract identifier used by the City.
- 25. OTHER INSURANCE REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE AGENT'S STATEMENT:**

I have reviewed the above requirements with the bidder named below. The bidder has coverage with this agency for all of the areas marked with the exception of the following numbers:

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is Professional Liability excluded under General Liability? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Is Contractual Liability excluded under Comm. General Liability? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Is Independent Contractors excluded under Comm. General Liability? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier ratings: Insurer A \_\_\_\_\_; Insurer B \_\_\_\_\_; Insurer C \_\_\_\_\_; Insurer D \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S STATEMENT:**

I have reviewed the above requirements with my insurance agent(s) and, if awarded a contract, will provide all coverage marked.

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bid Number: **# 6074**

Bid Name: **UNDERGROUND FACILITIES LOCATING & MARKING SERVICES-PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.**

**This form and the General Contract Form shall be signed and returned with the solicitation package. The Certificate of Insurance must be provided to Purchasing prior to contract award.**

# GENERAL CONTRACT FORM

The General Contract Form is included in every solicitation requiring insurance. The general requirements of the contract form are supplemented by items checked on the **Insurance Checklist that identify specific requirements for the bid or project.**

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## INSURANCE

Review this section carefully with your insurance agent or broker prior to submitting a bid or proposal. See Insurance Checklist (part of the Bid Forms) for specific coverage applicable to this contract. The term “Contract” as used in this section shall mean the Agreement covering the work that is entered into between the City of Johnson City, Tennessee and the Contractor.

### **1. General Insurance Requirements:**

**1.1** The Contractor shall not start work under this contract until the Contractor has obtained at its own expense all of the insurance called for hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the City; nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to start work on any subcontract until all insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained and approved by the Contractor. Approval of insurance required of the Contractor will be granted only after submission to the Director of Purchasing of original, signed Certificate(s) of Insurance, General Contract Form, and Insurance Checklist or, alternately, at the City’s request, certified copies of the required insurance policies.

**1.2** No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by the City shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor, or the surety, or its bond, from any liability or obligation imposed upon either or both of them by the provisions of the Contract Documents.

**1.3 The City of Johnson City (including its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees) is to be named as an additional insured under all coverage except Worker’s Compensation, Automobile Liability, and Professional Liability and the Certificate of Insurance or the certified policy, if requested, must so state.** Coverage afforded under this paragraph shall be primary as respects the City, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees. The following definition of the term “City” applies to all policies issued under the contract:

“The City of Johnson City, Tennessee together with all of its various departments, bureaus, and agencies, as well as any affiliated or subsidiary board, committee, or authority, including but not limited to the Johnson City Public School System.”

**1.4** The contractor shall provide insurance as specified in the Insurance Checklist contained in this document.

**1.5** The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the City of Johnson City, Tennessee together with its various departments, elected or appointed officials, employees, officers, counsel, agents, and any and all other persons or entities acting on behalf of the same (collectively the City) from and against any and all claims of

any sort based upon any theory of liability whatsoever, for any and all harm, loss, damage, injury, cost (including court cost and attorney fees) charges, or other liability of any nature whatsoever, however caused, resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected with the contractors performance or non-performance of the terms of the contract documents or its obligations under the contract based upon any theory of liability whatsoever, including claims brought by third persons, and further covenants to discharge all of the aforesaid persons and entities and forever hold them harmless from the same. The foregoing obligation to indemnify and defend shall continue in full force and effect after the aforesaid contractor completes all of the work required under the contract, until such time as the applicable statutes of limitation or repose have expired.

**1.6** The Contractor shall be responsible for the work performed under the Contract Documents and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any description used in connection with the work. The Contractor assumes all risks for direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work, until final acceptance of the work by the City.

