

CITY OF ROCHESTER, NH
31 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH 03867
INVITATION TO BID

City of Rochester, NH is soliciting a competitive bid;

1. BID: Bid 23-33 Uniform Rental & Cleaning Service
2. BID Submission Options-Hardcopy, or Electronically:
 - a) Submit Hardcopy via USPS, FEDEX, or UPS: City of Rochester, NH, Purchasing Agent 31 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH 03867. Reference **Bid 23-33** on package. In person drop offs are to go to the Finance Office at City Hal, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867.
 - b) Submit Electronically via Email: RFP23-33@rochesternhnet.onmicrosoft.com Include in Email subject line: **Bid 23-33**. An automated email confirmation will be generated to bidder once bid has been received. It is bidder's responsibility to ensure proper email submission of bid, and to monitor for the confirmation email.
3. Bid Receipt Date & Time: No later than **March 29, 2023 at 5:00pm**.
4. Bid Opening Date & Time: **March 30, 2023 at 2:30 pm**. Opening will be conducted in person in the Council Chambers, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867.
5. Bid Specifications, Questions & Addendums (Q&A): Can be obtained by visiting <https://rochesternh.gov/bids> see **OPEN BIDS** section. Or contact City of Rochester, NH Purchasing Agent 31 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH 03867, purchasing@rochesternh.gov, 603-335-7602. Note Q&A updates will end one week prior to bid opening.
6. Bid Results: Results of bids can be obtained at <https://rochesternh.gov/bids>, in **CLOSED BIDS** Section. Select the specific bid to see all results, or contact Purchasing Agent.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

The City of Rochester Public Works Department is seeking proposals for uniform rental / cleaning services for approximately 50 employees with 3 drop off points. The 3 sites are as follows: Public Works Department @ 209 Chestnut Hill Road, Water Treatment Facility @ 64 Strafford Road and the Wastewater Treatment Facility @ 245 Pickering Road. It is our intention that each employee be furnished with a total of 11 changes of uniforms, and that both long-sleeved and short-sleeved shirts be furnished on a year round basis. This will be a 3-year bid good February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Garments specification as follows

Shirts provided must be 65% polyester, 35% cotton, 5 oz., must be button down type with banded collar and must have two pockets. The color will be vertical stripe alternating charcoal and royal blue and must come in regular and tall sizes. Shirt will also include a sewn on patch with the "City of Rochester" embroidered on it. The patch should be approximately 2"X3" above Left pocket and the same style patch should be on the Right side of shirt with employee's "Name".

Pants must be of 100% blue cotton denim pre-washed minimum 14 oz.

- **Type A Denim Relaxed Fit**-Five pocket styling, brass zipper and button closure. Sizes must range waist 28" to 60". Only name brands jeans will be considered and brand will be specified in bid, i.e. Wrangler, Dickie, Levi, Lee, Big Ben etc.
- **Type B Denim Carpenter**-Fully functional with two tool pockets and a hammer loop. Relaxed boot cut heavy 14 oz 100% cotton denim.

Soft Twill Pants-Must be 65% polyester, 35% cotton durable soft twill pants. Navy 7.75 flat front, heavy duty brass zipper and button enclosure.

Jackets must have be a 65/35 poly/cotton twill shell and have two styles available. (1) **Ike Jacket with lining and side slit pockets**, (waist length coat) (2) Hip Jacket with permanent lining, (hip length style). Coat will include same style patches as specified on shirts. Jackets must come in regular and tall sizes small through 4XLG.

As an alternate for the mechanics, the following will be supplied:

Shirts will be heavy-duty 100 % cotton twill. Shirts will be have banded collars, two pockets aligned at breast. Shirts must come in sizes 14-20 and/or small through 5XLG in regular and tall. Shirts will be navy in color.

Pants will be heavy-duty work pants made of 100% cotton twill and preshrunk. Pants will be flat front styling with brass zipper and button closure. Pants will have front & back pockets, dress style waistband with belt loops. Pants will be navy in color.

Vendors that would like to bid on the Uniform Rental and Cleaning Services bid must supply The Department of Public Works at 209 Chestnut Hill Road with a sample of each product to be bid on so we can do a comparison. With the pant samples please include pant sizes 34, 36, and 38 waist in each style. Please have these items to us by Thursday March 9, 2023, by 3:00 PM. Any vendors bringing items to us after this date and time will be eliminated from the bidding process.

Prior to installation of lockers and other equipment a fitting of each employee will take place at The Department of Public Works.

*Bid forms to be submitted is are on pages 7-9

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

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I. PREPARATION OF BIF PROPOSAL

1. The Bidder shall submit her/his proposal upon the form(s) furnished by the City (attached). The bidder shall specify a unit price for each pay item. All figures shall be in ink or typed.
2. If a unit price or lump sum bid already 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 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, by a partnership the name and post office address of each partnership member 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 addresses of the President, Secretary, and 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 known prospective bidders.

II. 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 that furnished by the Owner or if the form is altered or any part thereof is detached.
2. If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or alternate 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 alternate pay items.

