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Public Notice

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The City of Auburn is soliciting Request For Proposals for the purchase of fire equipment; specifically, High Pressure Air Lifting Bags with Controls, Pneumatic Impact Tools, and Cribbing.

Request For Proposal specifications and instructions may be obtained at the following locations: Fire Department Office- 1225 Lincoln Way Room #7, Auburn, CA 95603, or the City Clerk Office- 1225 Lincoln Way Room #8, Auburn CA 95603.

The Request For Proposal may also be obtained online at www.auburn.ca.gov.

All Request For Proposals are due at the Fire Department Office- 1225 Lincoln Way Room #7, Auburn, CA 95603 by September 12, 2014; 4:00pm.

Amy Lind
Assistant City Clerk
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Overview
The Auburn Fire Department is the recipient of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance for Firefighter’s Grant. 95% is federal funding while the matching share for the City of Auburn is 5%. This award is towards the purchase of fire equipment; specifically, High Pressure Air Lifting Bags with Controls, Pneumatic Impact Tools, and Cribbing.

Such purchase will replace existing equipment and be used on a day-to-day basis as “first” line equipment.

Award amounts specific to each identified equipment include:

**High Pressure Air Bag Kit**
Kit will include at minimum 10 high pressure air bags of various sizes capable of lifting at least a gross of 250 tons. Kit will include a master control, regulator package, hoses and storage case. Not to exceed the cost of $14,000.00; to include any applicable shipping, handling, special fees, etc. Sales Tax will be in addition to the unit cost.

**Pneumatic Impact Tool Kit**
Kit will include tool, bit assortment, air hose, regulator, and storage case. Not to exceed the cost of $4,500.00; to include any applicable shipping, handling, special fees, etc. Sales Tax will be in addition to the unit cost.

**Cribbing Kit**
Kit will include assortment of various interlocking plastic cribbing blocks and storage toters. Not to exceed the cost of $4,000.00; to include any applicable shipping, handling, special fees, etc. Sales Tax will be in addition to the unit cost.

**Step Cribbing**
2 metal step cribs. Not to exceed the cost of $600.00; to include any applicable shipping, handling, special fees, etc. Sales Tax will be in addition to the unit cost.
Vendor Obligation
Vendors are encouraged to submit proposals for one or all of the above mentioned equipment items. It is not a requirement the awarded proposal be to a vendor that submits a proposal on all items. Separate vendors may be awarded each item; vendors are not obligated to submit on all items.

Process
The Auburn Fire Department will use the process, Request For Purchase (RFP), to procure this equipment. Any vendor interested in submitting a proposal must include information as requested in this RFP.

Criteria Used for purchase
To ensure as nearly as possible that purchases are made so as to obtain maximum value to the Auburn Fire Department and recognizing the City's intent to consider quality of product and standardization as well as cost in making final decision on which product to purchase, the following is used for such purchase(s):
1. The purchase of this equipment will be approved by the Auburn City Council
2. All purchases in excess of $1,000.00 but not more than $10,000.00 shall have at least three separate quotes from different vendors.
3. All purchases in excess of $10,000.00 shall have a prepared set of specifications and shall be submitted to at least three separate vendors.

In considering proposals from vendors, the Auburn Fire Department and its designated employees shall take into consideration the following:
1. Cost
2. Availability of service and repairs
3. Quality and workmanship
4. Standardization as applicable to fire service use
5. Meeting the specifications as set forth in the RFP process
6. Meeting all aspects of the RFP process

After consideration of the above, a decision will be made and an award given to the applicable vendor.

Method of Payment by the City of Auburn to Awarded Vendor(s)
It is anticipated that after a period of ninety (90) days upon acceptance of equipment and invoicing, full payment will be made to the vendor(s).

Requirements of Equipment to be Purchased
1. Equipment must be new; used equipment will not be accepted
2. Equipment must meet current standards as applicable for intended fire service use
3. Equipment must be manufactured, assembled, installed, and sold, with listed components and parts designated for such use and in full operating condition upon acceptance
Required Information to be included in Proposal

1. All correspondence and documentation submitted in this RFP must contain the following identification: “Auburn Fire Department EMW-2013-FO-00707”
2. Make and Model Number(s) of proposed item(s) are to be identified in the proposal
3. Costs identified:
   a. Total cost of proposal to be identified
   b. Each Unit cost is to be identified
   c. All costs shall be identified and broken down to include, but not limited to the following:
      1.) Unit cost, tax, shipping, handling, installation, set-up, training, etc.
4. A description of how to obtain parts and service to include, but not limited to:
   a. Process/contact, location, availability, “turn-around” time (approximate)
5. Documentation as to equipment meeting applicable fire service standards as listed in the specifications
6. Proposed delivery date upon purchase
7. Description and details of any and all warranties provided on equipment
8. Description and details of any and all training of personnel included in proposal

Proposed Time Frame of this RFP Process:

July 14, 2014    Item brought to City Council for approval and initiate RFP process
August 11, 2014  RFP process begins (opens), vendors contacted, process posted/noticed
August 12-September 11, 2014  Vendors may inquire, demonstrate, and meet with Staff Representatives on specifics regarding equipment items
September 12, 2014  Proposals due at Auburn Fire Department; 4:00pm
September 13-21, 2014  Review of proposals by Fire Department and Administrative Services Staff
September 22, 2014  Recommendation for purchase presented to City Council
September 23, 2014  Notification to vendor(s) of acceptance of proposal Begin purchasing process
January 1, 2015  Anticipated that equipment will be purchased and all payments made to vendor(s)
Vendor Opportunity
All vendors and manufacturers are strongly encouraged to make prior arrangements to meet with the Fire Department technical representative in specification clarification, demonstration of equipment, or answer any questions regarding technical aspects of the equipment. Dates and times may be established in an effort to accommodate any and all vendors only during the “open” period of the RFP process.