**1.7** Insurance coverage required in these specifications shall be in force throughout the Contract Term. If the Contractor fails to provide acceptable evidence of current insurance within ten days of written notice at any time during the Contract Term, the City shall have absolute right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to the Contractor and the Contractor shall be liable to the City for the entire additional cost of procuring performance by another vendor and the cost of performing the incomplete portion of the Contract at time of termination. **Contractor** is required to provide the City with notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage at least thirty (30) days prior to cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in coverage.”

**1.8** Contractual and other liability insurance provided under this Contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the City from supervising or inspecting the project as to the end result. The Contractor shall assume all on-the-job responsibilities as to the control of persons directly employed by it and of the subcontractors and any persons employed by the subcontractor.

**1.9** Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the City. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the City for acts and omissions of the subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor.

**1.10** Precaution shall be exercised by the Contractor at all times for the protection of persons (including employees) and property. All existing structures, utilities, roads, services, trees and shrubbery shall be protected against damage or interruption of service at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors during the term of the Contract, and the Contractor shall be held responsible for any damage to property occurring by reason of its operation on the property.

**1.11** If a Contractor can not meet the insurance requirements contained in a bid, proposal, or project description, alternate insurance coverage may be considered. Written requests for consideration of alternate coverage must be received by the Director of Purchasing at least ten working days prior to the date set for receipt of bids or proposals. If the City

denies the request for alternate coverage, the specified coverage will be required to be submitted. If the City permits alternate coverage, an amendment to the Insurance Requirement will be prepared and distributed prior to the time and date set for receipt of bids or proposals.

**1.12** All required insurance coverage must be acquired from insurers authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee, and acceptable to the City. The insurers must also have policyholders' rating of "B++" or better, and a financial size of "Class V" or better in the latest edition of Best's Insurance Reports, unless the City grants specific approval for an exception in the same manner as described in 1.11 above.

**1.13** The City may consider deductible amounts as part of its review of financial stability. The Contractor shall assume all deductibles.

## **2. Contractor's Insurance – Occurrence Basis:**

**2.1** The Contractor shall purchase the following insurance coverage, including the terms, provisions and limits shown in the Checklist:

**2.1.1 Commercial General Liability** – The Commercial General Liability policy shall include any or all of the following as indicated on the Checklist:

- i. General aggregate limit is to apply per project;
- ii. Premises/Operations;
- iii. Action of Independent Contractors;
- iv. Contractual Liability including protection for the Contractor from claims arising out of liability assumed under this contract;
- v. Personal Injury Liability including coverage for offenses related to employment;
- vi. Explosion, Collapse, or Underground (XCU) hazards.

**2.1.2 Business Automobile Liability** including coverage for any owned, hired, or non-owned motor vehicles, Uninsured Motorists insurance, and Automobile Contractual Liability.

**2.1.3 Worker's Compensation** – statutory benefits as required by the State of Tennessee, or other laws as required by labor union agreements, including standard Other States coverage; Employers' Liability coverage.

**2.1.4 Professional Liability** - The Contractor shall carry Professional Liability/Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions insurance which will pay for injuries arising out of errors or omissions in the rendering, or failure to render, professional services under the contract, in the amount shown in the Checklist.

## **3 Commercial General or other Liability Insurance – Claims-made Basis:**

If Commercial General or other liability insurance purchased by the Contractor has been issued on a claims-made basis, the Contractor must comply with the following additional

conditions. The limits of liability and the extensions to be included as described in the Checklist remain the same. The Contractor must either:

- i. Agree to provide certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverage for a period of three years for Professional Liability; two years for CGL and other Liability, after final payment for the contract. Such certificates shall evidence a retroactive date, no later than the beginning of the Contractors or subcontractors' work under this contract, or
- ii. Purchase an extended (minimum three years for Professional Liability; two years for CGL and other Liability) reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this contract and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.

#### **4. Alternative Coverage (Self Insurance)**

Notwithstanding any of the above, the Contractor may satisfy its obligations under this section by means of self-insurance for all or any part of the insurance required, provided that the alternative coverage is acceptable to the City.

