

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CONTRACT #2083

FURNISHING ONE (1) 1-TON MASON DUMP TRUCK AND THREE (3) PICKUP TRUCKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Questions about this RFP should be directed to Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works Department, by email only to dryniewicz@vernon-ct.gov, no later than Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 3:30 pm. Answers to questions received will be posted by Monday, January 10, 2022 on the Town's website at www.vernon-ct.gov/legal-notices and at the Connecticut State Department of Administrative Services (DAS) at <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/CTSource> by referencing Contract #2083. It is the sole responsibility of the respondent to review any or all addendum or question responses related to this RFP.

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1	We are not a vehicle dealer. Will the Town of Vernon accept a partial RFP for the emergency warning equipment by itself?	The Town intends to contract with vehicle dealer directly. Dealer's will be responsible to subcontract for additional equipment, if necessary. Any additional cost should be included in the bid proposal.
2	You have listed a "Whelen lighting and siren system" but it does not specify which control system by Whelen, or any performance requirements of the system, or the number of siren speakers and amplifiers. Does the Town of Vernon have any other specifics regarding the system?	The siren system does not need to be a Whelen, as stated in the bid specifications 'equal or better' clause. The town typically utilizes one Whelen SA315p speaker and 295 series amplifiers in the light vehicles. Typically, the installer matches the control system to the lights and siren. The vehicle specification also calls for up-fitter switches.
3	While we are a Whelen dealer and installer, we offer other options as well and would like to submit equal and possibly less expensive equipment by other manufacturers. Will the Town of Vernon accept alternative but equal brands?	As noted in question 2, the system does not have to be a Whelen, as stated in the bid specifications, 'equal or better' clause. The town will take warranty and parts availability into consideration with all equipment
4	For the three pickup trucks, the RFP states "Four-corner LED Red and White Emergency Lights" but already describes two hideaway LED lights in the headlights and two in the tail lights. Industry vernacular equates these as the same thing. "Four-corner LED lights" would mean two in the front light housings and two in the rear. Was there another item meant when stating "four-corner LED emergency lights"?	Yes, four-corner LED lights is the same as "hideaway" in the headlights and tail lights.
5	At the bottom of the RFP where the pricing is to be included, pages 19 and 20, categories 1b, c and d include "OPTION #2 - LIGHT BAR WITH ALLEY LIGHTS". Nowhere in the specifications include anything about a lightbar, or options. What is the specification for the light bar for the fire department? This is too vague to give a correct and factual quote on. I need a light bar size, single, dual or tri color, etc.	The light bar is listed as an option. The Light bars are for the Fire Department pickup trucks only. Light bars should have red and white lights, and alley lights. The bar should be sized to fit pickup trucks. Whelen or equivalent as stated above.

6	Nowhere in this bid does it include an in-vehicle console to house lighting control as well as any radios or mobile data terminals that the fire department has. Is there to be a console in the vehicle?	Console and radios will be added by DPW. Light switches will be installed in dash if necessary.
7	After reading through the requirements posted, the only question I have is based on the 120-calendar day delivery. How will one apply for the delivery extension? Based on current product availability in both the vehicle manufacturing and the needed up-fitter parts, I will find this very difficult.	Please see Addendum 1 dated 1/5/22 and posted on the DAS and Town of Vernon websites under Contract #2083.