2027-003 On Call Water Damage & Mold Remediation

Questions & Answers

1. Would not having a CIH on staff disqualify a contractor from this bid? Is it ok to bring in a CIH as a subcontractor?
   Answer: The vendor would not be disqualified if they do not have a CIH on staff. The vendor will need to provide 3rd party sampling through a qualified industrial hygienist as a sub-contractor to the vendor.

2. Will this contract be subject to prevailing wage?
   Answer: No, cleanup and mold remediation services do not meet the type of work threshold that is subject to prevailing wage and are considered maintenance work.

3. Who is responsible for post remediation verification and testing?
   Answer: Contractor will need to provide testing results from a qualified 3rd party industrial hygienist for post remediation verification.

4. What is the purpose of the REMOVE and REPLACE columns in the pricing table as they do not align with the descriptions provided? Please provide examples.
   Answer: Replace the column headings Remove with Year 1, Replace with Year 2, and Total with Year 3 for the contractor to provide unit cost pricing for each line item over the 3 year contract term.

5. Are the unit prices submitted under this contract required to remain fixed throughout the entire three-year term, including the optional renewal year, or will annual price adjustments be permitted?
   Answer: Provide separate pricing for year 1, year 2, and year 3.

6. Does the District intend for the pricing schedule to include both remediation and reconstruction/replacement services, or will reconstruction be handled separately?
   Answer: This bid is dealing with water damage and mold remediation. We will handle reconstruction separately with proposals based on the reconstruction needs.

7. In the pricing table for the equipment line items specifying "Use 3 days for based bid," should bidders enter their standard daily rental rate or the total rental charge for three days? (e.g. line items 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 133)
   Answer: Enter the daily rate with a total for 3 days.

8. Must the bidding entity itself have five years of comparable experience, or can documented experience of its principals count? If it can, what documentation is required?
   Answer: The five years of experience must be with the company so that the company can show that they have documented experience, personnel, and equipment to respond to water damage restoration emergencies.

9. Can a bidder meet the one-hour emergency arrival requirement through a disclosed local subcontractor, subject to district approval? If so, what documentation should accompany the bid?
   Answer: The district is looking for the company bidding on the work to be the company that is performing the water damage restoration work and mold remediation work. Bidders are not permitted to subcontract out the core cleanup work and mold remediation work under this contract. The district is requiring bidders to subcontract with a qualified CIH to perform air quality testing during and post cleanup to verify that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

10. Must the comparable school-district reference be for work performed by the bidding entity, or can a principal's prior work or the proposed subcontractor's project qualify?
    Answer: The comparable size school district reference shall be for the company bidding on the project. The district wants to know that the company bidding on the work has the experience serving the needs of a large school district and has performed work in a satisfactory manner for a comparable sized school district.

11. Is there a mandatory pre-bid meeting or site visit, and have any addenda been issued beyond Addendum 1?
    Answer: no mandatory pre-bid. Addendum will be issued on the website.

12. Would Central Bucks consider a reference from a comparable institutional or multi-site facility where the bidder performed water damage cleanup or mold remediation, or must that reference be from a school district?
    Answer: We would prefer a school district of similar size. If they do not have a school district of similar size, we would like there to be some school experience. if they have other industry comparators of organizations with 3.2 million sf of building that should be submitted as well. The goal is to qualify vendors with school experience and working with organizations of similar size to our district.