

Request for Quotes

This is not a sealed bid. Quotes can be emailed or faxed to the Office of the Purchasing Division.

See instructions below.

The City of Knoxville requests your delivered price for galvanized 2-inch square traffic sign posts with anchors for use with bus stop signs to 1135 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917 per attached specifications;

Specifications:

The City of Knoxville, Knoxville Area Transit is seeking to purchase: galvanized 2-inch square traffic sign posts with anchors for use with bus stop signs for Knoxville Area Transit bus stop locations. Note this procurement is funded in whole or in part by a grant provided to the City of Knoxville by the Federal Transit Administration. Federal contract clauses listed below apply.

Sign Post Specifications:

- Galvanized Sign Posts 2" x 12 Gauge x 10' Telespar Posts with holes – quantity 500.
- Galvanized Sign Posts 2.25" x 12 gauge x 36" Telespar Anchor – quantity 600.
- All pricing must include shipping.

Quantities listed above shall be invoiced and shipped to Knoxville Area Transit. Delivery will be to Knoxville Area Transit, 1135 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.

MODIFICATIONS: If modifications to this document are necessary, such changes will be made in the form of an addendum, posted to the Purchasing website: www.knoxvilletn.gov/bids. It is the vendor's responsibility to review the website to ascertain whether such addenda have been posted.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: During periods of inclement weather, the Purchasing Division will enact the following procedures with regard to solicitations and weather delays:

- If City offices are closed due to inclement weather on the date that quotes are due into the Purchasing Office, all solicitations due that same day will be moved to the next operational business day.
- The City of Knoxville shall not be liable for any commercial carrier's decision regarding deliveries during inclement weather.

In order for your quote to be considered for award, your completed form must be received by the Purchasing Office via email, fax, or hard copy no later than 2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) on June 17, 2021. Late submissions shall not be accepted.

Prior to submitting their quote, vendors are to be registered with the Purchasing Division through the City of Knoxville's online Vendor Registration system. Instructions for registering online are available at www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing.

Instructions and Conditions:

By submitting a quote to the City of Knoxville, the submitter warrants the following:

1. The quote is good for 60 days.
2. The Quoter is licensed to conduct business in the City or County where it is headquartered.
3. The Quoter will use environmentally friendly products and services whenever possible.
4. The Quoter has not entered into any collusion with any person in respect to the pricing of this order or any other.
5. The Quoter represents and agrees to the termination clause, and indemnification clause attached to this document.

The Quoter, to the best of its knowledge and belief, does not engage in investment activities in Iran and is not on the list created pursuant to T.C.A § 12-12-106 (available at [https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/cpo-library/public-information-library/List_of_persons_pursuant_to Tenn. Code Ann. 12-12-106 Iran Divestment Act updated 7.7.17.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/generalservices/documents/cpo/cpo-library/public-information-library/List_of_persons_pursuant_to_Tenn._Code_Ann._12-12-106_Iran_Divestment_Act_updated_7.7.17.pdf))

6. The Quoter shall be responsible for full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations.

Please complete the Quote Section below and send your written quote to either the email address or fax number shown below:

Karisa Scott

Procurement Specialist

City of Knoxville

kscott@knoxvilletn.gov

FAX:(865) 215-2277

QUOTE SECTION

Having carefully examined the specifications detailed above, we hereby propose to furnish the supervision, labor, materials, equipment, delivery, and services as stated for the following sum:

Quote \$ _____

GUARANTEE of delivery no later than: _____

Firm Name: _____

Signature of Quoting Official: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

DUNS #: _____

Indemnification Clause:

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from any and all liabilities which may accrue against the City, its officers, employees and agents or any third party for any and all lawsuits, claims, demands, losses or damages alleged to have arisen from an act or omission of Contractor in performance of this Agreement or from Contractor's failure to perform this Agreement using ordinary care and skill, except where such injury, damage, or loss was caused by the sole negligence of the City, its agents or employees.