#### **5. Limits of Liability Coverage**

Specific limits of liability coverage on the Insurance Checklist may be adjusted according to project risk if the adjustment is deemed appropriate and the amended amount is approved by the City Manager.

#### **6. Verification of Compliance**

I have read this General Contract Form and agree to all the terms and conditions contained therein.

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EIN or SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form and the Insurance Checklist must be completed and returned with Certificate of Insurance, as specified, prior to contract award.**



**CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE**  
<http://www.johnsoncitytn.org/purchasing>

**SEALED SOLICITATION**  
**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
**(Read Carefully)**

**1. ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AND POSTPONEMENT**

Issuance of a bid/rfp/rfq does not commit the City to make an award. The City reserves the right to postpone or reject any or all bids/rfp's/rfq', to waive informalities and to accept the bid/rfp judged to be in the best interest of the City.

**2. ADDENDA**

Addendum's will be issued to all known interested parties and posted on the City's website (listed above). All addenda issued shall become part of the solicitation documents. It is the vendor's responsibility to determine and acknowledge any or all addenda's issued for a solicitation. No addenda will be issued less than two (2) working days prior to the solicitation opening as per TCA, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 1, as amended

**3. AWARD**

An award, if made, shall be to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder(s) or best solicitation meeting quality and performance standards as described in the solicitation documents and whose bid/rfp is determined to be in the best interest of the City. The City also reserves the right to award this product/service based on other contracts in-place (state or cooperative contracts), as may be in our best interest.

**4. AWARD PERIOD**

The City shall have 60 days to issue a contract. Any contract past that period must be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

**5. BID TABULATIONS/RFP/RFQ RESPONSES**

Bid tabulations and RFP/RFQ respondent's lists will be posted and available the next business day on our above website. Select "awarded/opened solicitations".

**6. BRAND NAMES**

By referencing a brand name or equal, the City intends to establish a minimum level of quality by which alternate offers can be judged. If an alternate is offered, the vendor must include complete descriptive literature and specifications that clearly describe the item and how it differs from the referenced item. Vendor reference to literature previously submitted will not satisfy this provision. Unless specified otherwise, it is understood that the referenced product will be furnished. The City alone will determine whether an alternate is equivalent and meets the standards of quality and performance for the City's use. A sample or demonstration may be required at the expense of the vendor.

**7. CONDITION STANDARDS**

It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this solicitation shall be new and unused and the manufacturer's latest model unless otherwise called for in the solicitation.

**8. CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

If a fee is required for bid documents then only those bidders of record with the issuing office are eligible to bid.

**9. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:**

Bidders/Proposers are to indicate whether it is permissible for other governments in Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges can be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery costs.

**10. DEFAULT**

In case of contractor default or failure to provide material or service according to the solicitations, the City may cancel this contract and acquire from another source and may recover any excess cost by (1) invoice; (2) deduction from an unpaid balance due; (3) collection against the bid and/or performance bond; or (4) a combination of the aforementioned remedies or other remedies provided by law. All costs associated with default will be borne by the contractor. The City reserves the right to remove a company in default from the active vendor list for a time period to be determined by the Director of Purchasing.

**11. DELIVERY**

Delivery/completion schedule must be clearly identified and realistically stated, as this may be a determining factor in the award.

**12. DISCOUNT AND PAYMENT**

Payment terms are Net 30 following receipt of the material or service and a correct invoice unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the bid evaluation for award. Partial payment will be allowed only if addressed in the solicitation.

**13. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

It is the policy of the City of Johnson City to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21; related statutes and regulations to that end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or any other funding source on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry. By virtue of submitting a response to this solicitation, vendors agree to comply with the same non-discrimination policy.

**14. EVALUATION**

Bids/RFP's/RFQ's will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in the document with the degree of importance determined by the City.

