

Addendum #1

Snow Removal and Sanding – Three Year Contract (2021-2024) with Two Options Years

Issue Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Bids Due: Wednesday, October 6, 2021

1. Can you clarify the method that will be used to tabulate the bids to award the Groups to each vendor?

The RFP states that one cluster/group will be awarded per bidding contractor. For each cluster/group, the award will be made to the lowest cost qualified bidder. In the event that the lowest cost qualified bidder for that group has already been awarded another cluster/group, the award will be made to the next lowest cost qualified bidder who has not already been awarded a cluster/group.

2. Where and when will the bids be opened?

The bids will be opened in the PPSD Purchasing Office in Suite 206 at 797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 at 1:00PM on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

3. Will the opening of the bids be open to the public either live or another method such as via Zoom?

The opening of bids will be public. Individuals are welcome to attend that opening. Masks are required. There will not be a virtual version of the opening.

4. Can the bid packages be hand delivered or must they be mailed with post marks? If hand delivery is allowed, can we get a written confirmation documenting the proof that the bid was delivered prior to the date and time of the opening of the bids?

Bids can be hand delivered to the Purchasing Department at 797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903. Confirmation of receipt will be made available for hand delivery upon request.

5. Can you add a line item that allows an application of Sand/Salt as a Pretreatment prior to the start of a storm? If not, then will the contract include wording that states the school department takes liability and responsibility for snow and ice on the premises prior to the plowing of the snow?

The scope of work does not prohibit application of pretreatment prior to the start of a storm. The contract will not include wording that states that the school department takes on such liability.

6. Can there be a line item added to be paid for the staking of each property?

It is the School Department's expectation that the awarded contractor install markers along sidewalks, walkways, parking lot perimeters etc. during the surveying of each work site with PPSD staff (as outlined in J on page 6 of the RFP). A line item will not be added to the solicitation for this.

7. Can you add a line item for Snow Removal and Disposal of excessive snow accumulation like there was in the last contract? Last Bid included this wording for Snow Removal and Disposal:

Bidders should submit a list of equipment and hourly rates for the removal and disposal of excessive snow accumulation. Snow removal will be at the discretion of PPSD on a per storm basis.

8. The scope states "sanding/salting" – can that be changed to sanding and/or salting so that the appropriate medium can be used depending on the storm conditions?

It should be understood that sanding/salting means sanding and/or salting depending on the storm conditions. It is the vendor's responsibility to determine which is the appropriate resource to use depending on the storm conditions.

9. Clarify the bid increments. For example, right now, if it snows 2 inches, it is not clear if the vendor will be paid at the 0-2 or 2-5 snow totals. This question applies to all the bid increments.

Page 7 of the solicitation indicates that the bid increments are:

0" up to 2"

2" up to 5"

5" up to 8"

8" up to 12"

10. Is the amount for each snow total "per push" or "per storm"?

Per storm. It is the vendor's responsibility to respond as many times as needed per storm to maintain safe conditions.

11. The highest increment of snow total on the bids is over 12 inches. Is there an upper limit? i.e. if the storm is 18 or 24 inches, a price at "over 12 inches" is hard to bid. Can you add additional increments such as 12-18 and 18-24? And, perhaps a "per inch" additional fee for over 24 inches?

There is not an upper limit. Bid accordingly.

12. What does section U in the Terms and Conditions section mean? **"U. Sanding: Contract will supply "on hand" sand and salt."** If the contractor is to provide any sand and/or salt product independent of applications of sand/salt, then there needs to be clearly stated terms and conditions related to this item including delivery of such products, handling, equipment needed on premises to offload from truck to premise etc. And, there needs to be a separate line for the supply of the product that includes the defined product, the increment amounts, etc.

This means that the vendor must ensure that they maintain the appropriate stock of salt and sand to meet the needs of their contract with PPSD at any and all times.

13. **Section 12** Can you confirm Prevailing wage – Last time determined not pay prevailing wage because it was seasonal work.

Prevailing wage does not apply.

14. Please clarify the requirement for the amount of insurance needed from the list on Exhibit A as this is not clear that all these items would apply to this contract. For example, the amounts in the Umbrella Liability Insurance in Section 4 and the Environmental in Section 5 maybe apply to other contracts such as construction since we were never required to provide an umbrella policy

or environmental insurance. Can you please rephrase the insurance requirements for this snow bid.

It is PPSPD's position that all of these items in Exhibit A do apply to this contract.