Contractor shall save, indemnify and hold the City harmless from the cost of the defense of any claim, demand, suit or cause of action made or brought against the City alleging liability referenced above, including, but not limited to, costs, fees, attorney fees, and other expenses of any kind whatsoever arising in connection with the defense of the City; and Contractor shall assume and take over the defense of the City in any such claim, demand, suit, or cause of action upon written notice and demand for same by the City. Contractor will have the right to defend the City with counsel of its choice that is satisfactory to the City, and the City will provide reasonable cooperation in the defense as Contractor may request. Contractor will not consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement with respect to an indemnified claim without the prior written consent of the City, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The City shall have the right to participate in the defense against the indemnified claims with counsel of its choice at its own expense.

Contractor shall save, indemnify and hold City harmless and pay judgments that shall be rendered in any such actions, suits, claims or demands against City alleging liability referenced above.

The indemnification and hold harmless provisions of this Agreement shall survive termination of the Agreement.

Federal Requirements:

No Federal Government Obligation to Third Parties. The City of Knoxville and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the City of Knoxville, Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts .

1. The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

2. The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

3. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

Access to Records and Reports. The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

1. Record Retention. The Contractor will retain, and will require its subcontractors of all tiers to retain, complete and readily accessible records related in whole or in part to the contract, including, but not limited to, data, documents, reports, statistics, sub-agreements, leases, subcontracts, arrangements, other third party agreements of any type, and supporting materials related to those records.

2. **Retention Period.** The Contractor agrees to comply with the record retention requirements in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of at not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case records shall be maintained until the disposition of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.

3. **Access to Records.** The Contractor agrees to provide sufficient access to FTA and its contractors to inspect and audit records and information related to performance of this contract as reasonably may be required.

4. **Access to the Sites of Performance.** The Contractor agrees to permit FTA and its contractors access to the sites of performance under this contract as reasonably may be required.

Federal Changes. The contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between the City of Knoxville and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. The contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Termination.

1. The City may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by written notice of termination to the Contractor. If the City terminates this Agreement, and such termination is not a result of a default by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to receive as its sole and exclusive remedy the following amounts from the City, and the City shall have no further or other obligations to the Contractor: (a) The amount due to the Contractor for work executed through the date of termination, not including any future fees, profits, or other compensation or payments which the Contractor would have been entitled to receive if the Project had not been terminated; and (b) the direct out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Contractor for demobilization of the Project following receipt of the notice of termination, not to exceed the amount reasonably and actually required to demobilize the Project.

2. The City may, by written notice of default to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this contract if the Contractor fails to make delivery of the supplies or to perform the services wherein the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or if the Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of the contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances does not cure such failure within a period of 10 days (or such longer period as the Purchasing Agent may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the Purchasing Agent specifying such failure.

3. If the contract is terminated in whole or in part for default, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the Purchasing Agent may deem appropriate, supplies of services similar to those so terminated.

4. If, after notice of termination of this contract under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the contractor was not in default under the provisions of this

clause, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of this clause, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to termination for convenience of the City.

5. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this contract.

Civil Rights Requirements. The City of Knoxville is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As such, the City agrees to comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and implementing regulations. Apart from inconsistent requirements imposed by Federal laws or regulations, the City agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 5323(h) (3) by not using any Federal assistance awarded by FTA to support procurements using exclusionary or discriminatory specifications. Under this Agreement, the Contractor shall at all times comply with the following requirements and shall include these requirements in each subcontract entered into as part thereof.

1. Nondiscrimination. In accordance with Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other implementing requirements FTA may issue.

2. Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., and Federal transit laws at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements of U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL) regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, and Executive Order No. 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity in Federal Employment," September 24, 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note, as amended by any later Executive Order that amends or supersedes it, referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e note. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

3. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (U.S. EEOC) regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act," 29 C.F.R. part 1625, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq., U.S. Health and Human Services regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," 45 C.F.R. part 90, and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to refrain from discrimination against present and prospective employees for reason of age. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

4. Disabilities. In accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4151 et seq.,

and Federal transit law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees that it will not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. In addition, the Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) (49 CFR Part 26) -

1. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, *Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs*. These requirements are in addition to all other equal opportunity employment requirements of this contract. The City of Knoxville shall make all determinations with regard to whether or not a Bidder/Offerer is in compliance with the requirements stated herein. In assessing compliance, the City of Knoxville may consider during its review of the Bidder/Offerer's submission package, the Bidder/Offerer's documented history of non-compliance with DBE requirements on previous contracts with the City of Knoxville.

