



**Request for Proposals
SOLICITATION # 2021-04**

The following is sought: The City is seeking proposals to install solar arrays on City-owned single-family residences used by the City to provide transitional housing for low-income families. The City is seeking proposals that provide for no upfront costs with ongoing costs or fees to the City not exceeding 50% of the value of the energy produced. At these addresses, the occupants' residency may vary in duration. However, the City shall always keep the utility bill in the name of the City. Both addresses subject to this Request For Proposal (RFP) are in Illinois Solar For All (ISFA) Environmental Justice (EJ) zones.

Requesting Department: Public Works
Contact Person: Scott R. Tess
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The original Proposal plus 0 copies MUST be submitted to the Requesting Department at or before the date and time specified below to receive full consideration:

Proposal Submission Date: 10/22/2020 **Time:** 1:00 P.M. Central Time

Allowable Means for Transmitting Proposals: Paper
Proposal Opening Date: 10/22/2020
Time: 1:00 P.M. Central Time

Locations for above: Due to coronavirus precautions, the opening will not be public.

All Proposals submitted in response to this Invitation shall be irrevocable for a period of 30 days after the Proposal submission due date and may not be withdrawn by the Respondent during this period. After such time has elapsed, the Respondent may withdraw the Bid if it has not been selected prior to the request to withdraw. Such withdrawal shall be requested in writing.

Proposal documents are available online at the City of Urbana website:
<https://www.urbanaininois.us/bids-rfps>

If you would like to receive e-mail notification when new procurements are posted by the City, please sign up for the mailing list here: <http://eepurl.com/di4k75>

The City reserves the right to waive technicalities or to accept or reject any Bid or combination of Bids based upon the City's determination of its best interest.

1. DEFINITIONS:

“Bid” shall mean any response to this Invitation that is submitted to the City, including any information appended to or included in such response.

“City” shall mean the City of Urbana, Illinois, a municipal corporation and home rule unit of local government.

“Contact Person” shall mean the person specified on page 1 of the Request who should receive all communication sent to the Requester.

“Contract” shall mean a written instrument that, once executed by the Successful Respondent and the City, becomes legally binding and enforceable on the City and the Successful Respondent. “Contract” shall also mean any and all exhibits, whether or not labeled as such, which are attached to or incorporated in the instrument by reference that may, but not necessarily, include, the Request, Proposal or a part or portions thereof.

“Equipment” shall mean the tangible apparatus, vehicle, or other goods, including all warranties and supplies, software, manuals, and material necessary to properly operate the same, which the City seeks to acquire pursuant to this Invitation. If included within the Specifications, “Equipment” may include installation as part of its purchase.

“Project” shall mean the combination of goods and services, labor and materials, hardware and software, or other work that the City seeks to have performed and completed as described in this Invitation, including but not necessarily limited to, construction, demolition, rehabilitation, and/or installation of Equipment (separate from the purchase of such Equipment).

“Request” shall mean this document and all exhibits appended to and/or which are referenced in this document.

“Specifications” shall mean the terms, conditions, and requirements described in this Invitation.

“Respondent” shall mean any contractor, consultant, professional, or vendor who submits a Proposal in response to this Invitation.

“Services” shall mean consulting, advisory and/or professional services, including the work product generated as the result of the performance thereof, which the City seeks to retain and obtain pursuant to this Invitation.

“Successful Respondent” shall mean the contractor, consultant, professional, or vendor whose Proposal is selected by the City to proceed forward with negotiation for the purpose of arriving at mutually acceptable Contract terms between such person and the City.

“Time” shall mean calendar days, hours and minutes (Central Time) unless otherwise specified.

2. SPECIFICATIONS:

See Exhibit A – SUMMARY AND SPECIFICATIONS appended hereto and made a part hereof.

3. RESPONDENT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REQUEST:

3.1. Responsibilities of Respondent: It shall be the responsibility of each Respondent to be fully familiar with the Specifications, General Instructions (Exhibit B) and other requirements contained in and included with this Invitation. No plea of error or ignorance by a Respondent of the Specifications, General Instructions and other requirements shall be accepted.

3.2. Questions: All questions pertaining to this Invitation must be received by the Contact Person by 10/08/2020 at 1:00 PM Central Time. Answers may be provided in an addendum to all Respondents that have indicated their interest in submitting a Proposal to the Requester. (See Section 3.4.)

3.3. Addenda: If the City deems it appropriate to issue one or more addenda to this Invitation, the City shall send such addenda to all Respondents that have indicated to the City an interest in submitting a Proposal in response to this Invitation by registering on the City's website entry for this Invitation or by notifying the Contact Person in writing (by e-mail or letter). All such issued addenda shall be deemed a part of this Invitation. Respondents must acknowledge in their respective Proposals all addenda specifically sent by the City. Failure to acknowledge receipt of addenda may disqualify a Respondent's Proposal from consideration by the City.

3.4. Contacting City Staff and Officials: Respondents are prohibited from contacting City staff and any elected or appointed official of the City regarding this Invitation except as specifically set forth in this Invitation. Failure to comply with this provision may result in rejection of any or all Proposals.

4. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS; PROPOSAL CONTENT; FORMAT; SUBMISSION:

See EXHIBIT B – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS; PROPOSAL CONTENT; FORMAT; SUBMISSION appended hereto and made a part hereof.

5. PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA:

See EXHIBIT C – EVALUATION CRITERIA appended hereto and made a part hereof.

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

6.1. Proposal Guarantee: All Proposals must be guaranteed and may not be withdrawn for the number of days specified on page 1 after the Bid submission due date.

6.2. Rejection of Proposals: If a Respondent is not selected as the Successful Respondent as contemplated in this Invitation, Respondents may withdraw their Proposals.

6.3. Price: While it is the City's custom and practice to award a Contract to the Successful Respondent based on lowest Proposal price, if all the Specifications

contained in Exhibit A are met in full and without any substitutions, the City has no obligation to select as the Successful Respondent the Respondent that submits the lowest Proposal Price.

7. CUSTOMER/CLIENT SERVICE:

The City expects the Successful Respondent to deliver a high level of customer/client service regarding all aspects of the Successful Respondent's performance of his/her obligations and responsibilities as set forth in his/her Contract with the City.

8. GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS:

See EXHIBIT D – GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS and EXHIBIT E – REQUIRED FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL.