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CITY OF JOPLIN
JOPLIN, MO

2023-RFP-29

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS

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All BIDS must be submitted no later than bid opening on July 25, 2023, at 10:00am to City Hall, 4th Floor Public Works Department
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The City of Joplin is an Equal Opportunity Employer and invites the submission of qualifications from minority and women-owned businesses.

The bid is available via this link https://www.joplinmo.org/bids.aspx

CITY OF JOPLIN
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1. TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following words and expressions appear in a Request for Proposal (RFP) document or any amendment thereto, the definition or meaning described below shall apply.

a. **Amendment** means a written, official modification to an RFP or to a contract.

b. **Attachment** applies to all forms, which are included with an RFP to incorporate any informational data or requirements related to the performance requirements and/or specifications.

c. **Proposal Opening Date and Time** and similar expressions mean the exact deadline required by the RFP for the physical receipt of sealed bids by the Department in its office.

d. **Offeror** means the person or organization that responds to an RFP by submitting a proposal with prices to provide the equipment, supplies, and/or services as required in the RFP document.

e. **Contract** means a legal and binding agreement between two or more competent parties, for a consideration for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and/or services.

f. **Contractor** means a person or organization who is a successful offeror as a result of an RFP and who enters into a contract.

g. **Exhibit** applies to forms, which are included with an RFP for the offeror to complete and return with the sealed proposal prior to the specified opening date and time.

h. **Request for Proposal (RFP)** means the solicitation document issued by the Public Works Department to potential offerors for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and/or services as described in the document. The definition includes these Terms and Conditions as well as all Pricing Pages, Exhibits, Attachments, and Amendments thereto.

i. **May** means that a certain feature, component, or action is permissible, but not required.

j. **Must** means that a certain feature, component, or action is a mandatory condition. Failure to provide or comply will result in a proposal being considered nonresponsive.

k. **Pricing Page(s)** applies to the form(s) on which the offeror must state the price(s) applicable for the equipment, supplies, and /or services required in the RFP. The pricing pages must be completed and returned by the offeror with the proposal prior to the specified proposal opening date and time.

l. **RSMo (Revised Statutes of Missouri)** refers to the body of laws enacted by the Legislature, which govern the operations of all agencies of the State of Missouri.

m. **Shall** has the same meaning as the word must.

n. **Should** means that a certain feature, component and/or action is desirable but not mandatory.

2. OPEN COMPETITION/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

a. It shall be the offeror's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise the Finance Department if any language, specifications, or requirements of an RFP appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the RFP to a single source. Any and all communication from offerors regarding specifications, requirements, competitive procurement process, etc., must be directed to the Finance Department as indicated on the first page of the RFP. Such communication should be received at least seven calendar days prior to the official proposal opening date.

Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the offeror receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable procurement process, all offerors will be advised, via the issuance of an amendment to the RFP of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, offerors are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the RFP, any questions received by the Public Works Department less than seven calendar days prior to the RFP opening date may not be answered.

b. Offerors are cautioned that the only official position of the City of Joplin is that position which is stated in writing and issued by the Public Works Department in the RFP or an amendment thereto. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response or statement.

c. During the bidding process all vendors must contact Chad Weller, 417-624-0820 ext. 1560 for any questions or clarifications of information contained in this RFP. Vendors are required to refrain from contacting any City employee concerning this RFP, during the course of the bidding process.

d. Submitters shall not contact anyone from the city after the submittal date until the city sends out results of the

selection. This procedure is in place to insure a fair and impartial process during the evaluation period.

e. The City of Joplin monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among offerors, price-fixing by offerors, or any other anti-competitive conduct by offerors, which appears to violate state and federal antitrust laws. Any suspected violation shall be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.

f. The RFP is mailed to potential offerors at the current address maintained on the vendor registration file in the Public Works Department. If any portion of the address is incorrect, the bidder must notify the Public Works Department in writing upon receipt of the document. Any subsequent amendment to an RFP shall be mailed to the same address as the original RFP unless otherwise notified.

g. The Public Works Department reserves the right to officially modify or cancel an RFP after issuance. Such a modification shall be identified as an amendment.

3. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

a. Offerors **must** examine the entire RFP carefully. Failure to do so shall be at offeror's risk.

b. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements unless proposal is accompanied by a delineation letter stating importance of specifications. All proposals must meet or exceed the stated specifications and requirements.

c. Prices bid shall remain valid for 90 days from bid opening unless otherwise indicated. If the bid is accepted, prices shall be firm for the specified contract period.

4. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Sealed Formal Proposals - ($15,000 and Over)

a. A proposal submitted by an offeror must (1) be signed by a duly authorized representative of the offeror's organization, (2) contain all information required by the RFP, (3) be priced as required, (4) be sealed in an envelope or container, and (5) be mailed or hand delivered (not faxed) to the Public Works Department and officially clocked in no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the RFP.

b. The sealed envelope or container containing a proposal should be clearly marked on the outside with (1) the official RFP number and (2) the official opening date and time. Different proposals should not be placed in the same envelope.

c. A proposal may only be modified or withdrawn by signed, written notice, which has been received by the Public Works Department prior to the official opening date and time specified. A proposal may also be withdrawn or modified in person by the offeror or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic request to withdraw or modify a proposal shall not be honored.

d. Offerors must sign and return the RFP cover page in order to constitute acceptance by the offeror of all RFP terms and conditions. Failure to do so shall result in rejection of the proposal unless the offeror's full compliance with those documents is indicated elsewhere within the offeror's response.

5. FACSIMILE DOCUMENTS - SEALED FORMAL PROPOSALS

All responses to sealed RFP's and amendments to sealed RFP's, including "no bid" responses and requests to modify a proposal, must be delivered to the Public Works Department in a sealed envelope or container. Submission by unsealed facsimile, telegram or telephone is not acceptable. However, sealed proposals containing faxed pages are acceptable. In addition, requests to withdraw proposals may be submitted by facsimile but must be received by the Public Works Department prior to the official opening date and time specified.

6. SEALED FORMAL PROPOSAL OPENING

a. Sealed formal proposal openings are public on the opening date and at the opening time specified on the RFP document. Only the names of the offerors shall be read at the proposal opening. The contents of the proposals shall not be disclosed.

b. It is the offeror's responsibility to ensure that the proposal is delivered by the official opening date and time to the Public Works Department.

c. Proposals, which are not received by the Public Work Department prior to the official opening date and time, shall be considered late, regardless of the degree of lateness or the reason related thereto, including causes beyond the control of the offeror. Late proposals shall not be opened.

7. EVALUATION/AWARD

a. Any clerical error, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the Public Works Department before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the Public Works Department shall contact the offeror and request written clarification of the intended proposal. The corrections shall be made in the notice of award. Examples of apparent clerical errors are: 1) misplacement of a decimal point; and 2) obvious mistake in designation of unit.

b. Any pricing information submitted by an offeror but not reflected on the pricing page shall be subject to evaluation if deemed by the Public Works Department to be in the best interests of the City of Joplin.

c. Unless otherwise stated in the RFP, cash discounts for prompt payment of invoices shall not be considered in the evaluation of prices. However, such discounts are encouraged to motivate prompt payment.

d. Awards shall be made to the offeror whose proposal (1) complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements of RFP and (2) is the lowest and best proposal, considering price, responsibility of the offeror, and all other evaluation criteria specified in the RFP.

e. In the event all offerors fail to meet the same mandatory requirement in an RFP, the Public Works Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive that requirement for all offerors and to proceed with the evaluation. In addition, the Public Works Department reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity or technicality found in any individual proposal.

f. When evaluating a proposal, the City of Joplin reserves the right to consider relevant information and fact, whether gained from a proposal, from an offeror, from an offeror's references, or from any other source. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

g. Negotiations may be conducted with those offerors who submit potentially acceptable proposals. Proposal revisions may be permitted for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting negotiations, there shall be no disclosure of any information submitted by competing offerors.

h. Any award of a contract shall be made by written notification from the Public Works Director to the successful offeror. The Public Works Department reserves the right to make awards by item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof, with one or more suppliers.

i. Pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo, proposals and related documents shall not be available for public review until after a contract is executed or all proposals are rejected.

j. The Public Works Department reserves the right to request written clarification of any portion of the offeror's response in order to verify the intent of the offeror. The offeror is cautioned, however, that its response shall be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.

8. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER

a. By submitting a proposal, the offeror agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the RFP, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.

b. A binding contract shall consist of (1) the RFP and any amendments thereto, (2) the contractor's response (proposal) to the RFP, and (3) Public Works Department's acceptance of the response (proposal) by "Notice of Award" (for ongoing provision of equipment, supplies, and/or services) or by "purchase order."

c. A notice of award does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services.

d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representatives of the contractor and the City of Joplin or by a purchase order change order prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment/change order to the contract.

e. Offerors may submit more than one (1) bid for different equipment that they possess in their inventory.

9. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.

b. To the extent that a provision of the contract is contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Missouri or of the United States, the provisions shall be void and unenforceable. However, the balance of the contract shall remain in force between the parties unless terminated by consent of both the contractor and the Public Works Department.

c. The contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

a. Officials and employees of the City of Joplin, its governing body, or any other public officials of the State of Missouri must comply with provisions of the Joplin City Code as well as Sections 105.452 and 105.454 RSMo regarding conflict of interest.

b. The contractor hereby covenants that at the time of the submission of the proposal the contractor has no other contractual relationships, which would create any actual or perceived conflict of interest. The contractor further agrees that during the term of the contract neither the contractor nor any of its employees shall acquire any other contractual relationships, which create such a conflict. **The term of the contract is for a period of years.**

11. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the City of Joplin of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the City of Joplin of the contractor's default or breach of contract.

b. The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the contractor to the City of Joplin of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Missouri for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or procured by the contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the City of Joplin.

12. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT

a. In the event of material breach of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the Finance Department may cancel the contract. At its sole discretion, the Public Works Department may give the contractor an opportunity to cure the breach or to explain how the breach will be cured. The actual cure must be completed within no more than 10 working days from notification, or at a minimum the contractor must provide the Public Works Department within 10 working days from notification a written plan detailing how the contractor intends to cure the breach.

b. If the contractor fails to cure the breach or if circumstances demand immediate action, the Public Works Director will issue a notice of cancellation terminating the contract immediately.

c. If the Public Works Department cancels the contract for breach, the Public Works Department reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the Department deems appropriate and charge the contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.

13. COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

Any written notice to the contractor shall be deemed sufficient when deposited in the Unites States mail postage prepaid, transmitted by facsimile, or hand-carried and presented to an authorized employee of the contractor at the contractor's address as listed in the contract.

14. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against recipients of services or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. If the contractor or subcontractor employs at least 50 persons, they shall have and maintain an affirmative action program, which shall include:

a. A written policy statement committing the organization to affirmative action and assigning management responsibilities and procedures for evaluation and dissemination;

b. The identification of a person designated to handle affirmative action;

c. The establishment of non-discriminatory selection standards, objective measures to analyze recruitment, an upward mobility system, a wage and salary structure, and standards applicable to layoff, recall, discharge, demotion, and discipline;

d. The exclusion of discrimination from all collective bargaining agreements; and,

e. Performance of an internal audit of the reporting system to monitor execution and to provide for future planning. If discrimination by a contractor is found to exist, the Public Works Department shall take appropriate enforcement action which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, cancellation of the contract, removal from all offeror's lists issued by the Public Works Department until corrective action by the contractor is made and ensured, and referral to the attorney General's Office, whichever enforcement action may be deemed most appropriate.

15. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with all applicable requirements and provision of the Americans with
Disabilities Act. (ADA).

16. TITLES

Titles of paragraphs used herein are for the purpose of facilitating reference only and shall not be construed to infer a contractual construction of language.

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction:

The City of Joplin is soliciting proposals from firms who are interested and qualified to provide uniform rental services for various City departments. It is the intent of the City to select a single firm to accomplish all services outlined in this RFP.

1.1 Clarification and Interpretation of RFP

1.1.1 The words "must" or "will" or "shall" in this RFP indicate mandatory requirements. Taking exception to any mandatory requirement will be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

1.1.2 The City desires to avoid any misunderstanding where it is assumed that a feature is included in the proposal and turns out to be an optional, extra cost feature. As such, any question answered with an indication of compliance will be considered included at no additional cost. Any service that is referred to in the body of this response (does not pertain to attachments and brochures) will be considered included in the basic offer.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this RFP is to provide minimum requirements, solicit proposals and gain adequate information from which the City may evaluate the Proposer's products and services as they compare to other providers and as they pertain to the needs of the City's organization as defined in this document.

2. Background Information:

2.1 General the City of Joplin intends to establish a contract for uniform rental services for various departments in accordance with the specifications outlined in this document. Departments include but are not limited to Joplin Wastewater, Joplin Streets Department, Joplin Regional Airport, Facilities, City of Joplin MAPS, and Recycling.

This contract will be awarded on an all-or-none basis to the proposer having sufficient ability to perform this contract for the City of Joplin.

