

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Rochester, New Hampshire is accepting sealed bids for **“Fire Sprinkler Service”**. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked:

“Sealed Bid, Fire Sprinkler Service”

“Bid # 08-52”

City of Rochester
31 Wakefield Street
Rochester, NH 03867
Attn: Purchasing Agent

All bids must be received no later than **“June 12, 2008”** at **“3:00”** p.m. No late bids, faxed, e-mailed or telephone bids will be accepted. Bid proposals and specifications may be obtained by visiting www.rochesternh.net, or emailing purchasing@rochesternh.net, or by contacting the Purchasing Agent at City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867, (603) 335-7602. All bid questions must be submitted in writing (email preferred) to the Purchasing Agent. All bid proposals must be made on the bid proposal forms supplied, and the bid proposal forms must be fully completed when submitted.

**CITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE CONTRACT**

The City of Rochester is requesting bids on building fire sprinkler inspection, testing and maintenance. This is a three (3) year bid, renewable each year. Minimum specifications are listed below. Work to include all materials, labor, tools and equipment to complete the project. No subcontractors shall be allowed unless written approval is given by the City of Rochester.

The following outlines the contact names, addresses, phone and fax numbers and associated work groups.

Public Works Department

Buildings and Grounds Division-Municipal Svc. Supervisor, Bruce Young
45 Old Dover Road
Rochester, NH 03867
603-332-4096-Fax 603-335-4352

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Chief Operator of the Water Plant, David Green
175 Pickering Road
Gonic, NH 03839

Water Treatment Plant

City Engineer Tom Willis
64 Strafford Road
Rochester, NH 03867

- 1) The selected vendor will provide inspection, testing and maintenance services for fire sprinkler systems at various building locations listed below in accordance to **NFPA 25**, the “*Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*”.
- 2) The vendor shall notify monitoring station before and after testing. Records must be available upon request of the Rochester Fire Department.
- 3) At a minimum, the vendor quote must contain fixed pricing (1) annual inspection, testing and maintenance activities discussed below.
- 4) The vendor will supply all labor, vehicles, tools, testing equipment and parts, which satisfy manufacturer’s applicable requirements.
- 5) In addition, the vendor will be responsible for maintaining a schedule governing all sprinkler system maintenance and inspection activities, i.e., the specific periodic tasks to be performed for each building.
- 6) A copy of the schedule must be submitted to the Department of Public/

- 7) The vendor will be responsible for providing advance notification to the facility managers of any inspection or maintenance activities.
- 8) The vendor will establish a logbook for each location, which documents the inspection or maintenance activity.
- 9) In addition, the vendor quote should specify;
 - a) Labor billing rate for repair activities not covered under the fixed price activities-include straight time and overtime rates, and under what circumstances overtime rates are charged.
 - b) Mileage charges for repair activities not covered under the fixed price activities.
 - c) Policies if any, on pricing of replacement parts not covered under the fixed price activities.
 - d) A list of customers with contract names and phone numbers that your company provides fire sprinkler system maintenance and inspection services to.

REQUIRED INSPECTION, TESTING and MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY LISTING

Service Frequency

- Annual maintenance activities to be performed approximately every 12 calendar months, plus or minus 30 days.

ANNUAL

Perform Fire Sprinkler System Inspection, Testing and Maintenance as required:

Item	Activity
Wet & dry pipe systems	Inspection
Preaction valves	Inspection
Control valves	Inspection
Alarm devices	Inspection, Test
Hydraulic nameplate	Inspection
Fire department connections	Inspection
Main Drain	Test
Wet & dry pipe systems	Inspection
Preaction valves	Inspection
Control valves	Inspection
Alarm devices	Inspection, Test
Hydraulic nameplate	Inspection
Fire department connections	Inspection
Main Drain	Test
Buildings	Inspection
Sprinklers	Inspection
Spare sprinklers	Inspection
Valves (all types)	Inspection, Maintenance
Antifreeze solution	Test

INVENTORY OF FIRE SPRINKLERED BUILDINGS

Buildings & Grounds Division
<u>City Hall</u> , 31 Wakefield Street, <u>(Rochester)</u> Installed in 1997 by John L. Carter Sprinkler Co. Wet Pipe System with a Baby Dry Pipe, with 407 heads
<u>Rochester Police Station</u> , 23 Wakefield Street <u>(Rochester)</u> Installed in 2004 by Superior Fire Protection Inc. Dry Pipe System Basement 1 st floor with 213 heads, 2 nd floor attic with 201 heads
<u>Library</u> , 65 South Main Street, <u>(Rochester)</u> Installed in 1996 by Hampshire Fire Protection Dry Pipe System, with 86 heads
<u>Rochester Fire Station No. 2</u> , 74 Main Street, <u>(Gonic)</u> Installed in 2000 by John L. Carter Sprinkler Co. Dry Pipe System, with 145 heads
Department of Public Works
<u>Wastewater Treatment Plant</u> , 175 Pickering Road, <u>(Gonic)</u> Installed in 2000 by Capital Fire Protection Dry Pipe Systems with heads

