

City of Beaufort
Street Sweeping Services RFP 2020 - 110
Questions Submitted by March 3, 2020
Questions and Answers Posted by March 6, 2020

1. Question: Are bid, performance and payment bonds required?

Answer: A 100% performance bond is required. Bid and payment bonds are not required.

2. Question: Does the NWBE standard apply and what percentage?

Answer: The NWBE standard is a general goal for all City of Beaufort RFP's but is not a specific requirement of this project.

3. Question: Is total mileage stated in the RFP? / Will the city provide the mileage and sweeping frequency for each street to be swept?

Answer: 31 mi estimated. Mileage recorded is only an estimated length of roads throughout each exhibit. It is up to the bidding contractor to ensure correctness. It will also be up to the bidding contractor to estimate the sweeping of all curbs within any street, **median islands**, traffic calming islands, intersections, and the corners from any cross street intersecting the subject street.

4. Question: What is the cost of the current contract. / Who currently has this contract & at what rate?

Answer: See Attachment: A

5. Question: Is water included? / Will the city grant the contractor access to the city's fire hydrants to get water for dust suppression at no charge?

Answer: No. Water can be obtained through Beaufort Jasper Water District and pulled from a fire hydrant if BJWSA gives permission or obtained from another source.

6. Question: Can you provide a garbage collection schedule?

Answer: See Attachment B

7. Question: Will you provide a sweeping schedule including frequencies, days and time of day? / What are the approved hours /days of operations for sweeping? / What are the approved hours /days of operations for sweeping?

Answer: See attachment C

8. Question: Who is responsible for removal of large debris and dead animals? / Is the contractor required to remove dead animals?

Answer: Large debris including dead animals will need to be reported to Public Works Dept. and they will be removed either by the Public Works Department or the appropriate authority.

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9. Question: Who is responsible for cleanup after an accident or other incident, parade, etc.? / Will debris deeper than ½ curb height from construction or storm cleanup billed at an hourly rate plus disposal?

Answer: The Fire Department or Public Works Department would normally be responsible. Sweeping company would be on call as backup.

10. Question: Which streets are new?

Answer: New areas are Boundary Street, Greenlawn street, Ribaut Road, from Bay Street to Mossy Oaks area, Sea Islands Parkway from Robert Woods Memorial Bridge to end of curb before Cowan Creek Bridge. These areas will be swept prior to the beginning of the new contract.

11. Question: Under “customer service” the vendor is to establish a local phone number to accept customer calls. Are “customers” the traveling public or the city?

Answer: The traveling public as well as citizens of the City of Beaufort

12. Question: Will bidders submit a quote for hourly on-call/emergency sweeping on an as needed basis?

Answer: As stated in the RFP bids must include:

ADDITIONAL WORK PRICING

For special projects that are outside the scope of the contract, charges would be calculated as follows:

1. Cost per Lane/Curb Mile at \$_____.

13. Question: What will be the minimum response time required?

Answer: The Contractor shall, if requested by City Representative, re-sweep the section in question within 24 hours of receipt of verbal or written notification.

14. Question: What will the minimum number of hours per call-out?

Answer: As stated in the RFP bids must include:

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15. Question: Are there any climatic conditions we are not allowed to sweep in? Allowed to sweep in light/moderate rain?

Answer: The City reserves the right to require that streets be re- swept by Contractor without charge if inspection by the City reveals that Sweep Waste remains on the street in a manner inconsistent with City standards and best Management practices.

16. Question: Can the City provide information regarding tonnage collected from roadways last year?

Answer: The Contractor is responsible for waste disposal and up to the proposer to estimate in the proposal.

17. Question: Are there any parking/downtown areas that will have to be blown by hand?

Answer: Proposer to determine appropriate equipment to sweep curb areas where there is on street parking. It is up to the proposer to ensure no sweep waste remains.

18. Question: The bid document states that regenerative air sweepers are to be used on this contract. Are parking lot sweepers allowed?

Answer: Contractor shall use regenerative air-based sweepers that collect material into self-contained hoppers for eventual ejection and disposal.

19. Question: Will strobe lights, warning signs, and class C arrow boards that meet DOT standards be required?

Answer: Proposer, will be bound by all Federal and SC State laws in regard to equipment and personnel.

20. Question: Will a current year model sweeper required at the start of this contract?

Answer: Contractor shall use regenerative air-based sweepers that collect material into self-contained hoppers for eventual ejection and disposal.

21. Question: Are bidders required to have a minimum of 5 years of experience in municipal sweeping business with contracts of equal or greater size than this contract?

Answer:

22. Question: Will sweeper operators required to possess a CDL, have their MVR reviewed annually, possess a DOT medical card, be subject to random drug & alcohol testing, wear a class 3 safety vest, and participate in monthly safety meetings?

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23. Question: Does the vendor test for cause on all accidents?

Answer: Contractor is responsible for internal best practices.

24. Question: Are sweeper operators required to have 2-way communications such as a cell phone so city may contact driver while onsite if needed?

Answer: Contractor to provide a contact list to respond to issues and concerns.