

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
WATER STORAGE TANK PAINTING AND REHABILITATION
BID EP16/17 - 3

Qualification statements are hereby solicited by the City of East Providence from companies with expertise in rehabilitating and painting a 1 million gallon structural steel water storage tank. Statements shall be forwarded in **triplicate** to the City Manager, City Hall, Room 102, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914 by 3:00 PM, January 12, 2017.

The companies are to have the capabilities and experience to furnish labor, materials, equipment, and incidental items necessary to rehabilitate and paint the City's one (1) million gallon elevated spheroid tank (75-foot diameter, 190-foot tall) located on Walmer Avenue in East Providence. This facility was constructed in 1997 and painted at that time. The tank has not been re-painted since and the exterior and interior coatings are showing signs of deterioration.

Bid documents are currently being prepared by engineering consultant in order for the project to go out to bid during the winter. The work is planned to start as early as possible in the Spring of 2017 in order to complete the work before the summer months when water demand is at its peak.

- Structurally the tank is in good shape but will require some spot repairs.
- Both interior and exterior of the tank will be repainted. A 2 coat system for the interior and 3 coat system for the exterior is anticipated.
- The exterior of the tank will require a rigid containment structure so that the tank can be sand blasted and repainted without impacting neighboring properties.
- A new internal water mixing system will be installed to improve water quality.

The objective of this request is to pre-qualify contractors for the above noted project so as to facilitate the selection process. It is the intention of the City to identify what it deems to be the most qualified companies and to subsequently request formal bid proposals from those firms.

The specific scope of services will be detailed in the bid request, and the final award will be based on the lowest qualified evaluated bid price. This request for qualifications (RFQ) is not a request for a bid. Responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the statement. A team of city staff and the design engineer will review responses to the RFQ. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the responses:

- Demonstrated technical expertise of recent projects similar to those outlined in this RFQ, by staff presently employed by the respondent.

- Adequate staffing and the expertise to complete the project successfully.
- Financial and bonding capability for a multi-million dollar project.
- Proven ability to work with municipal governments and to complete projects on time and within budget.

Responses to this solicitation should be accompanied with a company brochure, a statement of the company's approach, a listing of personnel to be assigned to the project along with their background information, a list detailing similar projects as required by this RFQ with references, and any other information the company deems pertinent in assisting the City in adequately reviewing their capabilities. The completion dates and/or project status shall be provided for all projects listed under the experience section of the submittal. Please note that the City is not requesting the qualifications of sub-contractors at this time. At the time of the bid, each prime contractor will be required to identify their proposed sub-contractors and the sub-contractors' qualifications. The City reserves the right to reject any sub-contractor proposed by the prime contractor if the City feels the sub-contractor does not have the minimum qualifications to perform the work associated with this project.

City Ordinance requires pre-qualification of contractors for projects in excess of \$100,000. Only firms deemed qualified by the City after review of the qualification statements submitted in accordance with this RFQ will be requested to submit bid proposals.

Any questions shall be directed to Stephen Coutu, Director of Public Works, 401-435-7701, scoutu@cityofeastprov.com.

The City reserves the right to reject any/or all companies, to waive any informality in the qualification statement, and to pre-qualify any company based on what the City deems to be in its best interest.