INVOICING FOR SERVICES

1. A checklist/summery documenting the extent of each required inspection/maintenance to be completed by vendor and submitted to City of Rochester, the Department of Public Works within 30 working days of performance.
2. A logbook of the inspection/maintenance activities shall be kept at each building location for the City's review.
3. Failure to provide this service document within the specified time frame, constitutes a breach of contract; unless a written waiver has been authorized by the Director of the Department of Public Works.
4. All invoices require the approval of the Director of the Department of Public Works.
5. Any repairs in excess of \$50.00 must be approved by Director of Public Works prior to performing the work.

CITY OF ROCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE
PURCHASING AGENT

**BID PROPOSAL FORM
FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE CONTRACT**

Item #1-City Hall, Annual Service

1st year Annual Service

2nd year Annual Service

3rd year Annual Service

Item #2 Police Station, Annual Service

1st year Annual Service

2nd year Annual Service

3rd year Annual Service

Item #3-Library, Annual Service

1st year Annual Service

2nd year Annual Service

3rd year Annual Service

Item#4-Gonic Fire Station, Annual Service

1st year Annual Service

2nd year Annual Service

3rd year Annual Service

Item#5-Wastewater Treatment Plant, Annual Service

1st year Annual Service

2nd year Annual Service

3rd year Annual Service

Time & Materials Rates for Maintenance & Service

Item#6-Straight Time, Labor rate, not covered under fixed price activities

Price per Hour

Item #7-Overtime, Labor rate, not covered under fixed price activities, and includes any policy.

Price per Hour

Item#8-Mileage Charges, for repair activates not covered under the fixed activities

Price per Mile**Item #9-Parts, Percent Markup**, for repair activities not covered under the fixed activities

Percent Markup

The undersigned agrees that for extra work, if any, performed in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract Documents, he will accept compensation as stipulated therein.

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Prices Good through date: _____

Date: _____

Print Name & Title: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

All Bids are to be submitted on this form and in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the Bidder's name and address and the Project name as it appears at the top of the Proposal Form.

I. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**A. Preparation of Bid Proposal**

1. The Bidder shall submit her/his proposal upon the forms furnished by the City (attached). The Bidder shall specify the unit price or lump sum bid, both in words and figures for each pay item listed. All words and figures shall be in ink or typed.
2. If an amount entered by the bidder on the proposal form is to be altered it should be crossed out with ink, the new unit price or lump sum bid entered above or below it, and initialed by the bidder, also with ink. In a case of discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.
3. The Bidder's proposal must be signed with ink by the individual, by one or more members of the partnership, by one or more members or officers of each firm representing a joint venture, by one or more officers of a corporation, or by an agent of the contractor legally qualified and acceptable to the owner. If the proposal is made by an individual, his name and post office address must be shown; as a joint venture, the name and post office address of each must be shown; by a corporation, the name of the corporation and its business address must be shown, together with the name of the state in which it is incorporated, and the names, titles, and business address of the President, Secretary, Treasurer.
4. All questions shall be submitted in writing to and received by the Purchasing Agent at the above address, a minimum of 7 days prior to the scheduled bid opening. The Purchasing Agent, will then forward both the question and the City's response to the question to all prospective bidders.

B. Irregular Proposals - Bid proposals will be considered irregular and may be rejected for any of the following reasons:

1. If the proposal is on a form other than furnished by the Owner, or otherwise specified, or if the form is altered or any thereof is detached.
2. If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or alternated bids, or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.
3. If the bidder adds any provisions reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
4. If the proposal does not contain a unit price for each pay item listed, except in the case of authorized alter pay items.

C. Interpretations - No oral interpretations will be made to any vendor as to the meaning of the specifications or terms and conditions of this sealed proposal invitation.

D. Delivery of Bid Proposals

1. When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the owner at the address and in the care of the official in whose office the bids are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the invitation for bids. Proposals received after the time for opening of the bids will be returned to the bidder, unopened. Faxed bid proposals are not acceptable.

E. Withdrawal of Bid Proposals

1. A bidder will be permitted to withdraw his proposal unopened after it has been deposited if such request is received in writing prior to the time specified for opening the proposals.
2. No bid may be withdrawn, for a period of (60) sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids, without express written consent of the City of Rochester, NH.

F. Public Opening of Proposals

1. Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place indicated in the invitation for bids. Bidders, their authorized agents, and other interested parties are invited to be present.