**15. EXAMINATION OF BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S**

Bids and associated documents may be examined at the opening. Only the name of the respondent is read aloud for RFP'S/RFQ'S. All solicitations are closed for review and inspection during the evaluation period, prior to award.

**16. FOB (FREE-ON-BOARD) POINT**

All prices quoted shall be FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. The seller pays and bears the freight charges and owns the goods while they are in transit. Title passes at the designated City location.

**17. INDEMNIFICATION**

The vendor shall guarantee and certify by submitting a response to this solicitation that if successful, they shall indemnify and defend the City against any and all claims or legal actions arising as a result of their performance of the contract, whether or not such claims relate to damages or alleged damages sustained by physical injury to contractors personnel, subcontractors, city employees or other persons, or against any lawsuits arising from alleged or actual patent infringements, and shall hold the City, its various departments, employees, and any and all persons or entities acting on its behalf harmless from the same.

**18. INSPECTION**

All supplies or materials purchased as a result of this solicitation are subject to inspection and rejection by the City. Rejected materials will be returned at the vendor's expense.

**19. INSURANCE**

The contractor shall maintain, at their expense, such insurance as required by the solicitation. Such insurance shall protect the City for claims of damages which may arise during operations under this contract whether such operations be by the Contractor or by any subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Any required insurances shall be maintained for the term of the contract and beyond the term of the contract when so required in the solicitation.

**20. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2014**

Pursuant to the Iran Divestment Act of 2014, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106 requires the State of Tennessee Chief Procurement Officer to publish, using creditable information freely available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran, as described in § 12-12-105. Inclusion on this list makes a person ineligible to contract with the City of Johnson City; if a person ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, it may be removed from the list. The State of Tennessee currently uses the State of South Carolina's list, available here: [https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/generalservices/cpo/attachments/List\\_of\\_persons\\_pursuant\\_to\\_Tenn.\\_Code\\_Ann.\\_12-12-106\\_Iran\\_Divestment\\_Act-July.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/generalservices/cpo/attachments/List_of_persons_pursuant_to_Tenn._Code_Ann._12-12-106_Iran_Divestment_Act-July.pdf)

## **21. LICENSES, FEES, PERMITS**

The contractor is responsible for furnishing the proper licenses, fees, and permits required by law to do business with the City of Johnson City in completion of the project. All work shall be done in accordance with the latest building codes, state and federal laws relative to the contract.

## **22. MULTIPLE ITEM BIDS**

The City will determine the successful bidder(s) either on the basis of the individual line items or the total of all items. ALL OR NONE bids must be clearly identified on the bid form and will be considered only if in the City's best interest.

## **23. NON-COLLUSION AGREEMENT**

By submitting this solicitation, the agent representing all officers, partners, owners, representatives, employees or interested parties of the vendor's firm certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief this bid/proposal to the City of Johnson City, Tennessee has not been prepared in collusion with any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services. The agent also certifies that the prices, terms and conditions of said bid/proposal have been arrived at independently and have not been communicated by the submitter, nor by any of the aforementioned firm associate to any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services and will not be communicated prior to the official opening of said solicitation. The agent further states that no official or employee of the City of Johnson City has promised any personal, financial or other beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in order to influence award of this solicitation.

## **24. PARTS AND SERVICE**

The successful vendor must be able to provide adequate parts and service for all items awarded. Service location and ability to perform may be a consideration in the award.

## **25. PENALTIES**

Vendors may be removed from our active vendor system for any of the following:

- ◆ Failure to respond to three consecutive solicitations
- ◆ Failure to meet delivery requirements
- ◆ Failure to furnish items as a result of a solicitation
- ◆ Failure to provide service or material as a result of the award
- ◆ Offers of gratuities or favors to any City employee

## **26. PRE-BID MEETING ATTENDANCE**

If attendance is mandatory then only those firms whose names are listed on the pre-bid attendance roster are eligible to submit a solicitation.

