

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids subject to the conditions contained herein, will be received by the City of Foley until 11:00 a.m. CT on Thursday, December 31, 2020 and then publicly opened and read at the City of Foley Conference Room, 407 East Laurel Avenue, Foley, Alabama 36535 for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work for:

PURCHASE ONE (1) MODULAR HYDROPONICS CONTAINER Requisition No. NP-123120

Bid documents may be obtained at Foley City Hall, 407 East Laurel Avenue, Foley, Alabama, 36535, by calling (251) 943-1545, or, the bid may be downloaded from the City's website at <http://www.cityoffoley.org>.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete original proposal forms found in the bid package. **The complete bid packet and all executed bid forms must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, identifying the bid and the date of the bid opening.** It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to assure receipt of the bid at the Foley City Hall prior to the published time for the bid opening.

The City of Foley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technical errors if, in the City's judgment, the best interests of the City will thereby be promoted.

Rachel Keith
Project Manager
City of Foley, Alabama



BID FORM

BIDS TO BE OPENED AT: **11:00 A.M.**
DATE: **Thursday, December 31, 2020**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Foley, Alabama, at its office in Foley until the above date and time, and then opened as soon thereafter as practicable.

Rachel Keith

Project Manager

SPECIFICATIONS: SEE ATTACHED

If you are unable to furnish an item as specified and desire to offer a substitute, give full description of the item. No errors will be corrected after bids are opened. Substitutions will be treated as “approved equivalent or equal” which is discussed in paragraph 1.05 of the bid documents *GENERAL CONDITIONS*. Please refer to Paragraph 1.05 prior to offering any substitutions. No prices shall include State or Federal Excise Tax. Tax exemption certificates furnished upon request. City reserves the right to accept or reject all bids or any portion thereof.

We are in a position to complete project per the attached quote within _____ days after receipt of notice to proceed. Any attachment hereto is made and becomes a part of this inquiry and must be signed by Bidder.

I hereby affirm I have not been in any agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid at fixed price or to refrain from bidding, or otherwise. I am not currently engaged in, nor will engage in, any boycott of a person or entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which the State of Alabama can enjoy open trade.

THIS BID MUST BE NOTARIZED

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this the _____ day of
_____, 2020.

FIRM: _____

BY: _____
Signature accepted in ink only

STREET ADDRESS: _____

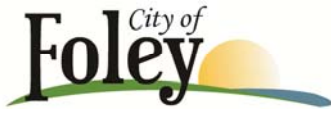
CITY: _____ STATE: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

BIDS MADE OUT IN PENCIL WILL NOT
BE ACCEPTED.

TERMS: _____
FOR CASH PAYMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO
DATE OF REMITTANCE

**ALL BIDDERS MUST USE OUR BID FORM(S). THE BID NAME, REQUISITION NUMBER AND
OPENING DATE AND TIME MUST BE PRINTED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE SEALED ENVELOPE.
EACH BID MUST BE IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES.**



BIDDER'S INFORMATION:

Company Name:		
Submitted By:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone Number:		
E-Mail Address:		
Ethics Disclosure:	Are you a City of Foley Appointed Official? Are you a City of Foley Employee? Are you the spouse of a City of Foley Appointed Official or Employee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following addendums and has incorporated the requirements of such addendums into the bid.

(List all addendums issued for this bid.)

No.	Date

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MINIMUM BID SPECIFICATIONS

The City of Foley seeks to go to bid on a modular hydroponics container. Maximum exterior size of the container shall be 44'x12'x12'. The container shall include technology to be controlled through a digital application. The container shall be able to produce 3 acres or more of produce in 6 weeks' time. The hydroponics system shall include Nutrient Film Technique and Ebb and Flow irrigation techniques within a single enclosed system. Training on the system shall be included in the price.

The Company is encouraged to include any additional information that will substantiate its product quality, service capabilities, and commitment that will otherwise assist The City of Foley in evaluating the products and services offered in the sealed bid. The sealed bid should be submitted with the Company's most favorable price, quality and service capabilities, taking into account the City's expectations. Include brochures and other relevant information about your company that you wish the City of Foley to consider in its selection.

Upon receipt of bids, it will be the decision of the City of Foley to award or not award the bid. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors, if, in the City's judgment, the best interest of the City will thereby be promoted.

The City of Foley also reserves the right to (i) determine selection process (The City of Foley will select a company which offers the sealed bid that is deemed to be in the City's best overall interest; provided however, The City of Foley also reserves the right to make award or no award if this is in the best interest of The City of Foley, in the City's sole discretion); and (ii) give consideration to special or unique features which may be offered by a company. Price alone may not be the sole determining factor in the selection process. All decisions will be made solely at the discretion of The City of Foley.