2. A separate contract goal has not been established for this procurement.

3. The prime contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the City of Knoxville deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Withholding progress payments;
- b. Assessing sanctions;
- c. Liquidated damages; and/or
- d. Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible. (49 CFR 26.13(b)).

4. Each subcontract the contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in the subparagraph above (see 49 CFR 26.13(b)). The successful bidder/offeror will be required to report its DBE participation obtained through race-neutral means throughout the period of performance.

5. All bidders/proposers are required to submit the **Subcontractor Information Form** below. Additionally, the selected contractor, prior to contract award, must complete and submit the Commitment to Utilize DBE Certification form and subcontractors certified as DBE's through the TDOT Unified Certification Program who are participating in the project must submit the DBE Subcontractor Participation Certification form below.

6. The contractor is required to pay **all of its subcontractors** performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor's receipt of payment for that work from the City of Knoxville. Delays in payment must be approved in writing by the City of Knoxville. In addition, the contractor may not hold retainage from its subcontractors.

7. The contractor must promptly notify the City of Knoxville, whenever a DBE subcontractor performing work related to this contract is terminated or fails to complete its work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. The contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that work through its own forces or those of an affiliate without prior written consent of the City of Knoxville.

Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - Incorporation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Terms - The preceding provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any City of Knoxville requests, which would cause the City of Knoxville to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

Cargo Preference Requirements. For equipment, materials, or commodities which may be transported by ocean vessels, the contractor agrees:

1. To use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels;

2. To furnish within 20 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590 and to the FTA recipient (through the contractor in the case of a subcontractor's bill-of-lading.)

3. To include these requirements in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

Energy Conservation Requirements (49 CFR Part 622, subpart C) – The contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles

1. Seat belt use - The Contractor is encouraged to adopt and promote on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees and other personnel that operate company-owned vehicles, company-rented vehicles, or personally operated vehicles.

2. Distracted driving – The Contractor agrees to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text

messaging while using an electronic device supplied by an employer, and driving a vehicle the driver owns or rents, a vehicle Contractor owns, leases, or rents, or a privately-owned vehicle when on official business in connection with the work performed under this agreement.

Recycled Products/Recovered Materials Requirements (42 U.S.C. 6962; 40 CFR Part 247; 2 CFR 200.322) - The Contractor agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with and facilitating compliance with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6962, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), “Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials,” 40 C.F.R. part 247.

Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101, et seq.) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794; 49 USC 5301(d))— The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 USC §12101, et seq.; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 USC §794; 49 USC §5301(d); and any implementing requirements FTA may issue. These regulations provide that no handicapped individual, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity included in or resulting from this Agreement.

Notification to FTA – If a current or prospective legal matter that may affect the Federal Government emerges, Contractor must promptly notify the City, the FTA Chief Counsel, and FTA Regional Counsel for the Region where the City is located. The Contractor must also include a similar notification requirement in all third-party agreements and require each third-party participant to include an equivalent provision in its sub-agreements at every tier, for any agreement that is a “covered transaction” according to 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.220 and 1200.200.

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION FORM

Bidders/Proposers shall provide information requested below for all sub-contractors being utilized if awarded the procurement project being solicited. Note that all fields must be complete. If no sub-contractors are being utilized, indicated such by writing "N/A" within one of the information fields below.

Official Business Name of Sub-Contractor	Contact Information
	Contact Name:
	Phone #:
	Email:
Description of work sub-contractor will perform:	
Dollar amount this sub-contractor's work represents within the bid/proposal:	\$
Office Use Only	DBE (Y/N):

Official Business Name of Sub-Contractor	Contact Information
	Contact Name:
	Phone #:
	Email:
Description of work sub-contractor will perform:	
Dollar amount this sub-contractor's work represents within the bid/proposal:	\$
Office Use Only	DBE (Y/N):