## **27. PRICING**

All pricing must appear in the spaces provided on the city's form (if applicable) and be in ink or typed. Changes or corrections by the bidder/proposer must be initialed in ink by the person signing. No corrections may be made in pencil. Unit prices will prevail in case of an extension error. The City will correct math computation errors (unit price & totals). No bid may be altered or amended after bid opening time. Obvious mistakes will be given special consideration upon receipt of written request and full disclosure or evidence regarding pricing error.

## **28. PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Vendors are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of, bids/proposals will be available for public inspection after award, in compliance with Tennessee Statutes.

## **29. PROTEST PROCEDURE**

Any protest to the award of a contract by the City of Johnson City shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Purchasing with a copy to the City Manager and delivered not later than seven (7) calendar days from the date of the city's award decision. Such protest must include a protest bond in the amount of \$350 (cashier's check payable to the City of Johnson City or Cash) submitted to the Purchasing Director before the City will consider the protest. This protest bond will serve as a guarantee by the protester of the validity and accuracy of the protest. If the protest is denied by the City Manager the bond will be retained to cover costs associated with the protest.

## **30. QUESTIONS**

Questions must be received by the City at least four (4) working days prior to the scheduled opening. No oral interpretations or instructions given by any city employee or any other person shall apply. Changes relative to any solicitation will be in writing, in the form of an addendum. ,

## **31. SAFETY STANDARDS**

All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of OSHA/TOSHA and any related standards thereto.

## **32. SAMPLES**

Samples will be furnished at no charge to the City. They will remain in the Purchasing Department for testing and evaluation until an award is made. Vendors are responsible for picking up their samples within two (2) weeks after the award. Samples not collected after that time shall become the property of the City. Samples from the successful vendor will be held until delivery is received and accepted as being equal to the sample.

## **33. SEALED SOLICITATION OPENINGS**

Bids will be read aloud at the specified date and time as stated in the document. RFP's/RFQ'S respondent names will be read aloud. All openings are public meetings. Bidders/proposers and interested persons are invited to attend. The City reserves the right to postpone any solicitation opening under circumstances warranting such action, including but not limited to instances when the City receives fewer than two responses.

## **34. SIGNATURE ON BIDS**

When submitting a bid, other than electronically, the bid form must contain the full name and address of the company and be signed in Ink by a person authorized to bind that company to a contract. Submission of an electronic solicitation constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions. Unsigned paper bids will not be considered, read or tabulated. They may not be signed during or after the bid opening, even if a representative is present.

## **35. SUBMITTAL OF SEALED BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S**

Any forms furnished by the city must be completed and returned as specified in the solicitation, otherwise response will be considered as non-responsive. TELEPHONE, FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL RESPONSES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Electronic receipt of bids/proposals is acceptable for those posted at: <https://purchasing.johnsoncitytn.org/bsol/>. **Paper bids shall be sealed in an envelope and may be required to include one (1) electronic (CD or flashdrive) copy of the entire submittal. The electronic version shall be an exact duplicate of the original, and the electronic version will become the official document.** No solicitation received after closing time shall be considered. The official time for paper submittals will be that of the date and time clock in the Purchasing Department. For electronic bids the official time is that posted on the website. Late submittals will not be accepted. The City of Johnson City shall not be responsible for technical difficulties experienced by vendors trying to register or submit their bid/rfp response electronically less than one hour prior to the bid/rfp opening time. If not offering a solicitation response, the vendor is encouraged to complete the "Statement of Decline" form and return prior to the opening.

## **36. TAXES**

The City is exempt from Federal excise tax, State, and city sales tax. Contractors are not exempt from the use tax on materials and supplies used in the production of an item or in the performance of a repair or construction contract. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

## **37. TERM OF CONTRACT**

Unless otherwise stated, the City reserves the right to purchase like items at the same contract price for a period of one year from the award date subject to agreement of both parties. The City may cancel any contract for cause, or non-appropriation of funds, following written notification of intent.