Specific questions, clarification, or information, regarding the RFP process are to be addressed to the Fire Department Contact.

Contacts
Fire Department Technical Representative
Captain John Rogers
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 823-4211 Ext 322
FAX (530) 888-9285
jrogers@auburn.ca.gov

Fire Department Contact for RFP Process
Fire Chief Mark D’Ambrogi
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 823-4211 Ext 172
FAX (530) 823-4512
mdambrogi@auburn.ca.gov

All Proposals Are to be Sent to:
Fire Chief Mark D’Ambrogi
Auburn City Fire Department
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603

Deadline
September 12, 2014; 4:00pm
Mail/postal/parcel and “hand” delivery acceptable
FAX and email proposals will NOT be accepted
Specifications:

High Pressure Air Lifting Bags

1. Air lifting bags shall be constructed of Neoprene and reinforced using multiple layers of Aramid Kevlar Fibers. Air lifting bags shall be constructed with a stackable interlocking surface and shall have their centers clearly marked for visibility in low light conditions and ease of load centering. Air lifting bags shall be constructed with either molded handles or provisions to attach Nylon webbing.

2. Air lifting bags shall be of assorted sizes consisting of no less than 10 airbags, capable of lifting at least a gross of 250 tons, and operate using high pressure.

3. Air lifting bags shall have locking quick connect couplings manufactured of non-corrosive materials and be replaceable should they become damaged. Locking quick connect couplings shall be able to be operated with a gloved hand. Each air lifting bag will include a quick connect shut-off valve with a pressure relief valve.

4. Air lifting bag regulator shall be compatible with MSA 3000 p.s.i. SCBA cylinders. Regulator shall be capable of adjustment for optimum working pressures and have clearly marked gauges for inlet and outlet pressures. Air lifting bags will include various adapters to use alternate compressed air sources should SCBA storage be depleted.

5. Air lifting bag controller shall be capable of operating at least two air bags independently or simultaneously and will be operated using deadman style controls. Controller shall have a clearly marked gauge for each outlet. Deadman controller shall be equipped with a pressure relief valve to prevent over inflation of the air lifting bags.

6. Controller and regulator shall have locking quick connect couplings.

7. Air lifting bags shall include at least four air hoses of different colors and have a minimum length of 15 feet each.

8. A hard sided storage case will be provided to protect the regulator, deadman controller, and additional components.

9. Vendors are encouraged to provide proposals for trade in of obsolete equipment.

10. All equipment furnished shall be fully warrantied against all defects in material and workmanship for a period of at least 1 year from the date of purchase. The seller will replace without charge any defective parts under the terms of the warranty. Authorized service center information will be provided for service after the warranty expires.
Specifications:

Pneumatic Impact Tool Kit

1. Pneumatic impact tool kit shall be capable of operating using an MSA 3000 p.s.i. SCBA cylinder as well as compressed air from alternate sources should SCBA storage be depleted.
2. Pneumatic impact tool kit shall be equipped with a quick change retainer requiring no tools and be configured for single handed operation.
3. Pneumatic impact tool kit shall be equipped with a regulator capable of adjustment using a gloved hand. The regulator will be equipped with a safety blow off valve.
4. Pneumatic impact tool kit shall include at minimum a 25 foot heavy duty air hose outfitted with locking quick connect couplings capable of operation with a gloved hand.
5. Pneumatic impact tool kit shall include an assortment of high strength steel turning and non-turning chisels.
6. A hard sided storage case will be provided to protect the pneumatic impact tool kit.
7. All equipment furnished shall be fully warrantied against all defects in material and workmanship for a period of at least 1 year from the date of purchase. The seller will replace without charge any defective parts under the terms of the warranty. Authorized service center information will be provided for service after the warranty expires.

Specifications:

Cribbing Kit

1. Cribbing shall be constructed of high strength interlocking plastic with Nylon rope or webbing handles.
2. Cribbing kit shall include various sizes of cribbing with none smaller than 2” x 4” x 18”.
3. Cribbing kit shall include various wedges, step chocks, and plastic pads.
4. Toters will be provided to protect and transport cribbing.
5. All equipment furnished shall be fully warrantied against all defects in material and workmanship for a period of at least 1 year from the date of purchase. The seller will replace without charge any defective parts under the terms of the warranty. Authorized service center information will be provided for service after the warranty expires.
Specifications:

Step Cribbing

1. Step cribbing shall be constructed from metal with an aggressive surface and be coated to prevent corrosion.
2. Individual metal step cribbing shall not exceed 45 pounds in weight.
3. All equipment furnished shall be fully warrantied against all defects in material and workmanship for a period of at least 1 year from the date of purchase. The seller will replace without charge any defective parts under the terms of the warranty. Authorized service center information will be provided for service after the warranty expires.