Bid Pricing

The City of Foley is exempt from payment of all Federal, State, and Local Taxes. Vendor can be provided with a tax exempt form if it is required.

Delivery

Container shall be delivered to 23030 Wolf Bay Drive, Foley, AL 36535. Delivery shall be included in price.

E-Verify

Proof of E-Verify documentation in the form of a copy of the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) generated upon completion of the E-Verify program should be submitted with this bid.

Warranty

Warranty information shall be provided on price sheet or on a separate sheet if needed.



Additional Information

Questions regarding this project should be e-mailed to Rachel Keith at rkeith@cityoffoley.org. All questions and answers will be provided to participating contractors.

Bid packets may be sent or hand delivered to the City of Foley, 407 East Laurel Avenue, Foley, Alabama 36535 **or** mailed to P.O. Box 1750, Foley, Alabama 36536

Section 39-3-5, Code of Alabama, requires that preference be given to Alabama resident contractors when awarding certain public works contracts to the same extent as required by the laws of a non-resident bidder's home state: "In awarding the Contract, preference will be given to Alabama resident contractors and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded the Contract only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state awards contracts to Alabama contractors bidding under similar circumstances."

Instructions to Bidders

To be eligible for consideration, bid must be submitted on complete original forms found in the Invitation to Bid package. **The entire bid packet and all executed bid forms must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, identifying the bid and the date of the bid opening.** It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to assure receipt of the bid at the Foley City Hall prior to the published time for the bid opening.

Bids should be sent to one of the following addresses:

U.S. Postal Service

City of Foley
Attn: Purchasing Agent
P.O. Box 1750
Foley, AL 36535

Physical Address

City of Foley
Attn: Purchasing Agent
407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36536



PURCHASE ONE (1) MODULAR HYDROPONICS CONTAINER
Requisition No. NP-123120

PRICE SHEET

Item Description	Total Project Cost
Modular Hydroponics Container (training & delivery included)	\$ _____
Size of Proposed Container	
How many acres of products can be grown in 6 weeks' time?	
Can your system be controlled by an app?	

Company: _____

Submitted By: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



GENERAL CONDITIONS

To insure acceptance, all bidders submitting bids to the City of Foley shall be governed by the following conditions, attached specifications, and bid form(s) unless otherwise specified. Bids **not** submitted on the bid form(s) provided may be rejected, and bids **not** complying with these conditions will be subject to rejection.

1.0 Intent of Specifications:

It is the intent of the specifications attached hereto to set forth and describe certain item(s) or service(s) to be purchased by the City of Foley including all materials, equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, and means of transportation (meaning freight costs) necessary to provide these items or services.

1.01 Legal Requirements:

All applicable provisions of Federal, State, County and local laws including all ordinances, rules and regulations shall govern the development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response to these specifications, and shall govern any and all claims between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City of Foley, by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives. A lack of knowledge by the bidder concerning any of the aforementioned shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

1.02 Sealed Bids:

The specifications and all executed bid forms must be submitted in a sealed envelope. All proposals must be signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. In the event more than one bid opening is scheduled for the same date and time, do not include bids concerning different sets of specifications within the same envelope. **The face of the envelope shall be plainly marked identifying the bid requisition number and opening date and time.** It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to assure receipt of bid at the Purchasing Office prior to the published time for the bid opening. No bid will be opened that is received after closing time for receipt of bids, nor will any offers by telephone, fax, or any electronic means be accepted.

1.03 Exceptions to Specifications:

During the drafting of written specifications, a sincere effort is made to describe products and services best suited to the needs of the City; however, in order that fair consideration is given in evaluating bids, all exceptions to or deviations from the specifications as written must be noted and fully explained. The Mayor and City Council are the final authority in determining the acceptability of any exceptions to specifications.

1.04 Discounts:

Terms offering a discount for prompt payment will be considered in determining the low bid. The discount period shall begin whenever (1) the conditions of the specifications have been fully met and the product or service judged acceptable to the City of Foley or (2) a correct invoice and other required documents have been received, whichever is later. Discounts offered for a period of less than thirty (30) days will not be considered in determining the low bid.

1.05 Approved Equivalent or Equals:

Unless otherwise specified, any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, model numbers, etc. listed in the specifications are for information only and not intended to limit competition. The bidder may offer any brand for which he is an authorized representative that meets or exceeds the specifications as written. If the bid is based on an "approved equivalent or equal" item, supportive information in the form of manufacturer's printed literature or brochures, sketches, diagrams and/or complete specifications must accompany the bid. The bidder must explain in detail the reasons why the proposed equivalent or equal will meet specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. The City of Foley reserves the right to determine acceptance of proposed equivalent or equal item.

