

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT**

INVITATION TO BID NO. 24-DES-ITBPW-296

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Arlington County Invitation to Bid No. 24-DES-ITB-296 for Test Hole Utility Locating and Designating Services is amended as follows:

1. Section VI. Insurance Requirements, paragraph 4. Builder's Risk Insurance of the ITB is **deleted** in its entirety.
2. Attachment A Pricing Schedule is **deleted** in its entirety and **replaced** with Attachment A Pricing Schedule_Rev. 1.
3. Attachment B Scope of Services, Section E. 1 is hereby amended to add cold mix asphalt from VDOT's approved materials list.
4. For clarification, Attachment B Scope of Services, Section I., General adds the following language:

Contractors must follow the ASCE Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data except for providing signed and sealed documents, which the County's does not need for the resultant agreement.

The following are answers to the questions received in response to the ITB:

1. **Question: Will all Certifications and Employee resume's have to be in place prior to submitting a Bid? Is a Class "A" Contractor's License Necessary?**

Answer: Bidders must provide resumes and certifications with their bid. A Commonwealth of Virginia Class "B" Contractor's license will be required for the construction work completed under the resultant agreement.

2. **Question: The solicitation indicates a potential for additional option years, but I did not see anything specifying how many and max term. Can you please clarify maximum number of potential option years?**

Answer: The Contract Term shall be for a period of five years. The Initial Contract Term will be for one-year (12 consecutive months). Upon completion of the Initial Term, the County and Contractor may agree, through bilateral execution of a Notice of Renewal, continued operations of the Contractor for not more than four additional 12-month periods.

3. **Question: Can you clarify if a cooperative purchasing clause is part of the solicitation as I did not see any information in the solicitation?**

Answer: The solicitation does not include a cooperative purchasing clause.

4. **Question: Please confirm this is a new solicitation and there are no existing contracts in place, which this is replacing.**

Answer: The resultant contract will replace the County's current agreement number 19-066-ITB, which expires on December 2, 2023.

5. **Question: Does the company have to be in business for 5+ years as stated on page 83 of the ITB? Or can you rely on the personnel resumes from the company? Our company has been in business for only 2 years, but we have 10+ years' experience working in Arlington County between the ownership/ management.**

Answer: The Contractor's employees/management with five or more years of demonstrated experience that meet the requirements outlined in the ITB may substitute for the company's experience. The Contractor's employee resumes must demonstrate five or more years of experience.

6. **Question: Is the LF pricing based off each utility? Or per route/ corridor?**

Answer: Please refer to the special conditions, section 14 - Other Special Provisions G: "The Lineal Feet for this pay item with each task order shall be estimated based on the sum of the lengths of all underground utilities requested to be located and designated under the task order.

If in a task order it is estimated that there will be "A" feet length of underground electric; "B" feet length of watermain, "C" feet length of gas and "D" feet length of cable; and the sum of the lengths of all the underground utilities A+B+C+D is > 5,300 feet then line items # 8 or 10 shall be used."

7. **Question: Line item 3 on the pricing schedule wont auto-populate the total. Is there a reason for this?**

Answer: There was an error in the formula. Please refer amendment number two above.

8. **Question: We are not a construction company and considered a professional service. In the past a DPOR License was sufficient. Will a DPOR license be acceptable this time around?**

Answer: The solicitation is not for professional services. Due to the construction work (please refer to Attachment B Scope of Services, Section II. A, D, and E) required under the resultant agreement, the Contractor must hold a Commonwealth of Virginia Class "B" Contractor's license.

9. **Question: The current contract does not have include prevailing wages. There are no wage determinations for Utility Designating/Test Hole personnel. If our services are considered professional and not construction will the prevailing wage requirement be waived?**

Answer: The County will not waive this requirement. The prevailing wage policy became effective in the County on January 1, 2022, so prevailing wage would not have been a requirement for the current agreement. The solicitation is not for professional services. Due to the construction work required under the resultant agreement (please refer to Attachment B Scope of Services, Section II. A, D, and E), Attachment C Virginia Department of Labor and Industry Wage Determination Decision will apply to the construction portion of the work.

10. Question: Scope of Service: Section E(Excavated Area Restoration) - Will VDOT approved Aquaphalt or QPC cold patch be acceptable instead of Hot Mix. VDOT allows it for test hole services since the excavation area is very small. It is acceptable under the current contract.

Answer: The Contractor shall apply 24 inches of compacted sub-base complying with VDOT 21A placed on compacted fill and brought to the service by (7) seven inches of compacted SM-9.5A hot mix or cold mix asphalt from VDOT approved materials list. Please refer to amendment number three above.

11. Question: What's the material being cored? Concrete, asphalt? What's the diameter of the cores? What's the depth of the cores? What happens to the cores once obtained?

Answer: The material to be cored could be asphalt, concrete, or both. The diameter, depth, and handling of the cores are outlined in Attachment B Scope of Services, Section II. Types of Services, D. Pavement Section Core Sampling Service.

12. Question: How long is the Contract Term? In the past it has been 1 year with 4 optional renewals.

Answer: The Contract Term shall be for a period of five years. The Initial Contract Term will be for one-year (12 consecutive months). Upon completion of the Initial Term, the County and Contractor may agree, through bilateral execution of a Notice of Renewal, continued operations of the Contractor for not more than four additional 12-month periods.

13. Question: How many awards will there be? RFP mentions there will be 2 but in the past it has only been 1 award.

Answer: The County may award to two bidders whose bids are the lowest responsive and responsible.

14. Question: Is Builder's Risk Insurance needed if we are not a construction company or building anything

Answer: The Insurance Checklist provides the only insurance coverage required under the resultant agreement. Please reference Amendment number one above.

15. Question: Please confirm that a Geotech Company needs to perform the Pavement Section Core Sampling.

Answer: The Contractor shall take the core sample, handle, and deliver as called out in Attachment B Scope of Services, Section II. Types of Services, D. Pavement Section Core Sampling Service. It does not require a geotechnical analysis and report.

16. Question: What is the purpose of the VDOT Prequalification? If we are not prequalified and not considered a contractor, will the OSHA 10 and VDOT Work Zone certifications be sufficient.

Answer: VDOT Prequalification is not a requirement under the resultant contract. However, the VDOT in Basic Work Zone Traffic Control, VDOT Flagger Certification Program, the American Traffic Safety Services Association Flagger Certification Program, or any other VDOT-approved flagger program, and OSHA 10 certifications are required. Bidders must provide copies of these certifications with their bid submissions.

The balance of the solicitation remains unchanged.

Arlington County, Virginia

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RETURN THIS PAGE, FULLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED, WITH YOUR BID:

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM NUMBER 1.

FIRM NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____