## **38. WARRANTY**

Unless otherwise specified by the City, all items shall be guaranteed for a minimum period of one (1) year against defects in material and workmanship.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDS, REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, AND CONTRACTS  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY  
AND OTHER PARTIES

The City of Johnson City has established the following requirements for use in all bids and contracts between the City and any other person or entity. The following list is mandatory and modifies any bid, contract, or request for proposal, or conditions applicable to, signed by, or let by the City, notwithstanding anything contained in any particular conditions, contract, request for proposal, or bid to the contrary.

In general, the following provisions apply to all such contracts, bids, requests for proposals, contracts requiring bids, and bids containing contracts:

1. The City of Johnson City shall not answer to any contracting party for the furnishing of public records to a person requesting such in accordance with Tennessee law.
2. The City, while it may designate in writing a representative on a particular project, shall only be bound by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners or by the limited authority delegated to the City Manager pursuant to City Ordinance. No personal representative of the City assigned to a particular project may bind it in excess of the dollar amounts granted to the City Manager by Ordinance, and no personal representative assigned to a particular project may bind the City for an amount equal to or less than the dollar amounts granted to the City Manager by Ordinance without the City Manager's approval.
3. The City shall not in any event waive or limit any claims for damages including but not limited to consequential damages in any contract for any reason or purpose.
4. No decision of an architect, engineer, or personal representative of the City shall be final and binding on the City, unless the City so agrees in any dispute with any

party including but not limited to an architect, a contractor, a subcontractor, an engineer, etc. If the City agrees to be bound pertaining to a dispute, then the monetary limits contained in the City's ordinances regarding the authority of the City Manager shall prevail, and any amounts exceeding the authority of the City Manager shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

5. The City shall not participate in any mediation or arbitration regarding any agreement to which it is a party, and all matters left unresolved between the City and any other party, person, or entity shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction in either Washington County, Tennessee, or in Federal District Court in Greeneville, Tennessee.

6. No party or other entity shall file a lien of any nature whatsoever against City property, real, personal, or mixed, no matter where that property is located. Should a party or entity contracting with the City or acting as a subcontractor or subsubcontractor file a lien against any property, real, personal, or mixed, owned by the City, then that party or entity shall take immediate steps at its own cost and expense to remove said lien, or the City shall take such steps as it deems necessary and hold the other party or entity liable for any costs and attorneys' fees associated with the lifting of said lien.

7. The City shall exercise its sole discretion before agreeing to any assignments of any contracts or subcontracts regarding any project in which the City is involved. No contract with the City shall be assignable without the City's sole, discretionary, absolute consent.

8. The City shall not be required to supply any information regarding its title to any property in which it has an interest for any purposes regarding the filing of liens.

9. The City shall not waive any claims it has in the making of final payment in any project in which it is involved. The City shall have the right to terminate any agreement to which this document is attached at any time in its sole discretion without

cause. In the event the City terminates without cause any agreement to which this document is attached, then in such event the City shall be liable only for the actual work and costs that have accrued at or before the date of the City's termination. In no event shall the City be liable for lost profits, consequential damages or incidental damages in the event it terminates a contract without cause.

10. Except to the extent allowed by law, the City shall not indemnify and hold harmless any other party, entity, person, their agents, employees, or anyone else in the world for any reason whatsoever.

11. The City shall not waive the rights of subrogation of its insurers or itself for any purpose whatsoever, and the City shall not cause any such endorsements to be placed on any policies to which it is a party.

12. Unless the City elects otherwise, the City shall not provide any "builders' risk" or an "all-risk" or equivalent policy for any reason whatsoever for any project in which the City has an interest, and the contractor or other such party shall assume this responsibility. That builder's risk policy provided by the contractor or other such interested party shall name the City as an additional insured. The City shall not provide boiler and machinery insurance, but shall require such insurance as applicable, depending on the parameters of whatever project is involved. The cost of boiler and machinery insurance shall be borne by the appropriate contractor, subcontractor, or other interested party. The City shall not insure the interests of any other person or entity, nor shall the City add any other person or entity as an additional insured to any of its policies.