G. Disqualification of Bidders - Either of the following reason may be considered as being sufficient for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of his proposal of proposals:

1. More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different name.
2. Evidence of collusion among bidders.
3. Failure to supply complete information as requested by bid specifications.

II. **BID EVALUATION**

A. In addition to the bid amount, additional factors will be considered as an integral part of the bid evaluation process including, but not limited to:

1. The bidder's ability, capacity, and skill to perform within specified time limits.
2. The bidder's experience, reputation, efficiency, judgment, and integrity.
3. The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies and materials sold.
4. Bidder's last performance.
5. Sufficiency of bidder's financial resources to fulfill the contract.
6. Bidder's ability to provide future maintenance and/or services.

7. Other applicable factors as the City determines necessary or appropriate (such as compatibility with existing equipment).

III. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

A. Consideration of Proposals

1. Bids will be made public at the time of opening and may be reviewed only after they have been properly recorded. In case of discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written figures, the written in words shall govern. In case of discrepancy between the total shown in the proposal and that obtained by adding the products of the quantities of items and bid prices, the latter shall govern.
2. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities or to advertise for new proposals, if in the judgment of the City, the best interest of the City of Rochester will be promoted thereby.

B. Award of Contract

1. If a contract is to be awarded, the award will be made to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed in the bid specifications page(s) and bid evaluation section of this document, as soon as practical after the bid opening. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of (60) sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids, without the consent of the city of Rochester. The successful bidder will be notified, at the address listed on the proposal, that the bid has been accepted and contract negotiations shall follow.

C. Cancellation of Award

1. The City reserves the right to cancel the award of any contract at any time before the execution of such contract by all parties without any liability against the City.

Conditions At Site

Bidders must visit the site and shall be responsible for having ascertained pertinent local conditions, such as: location, accessibility and general character of the site of the building. The character and extent of existing work within or adjacent to the site, and any other work being performed thereon at the time of the submission of his bid.

Laws, Permits and Regulations

- a. The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all licenses and permits as may be required of him by law, and shall pay for all fees and charges for connection to outside services, and use of property other than the site of the work for storage of materials or other purposes
- b. The Contractor shall comply with all State and Local laws, ordinances,

regulations and requirements applicable to work hereunder, including building code requirements. If the Contractor ascertains at any time that any requirement of this Contract is at variance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations or building code requirements, he shall promptly notify the City of Rochester in writing.

Contractor's And Subcontractor's Insurance

1. The Contractor shall deliver at the time of execution of the Contract, certificates of all insurance required hereunder and shall be reviewed prior to approval by the City of Rochester. The certificates of insurance shall contain the description of the Project, and shall state that the companies issuing insurance will endeavor to mail to the City of Rochester ten (10) days notice of cancellation, alteration or material change of any listed policies. The Contractor shall keep in force the insurance required herein for the period of the Contract. At the request of the City of Rochester, the Contractor shall promptly make available a copy of any and all listed insurance policies. The requested insurance must be written by a Company licensed to do business in New Hampshire at the time the policy is issued.
2. The City of Rochester, NH shall be listed as additional insured on all the Certificates of Insurance.
 1. The Contractor shall require each Subcontractor employed on the Project to maintain the coverage listed below unless the Contractor's insurance covers activities of the Subcontractor on the Project.
 2. No operations under this Contract shall commence until certificates of insurance attesting to the below listed requirements have been filed with and approved by the Department of Public Buildings & Grounds, and the Contract approved by the City Manager.
 - a. Workmen's Compensation Insurance
Limit of Liability - \$100,000.00 per accident
 - b. Commercial General Liability
Limits of Liability
Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, \$1,000,000.00 aggregate
Property Damage: \$500,000.00 per occurrence, \$500,000.00 aggregate
Combined Single Limit, Bodily Injury and Property Damage:
\$5,000,000.00 aggregate
 - c. Automobile Liability
Limits of Liability - \$500,000.00 per accident
3. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the City of Rochester and its agents and employees from and against any suit, action or claim of loss or expenses because of bodily injury. Including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons or on account of damage to property, including

loss of use thereof, whether caused by or contributed to by said City of Rochester, its agents, employees or others.

Accident Protections

It is a condition of this Contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract entered into pursuant to the Contract. That a Contractor and any Subcontractors shall not require any laborer or mechanic employed in the performance of the Contract to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary hazardous or dangerous to health or safety. As determined by construction safety and health standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, United States Department of Labor, which standards include, by reference, the established Federal Safety and Health regulations for Construction. These standards and regulations comprise Part 1910 and Part 1926 respectively of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations and are set forth in the Federal Register. In the event any revisions in the Code of Federal Regulations are published, such revisions will be deemed to supersede the appropriate Part 1910 and Part 1926, and be effective as of the date set forth in the revised regulation.