III. DELIVERY OF BID PROPOSALS

When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the City of Rochester, Purchasing Agent, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867. 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. Emailed or faxed bid proposals are not acceptable.

IV. ELECTRONIC BIDS: Due to Covid-19 the City of Rochester has incorporated an electronic bid process. If an electronic format is to be utilized specific submission instructions will be identified in the bid cover page.

V. WITHDRAWAL OF BID PROPOSALS

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.

VI. PUBLIC OPENING OF BID PROPOSALS

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.

VII. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Either of the following reasons may be considered as being sufficient for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of her/his bid proposal(s):

1. Evidence of collusion among bidders.
2. Failure to supply complete information as requested by the bid specifications.

VIII. 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 prices written in words shall govern. In case of a discrepancy between the total shown in the proposal and that obtained by adding the products of the quantities of items and unit 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.
3. Bid results will be available on the website at www.rochesternh.net within 48 hours of the bid opening.

IX. AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City holds the right, in its judgment, to award the contract to the bidder, which it feels is in the best interest of the City. If a contract is to be awarded, the Contractor/Vendor selection shall be based in part on possession of the necessary experience, organization, technical and professional qualifications, skills and facilities, reference checks, project understanding, approach, ability to comply with proposed or required time to completion or performance, licensing or certification, in good standing with Federal, State and Local agencies, possession of satisfactory record of performance, cost and to a responsible and qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed 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, by the form mailed to the address on his proposal, that his bid has been accepted and that he has been awarded the contract.

X. CANCELLATION OF AWARD

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 or other claim against the City.

XI. BID EVALUATION

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 the 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. The bidder's past performance.
5. The sufficiency of bidder's financial resources to fulfill the contract.
6. The bidder's ability to provide future maintenance and/or services.
7. Any other applicable factors as the City determines necessary and appropriate (such as compatibility)

XII. LAWS, PERMITS AND REGULATIONS

1. 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.
2. 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, she/he shall promptly notify the City of Rochester in writing.

XIII. INSURANCE & LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY

1. Contractor and any related subcontractors will carry appropriate liability insurance, and be a legal business entity authorized to conduct business in the State of New Hampshire.

XIV. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

If the Contractor:

1. Fails to begin work under Contract within the time specified in the notice to proceed; or
2. Fails to perform the work with sufficient workers and equipment, or with sufficient materials to assume prompt completion of said work; or
3. Performs the work unsuitably or neglects or refuses to remove materials or to perform anew such work as may be rejected as unacceptable and unsuitable; or
4. Discontinues the prosecution of the work; or
5. Fails to resume work, which has been discontinued, within the time frames included in specifications; or
6. Becomes insolvent or has declared bankruptcy, or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency; or
7. Makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
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.

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 the City's opinion will be required for the completion of said Contract in an acceptable manner.

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.

XV. OBTAINING BID RESULTS

Bid results will be available on the website at www.rochesternh.net within 48 hours of the bid opening.

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ITEM	WEEKLY CHARGE	REPLACEMENT CHARGE FOR DAMAGED GARMENT
65/35 STRIPED SHIRTS: (11 Short sleeve)	\$	\$
65/35 STRIPED SHIRTS: (11 Long sleeve)	\$	\$
100% COTTON SHIRTS (11 Long sleeve only)	\$	\$
DENIM/COTTON PANTS (11 Pairs)	\$	\$
DENIM/ CARPENTER PANTS (11 Pairs)		
COTTON TWILL PANTS (11 Pairs) Dickie Style	\$	\$
100% COTTON TWILL FLAT FRONT PANTS (11 Pairs)		
2 JACKETS (IKE)	\$	\$
2 JACKETS (HIP)	\$	\$
COLUMN TOTAL	\$	\$
SPECIFY BRAND OF JEANS		

Please list declining buy out percentages here if offered by your company: _____

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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	COST	UNIT OF MEASURE
CITY OF ROCHESTER PATCH-LEFT CHEST	\$	EACH PATCH
NAME PATCH-RIGHT CHEST	\$	EACH PATCH
PER GARMENT SET-UP*	\$	SEWING OF TAGS & PATCHES
ENVIRONMENTAL CHARGE	\$	WEEKLY, TO EACH LOCATION
DELIVERY CHARGES	\$	WEEKLY TO EACH LOCATION
FUEL CHARGE	\$	WEEKLY TO EACH LOCATION
ENERGY CHARGE	\$	WEEKLY TO EACH LOCATION

*This charge shall include all sewing charges and installation of each garment on new installs and replacement clothing.

The 3 locations of The Public Works Department uses various mats, coveralls and wipers. Below are the sizes that we would need.

ITEM	WEEKLEY CHARGE
SHOP COAT-65/35 TWILL	\$
COVERALL-65/35 POLY/COTTON	\$
MAT 3'X5' SCRAPER	\$
MAT 4'X6' SCRAPER	\$
MAT 3'X10'	\$
MAT 4'X6'	\$
MAT-ANTIFATIGUE 2'X3'	\$
BAGGED WIPERS 18"X18"	\$

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

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