13. The City shall not waive any rights regarding the loss of use of the City's property.

14. As to acts or failures to act or any causes of action by any party to a contract, whether that party be the architect, owner, contractor, City, etc., a cause of action shall accrue according to Tennessee law. No contract provision shall shorten the

statutes of limitations, statutes of repose, or the accrual of any causes of action which the City might have against another party or entity. No contract provision shall waive any warranties, express or implied, nor shall any contract limit the standard of care for any particular service or undertaking to that of the locality where those services or undertakings are performed.

15. Any interest to be paid by the City of Johnson City for late payments shall be at the rate of interest at which the City pays on its most recently issued bonds.

16. The City reserves to itself the right to approve the use of any tests, including but not limited to any borings, test pits, geotechnical work, environmental tests, and the like in its own sole discretion. All design professionals, consultants, subcontractors, or the like shall be duly licensed in the State of Tennessee, if licensure in the State of Tennessee is required for the work to be performed by such design professional, consultants, or subcontractors.

17. Notwithstanding any applicable choice of law or conflict of law provisions or decisions, the law of the State of Tennessee shall govern all contracts to which this document is attached.

18. The City of Johnson City shall not provide any legal advice, legal services, surveys, or procure the same for any other party.

19. Upon payment for services as rendered, all design documents and all instruments of service created by design professionals, including but not limited to architects, landscape architects, engineers, etc., shall become the property of the City of Johnson City, Tennessee. The City of Johnson City shall be allowed to use all design documents and instruments of service, including but not limited to bid drawings, shop drawings, reports, specifications, cost estimates, schematic designs, construction designs, and the like for future additions or alterations to the current project or for use in other projects. Any use of the aforementioned designs and construction documents shall be at

the City's sole risk and without liability to the design professional. The design professional's name and seal will be removed from all such design documents prior to the City's use thereof.

20. No person or entity shall respond to a request for bid or request for proposal with any terms or conditions that might change, alter, amend, or differ with the specifications, terms, or conditions originally provided by the City in its initial request for bids or proposals.

21. The City, as the owner of real property that is the subject of or in any way connected to any bid, request for proposal, or contract, hereby grants to the successful bidder/proposer/contractor the general management of the real property during the time that work is being performed, and the City agrees to transfer information specified in OSHA regulations at 29 CFR §1926.1203(h)(1), so that TOSHA/OSHA shall treat the successful bidder/proposer/contractor as the host employer when working in confined spaces. This paragraph applies only to those areas where the successful bidder/proposer/contractor has access to and performs work within confined spaces as defined in federal OSHA regulations. The successful bidder shall comply with all federal OSHA and state TOSHA regulations, including those regarding confined spaces.

January 6, 2016



## STATEMENT OF SOLICITATION DECLINE City of Johnson City, Tennessee

**NOTE:** If you do not intend to respond to this solicitation, please complete and return this form on or before the stated deadline to Purchasing Department, P. O. Box 2150, Johnson City, TN 37605 or via e-mail or fax: [purchasing@johnsoncitytn.org](mailto:purchasing@johnsoncitytn.org); 423-975-2712.

We value your feedback and ask that you complete the following:

Solicitation No.: # \_\_\_\_\_  
Solicitation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned, decline to submit on the above bid/proposal for the following reason(s):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Insufficient time to adequately prepare a response
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our company does not offer this product or service. Remove us from the vendor list
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our schedule will not permit us to perform in a timely manner
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to meet bond requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to meet insurance requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to offer comparable product or service
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to meet specifications (explain below)  
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We understand that if this statement is not completed and returned, our company may be deleted from the City's solicitation list for this commodity or service.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_