1.06 Bid Withdrawals:

Bids may be withdrawn by written request received from bidders prior to the time fixed for opening but no bid may be withdrawn after closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. Negligence on the part



of the bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

1.07 Rejection of Bids:

The City of Foley reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to award bids on a split-order basis, to waive any minor bid irregularities, technicalities, or informalities, and to re-advertise for bids when deemed in the best interest of the City of Foley.

If there is any reason for believing that collusion exists among the bidders, any or all proposals may be rejected, and those participating in such collusion may be barred from submitting bids on the same or other work with the City of Foley.

1.08 Delivery:

Bid quotations shall include all freight cost to Foley, Alabama to point(s) specified herein or specified at the time the purchase order is placed. No title to the item(s) ordered nor any risk of loss shall be passed to the City of Foley until after receipt of delivery has been acknowledged by an authorized representative of the City of Foley.

1.09 Taxes:

The City of Foley, a Municipal Corporation, is a tax exempt entity per Section 40-23-4(11), Code of Alabama 1975. The City of Foley is exempt from all state and local sales taxes. This should **not** be construed to mean that contractors or suppliers doing business with the City of Foley are exempt from paying tax (General Conditions, Section 1.11 Permits and Taxes).

1.10 Licenses, Registration and Certificates:

A City of Foley Business License must be obtained within ten days of bid award. Each bidder must provide proof of State required competency certifications whenever applicable to engage in the business of contracting (or special contracting if the work to be performed necessitates a particular type of specialty contractor) in the City of Foley.

1.11 Permits and Taxes:

The contractor shall procure all permits, pay all charges, fees and taxes and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the work.

1.12 Compliance with Federally Funded Programs:

The successful bidder shall assure the City of compliance with any and all special provisions (if applicable) contained in the contract being bid. These provisions may include but are not limited to maintaining a Drug-Free Workplace, compliance with Clean Air and Water Laws and Regulations, and compliance with Equal Opportunity and Non-Segregated Facilities guidelines.

1.13 Proof of Liability & Worker's Comp Insurance:

If applicable, Proof of Liability and/or Worker's Comp Insurance must be included in the bid packet. If a company is not covered by Worker's Comp Insurance, labor and material charges should be separated on the bid/proposal. This should be done in order for the City to determine the Worker's Comp rate (in accordance with the City's current Worker's Comp fee schedule) that will be deducted from payment to the company performing the work.

1.14 Background Check:

The bid award of "Public Works" projects over \$50,000 will be contingent upon the results of a background check of the successful low bidder as stated in Ordinance No. 1029-08. According to this ordinance, the City of Foley will take criminal histories into account when deciding whether a low bidder is qualified to do work for the City.

1.15 Disqualification:

The City can disqualify a company based upon the results of a background check or if the company has been prohibited from contracting with another government agency as stated in Ordinance No. 1029-08.



If, in the opinion of The City of Foley, a sealed bid contains false or misleading statements or references that do not support a function, attribute, capability, or condition as contended by Company, the sealed bid may be disqualified from further consideration.

1.16 Expenses:
Expenses for developing sealed bids and addressing information requests herein are solely and entirely the responsibility of Company and shall not be chargeable in any manner to the City of Foley.

1.17 Alabama Immigration Law (Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act):
Contractor must be in compliance with Alabama’s Immigration Law, otherwise known as the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Act No. 2011-535, Section 31-13-9, Code of Alabama 1975. If the bidder employs persons in the State of Alabama, the bidder must provide documentation with this bid that they are enrolled in the E-Verify program. Additionally, the bidder should be advised that if they employ persons (anywhere), award of the contract is conditioned on the bidder not knowingly employing, hiring for employment or continuing to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Any awarded contract will contain a provision whereby the bidder promises not to violate federal immigration law.

Any subcontractor who works with the general contractor who has been awarded contracts by the City must be enrolled in E-Verify. It is the responsibility of the general contractor to have a system in place to ensure subcontractors’ compliance.

Proof of E-Verify documentation will be in the form of a copy of the signed Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) generated upon completion of the E-Verify program.

1.18 Local Bid Preference:
The City of Foley has accepted the local bid preference guidelines established in Act 2015-293 and allows these guidelines to be utilized when appropriate, on a case by case basis. The local preference area has been established per Resolution 15-2369-RES and is defined as the area within the police jurisdiction of the City of Foley. Bid awards may be made to local vendors in this area if their submission is within 5% of a lower bid submitted by a vendor outside of this area and a 10% preference is extended if the lower bidder is located outside the state.

1.19 Contractor Tax Credits/Incentives/Rebates:
Should a Contractor seek tax credits, incentives or rebates for energy efficiency programs or any other such program through the Federal or State Government, the Contractor shall inform the City of its intent to apply and shall negotiate terms with the City.

“The City of Foley encourages all vendors to list job openings with Job Services of Alabama.”