Subcontracts

1. Nothing contained in the Specifications or Drawings shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any Subcontractor and the City of Rochester. The Division or Sections of the Specifications are not intended to control the Contractor in dividing the work among Subcontractors or to limit the work performed by any trade.
2. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the City of Rochester for the acts and omissions of Subcontractors and of persons employed by him, as he is responsible for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him.

Protection of Work and Property

The Contractor shall, at all times, safely guard the City's property from injury or loss in connection with this Contract. He shall, at all times, safely guard and protect his own work and that of adjacent property from damage. All passageways, guard fences, lights and other facilities required for protection by State or Municipal laws, regulations and local conditions must be provided and maintained.

Use of Premises and Removal of Debris

The Contractor expressly undertakes at his own expense:

1. To take every precaution against injuries to persons or damage to property;
2. To comply with the regulations governing the operations of premises which are occupied and to perform his Contract in such a manner as not to interrupt or interfere with the operation of the Institution;
3. To perform any work necessary to be performed after working hours or on Sunday or legal holidays without additional expense to the City, but only when requested to do so by the City;
4. To store his apparatus, materials, supplies and equipment in such orderly fashion at the site of the work as will not unduly interfere with the progress of his work or the work of any other Contractors;

5. Daily to clean up and legally dispose of (away from the site), all refuse, rubbish, scrap materials and debris caused by his operation. Including milk cartons, paper cups and food wrappings left by his employees, to the end that at all times the site of the work shall present a neat, orderly and workmanlike appearance;
6. All work shall be executed in a workmanlike manner by experienced mechanics in accordance with the most modern mechanical practice and shall represent a neat appearance when completed.

Materials and Workmanships

Unless otherwise specified, all materials and equipment incorporated into the work under the Contract shall be new. All workmanship shall be first class and by persons qualified in their respective trades.

IV. EXTRAS

- A. Except as otherwise herein provided, no charge for any extra work or material will be allowed unless the same has been ordered, in writing, by the City of Rochester.

V. GUARANTEE OF WORK

- A. Except as otherwise specified, all work shall be guaranteed by the Contractor against defects result in from the use of inferior materials, equipment or workmanship for one (1) year from the Date of Final Acceptance.
- B. Make good any work or material, or the equipment and contents of said building or site disturbed in fulfilling any such guarantee.
- C. In any case, wherein fulfilling the requirements of the Contract or of any guarantee, should the Contractor disturb any work guaranteed under another contract, the Contractor shall restore such disturbed work to a condition satisfactory to the Director of Public Works. And guarantee such restored work to the same extent as it was guaranteed under such other contracts.
- D. If the Contractor, after notice, fails to proceed promptly to comply with the terms of the guarantee, the City of Rochester may have the defects corrected and the Contractor shall be liable for all expense incurred.
- E. All special guarantees applicable to definite parts of the work that may be stipulated in the Specifications or other papers forming a part of the Contract shall be subject to the terms of this paragraph during the first year of the life of such special guarantee.

VI. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

A. Cause – Any of the following reasons, but not limited to, may be cause for termination of the contract or agreement entered into between the City and vendor.

1. Fails to begin work under Contract within the time specified in the notice to proceed.
2. Fails to perform the work with sufficient workmen and equipment, or with sufficient materials to assume prompt completion of said work.
3. Performs the work unsuitably or neglects or refuses to remove materials or to perform a new such work as may be rejected as unacceptable and unsuitable.
4. Discontinues the prosecution of the work.
5. Fails to resume work, which has been discontinued, within a reasonable time after notice to do so.
6. Becomes insolvent or has declared bankruptcy, or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency.
7. Makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors.
8. For any other causes whatsoever, fails to carry on the work in an acceptable manner the City of Rochester will give notice, in writing, to the Contractor for such delay, neglect, and default.
 - a. If the Contractor does not proceed in accordance with the Notice, then the City of Rochester will have full power and authority without violating the Contract to take the prosecution of the work out of the hands of the Contractor. The City of Rochester may enter into an agreement for the completion of said Contract according to the terms and conditions thereof, or use such other methods as in his opinion will be required for the completion of said Contract in an acceptable manner.
 - b. All extra costs and charges incurred by the City of Rochester as a result of such delay, neglect or default, together with the cost of completing the work under the Contract will be deducted from any monies due or which may become due to said Contractor. If such expenses exceed the sum which would have been payable under the contract, then the Contractor shall be liable and shall pay to the City of Rochester the amount of such excess.

OBTAINING BID RESULTS

Bid results will be posted after 48 hours on the City of Rochester's web site:

www.rochesternh.net or will be available by request via e-mail at the following address:
purchasing@rochesternh.net