

## **APPENDIX 1 ePROCUREMENT**

This is an eProcurement Bid. Bids are to be submitted through the City's "iSupplier" system, the City's eProcurement computer system for electronic bidding and providing Contractors with access to contract, ordering and payment information for their City contracts. The following provisions apply to this bid and supersede any conflicting provisions in Books 1, 2, and 3.

### **1. Obtaining the Bid Documents**

Bidders are solely responsible for obtaining all Bid Documents, including Clarifications and Addenda. Documents may be downloaded from the Department of Procurement Service's ("DPS") website at the following URL:

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/eProcurement>

Click on "Current Bids."

In order to receive notice of clarifications and addenda, Bidders must be registered for and log-in to iSupplier, search for the solicitation number, open the solicitation for review, and accept the disclaimer. This will sign Bidders up for notifications.

Bid Document Holders are listed on the Bid & Bond Room Opportunity Take Out List. The Opportunity Take Out List is public information and is posted to the DPS web site at [www.cityofchicago.org/TOL](http://www.cityofchicago.org/TOL). To find Opportunity Take Out lists go to "Get Started Online," click "Opportunities" and search by the specification number.

### **2. Clarifications and Addenda**

The City will send an email notification to suppliers who have indicated intent in a Bid that an addendum or clarification has been issued. The Clarifications and Addenda incorporated into the electronic bid document available at the following URL:

<https://www.cityofchicago.org/eProcurement>

Suppliers that have indicated interest in a Bid will receive email notification that an addendum or clarification has been issued. There may be multiple Clarifications and Addenda. Failure to obtain Clarifications and/or Addenda, for whatever cause, will not relieve a Bidder from the obligation to bid according to and comply with any changed or additional terms and conditions contained in the Clarifications and Addenda.

Electronic Acknowledgement of Clarifications and/or Addenda is mandatory to submit an electronic Bid. Any harm to the bidder resulting from failure to obtain all necessary documents, for whatever cause, will not be valid grounds for a protest against award(s) made under this bid solicitation.

### **3. Questions Regarding the Bid Documents; Bidder Inquiry Deadline**

All inquiries regarding the Bid Documents or procurement process may be directed to the Procurement Specialist/Senior Procurement Specialist in iSupplier via online discussion or via email at the email address listed on the front cover of the Bid Documents.

**The Bidder Inquiry Deadline is listed on the front cover of the Bid Documents under "Deadline for Questions."** Inquiries received after the Bidder Inquiry Deadline will not be answered except at the discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer.

Bidders may only rely on written answers in a Clarification or in an Addendum duly issued by the Chief Procurement Officer. Bidders cannot rely on oral or informal responses; such answers will not be binding upon the City.

#### **4. Preparation of Bids & Completion of the Bid Documents**

Each Bidder must complete all of the forms listed on the Bid Submittal Checklist (with the exception of the Proposal Pages) in the Requirements section and scan and upload them as attachments to the electronic bid submission. Bidders may not change any of the Bid Documents. Any changes made by a Bidder to the Bid Documents may result in rejection of the Bid, and will not be binding upon the City.

Bidders must submit their pricing electronically by filling out bid lines in the electronic Price Schedule in the iSupplier system.

Bidders must use the Bid Execution Page that is appropriate for their form of business organization (e.g., sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, or joint venture). The individual(s) that sign the Bid Execution Page on behalf of the Bidder, by their signature, represents and warrants to the City that such individual is authorized to execute bids and contracts on behalf of the Bidder, and that the Bidder agrees and shall be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the Bid Documents and, upon execution by the City, the Contract Documents. Signatures must be sworn before a Notary Public. The form must be printed, signed, notarized and scanned then uploaded as an attachment to the electronic bid submission.

#### **5. Submission of Bids - Date, Time, and Place**

Bids are to be submitted electronically to the Department of Procurement on the date and prior to the time stated on the Cover Page of the Bid Documents, or any addendum issued by the City to change such Bid Opening Date. No bid will be accepted after the Bid Opening Date. The time of the receipt of the bid will be determined solely by the "Time of Quote" generated by the iSupplier system.

#### **6. Bid Deposit**

5% of the Total Base Bid

When submitting an electronic bid, scan and upload a copy of your bid deposit with your submittal documents. The 1st and 2nd apparent low bidders will be required to deliver their original and properly executed bid deposit to the Bid & Bond Room within 2 business days following the Bid Opening Date.