3. Scope of Work:

3.1 General the City of Joplin is seeking proposals for uniform rental services. This contract is intended for routine and continuous usage. The quantities are estimates based on the previous usage. These estimates are for acquainting the offeror with probable quantities to be expected during the contract period. Proposed quantities are estimates and may be subject to additions or deletions prior to award. No damage fees or replacement costs will be charged by the offeror except for loss by employee, or willful abuse of garment beyond normal wear and tear. All damaged garments must be made available for examination by a City of Joplin representative to make final determination as to the damage or replacement cost.

3.2 Clothing

Option for some divisions: Vendor shall provide employees with up to eleven (11) sets of new and unused uniforms. Each employee shall be authorized five (5) uniform changes a week. Option for some divisions: Vendor shall provide employee rental of clothing with no laundry services. Clothing, when first issued, whether at start of contract or to new employees, shall be of quality and processing must be comparable to generally accepted standard of the industry. Each offeror shall submit a policy for upgrade of uniforms due to excessive wear, soiled or torn clothing, and poor fitting. Offerors shall also submit number of days to supply initial clothing and start of service after contact award, as well as time needed to supply new employees' uniforms during contract period.

3.3 Emblems Regular uniforms shall have the option of embroidered logos or silk screen logos on each shirt or by patch application. The logo shall be the City or Department logo, which will be provided to the successful vendor, and shall be placed over the right shirt pocket.

3.4 Measurement The vendor will measure all current and subsequent employees. Employees may select uniform shirt sleeve length at the time of initial order only. All alterations, mending and size exchanges on all uniforms shall be provided by the Vendor at no additional cost to the City.

3.5 Samples Vendors may be requested to provide samples.

3.6 Colors Regular shirts shall be available in a variety of colors. Pants shall be available in navy, black, brown, gray, and tan. If different, please provide colors.

3.7 Catalog Vendor shall submit a reasonable catalog for selection of self-purchase items where employees can have an option of upgrading their uniform inventory. | Discounted catalog purchases of premium quality items

3.8 Delivery All uniforms deliveries shall be once per week. Deliveries shall be made on the same day each week between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm at each location. Holiday adjustments shall be made in advance. All garments shall be delivered on hangers. The Vendor shall provide each employee an accounting of uniforms turned in for service and returned from service each week. Failure to meet delivery requirements may result in termination of this contract.

3.8.1 Drop Off and Pick Up Locations

MAPS/Trolley
Joplin Regional Airport
Facilities
Joplin Street Department Public Works
Joplin Wastewater
Recycling Center

3.9 Unsatisfactory Service In the event that the City of Joplin receives deliveries of unsatisfactory service that are not quickly and routinely corrected, the Vendor shall have fifteen (15) calendar days from the receipt of written notice to resolve said problems. If said problem is not resolved by the Vendor, the City of Joplin may then terminate this agreement for nonperformance with fifteen (15) day written notice.

4. Contract Terms and Conditions:

4.1 General The selected firm shall be required to enter into a formal agreement acceptable to the City Attorney that is similar in form and content to the Agreement Template attached hereto. This contract will be for a period of two (2) years with two (2) one (2) year renewal options. All rates/fees shall be fixed for the contract term.

4.2 Indemnification It is understood that any resulting contract executed will contain the following language:

It is further agreed that the firm (separately and collectively the "indemnitee") shall indemnitee") shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits and liability of every kind, including all expenses of litigation, court cost, and attorney's fees, for injury to or death of any person of for damage to any property arising out of or in connection with the work done by the firm under this contract. Such indemnity shall apply regardless of whether the claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits or liability arise in whole or in part from the negligence of the City, any other party indemnified hereunder, the Firm, or any third party.

4.3 Release
It is understood that any resulting contract executed will contain the following language:

The firm assumes full responsibility for the work to be performed hereunder and herby releases, relinquishes, and discharges the City, it officers, agents, and employees from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character, including the cost of defense thereof, for any injury to or death of any person and any loss of or damage to any property that is caused by, alleged to be caused by, arising out of, or in connection with the firm's work to be performed hereunder. This release shall apply regardless of whether such injury, death, loss, or damage was caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the City, any other party released hereunder, the firm, or any third party.

4.4 Termination of Contract

The City of Joplin reserves the right to terminate the contract, with thirty (30) day written notice, in the event the awarded proposer performs any of the following prohibited practices, and violates these specifications:

a. By failing to pay insurance, liens, claims, or other charges. b. By failing to pay any payments due the City, State or Federal Government from the successful bidder or its principals, including, but not limited to payments identified in this agreement or any taxes, fees, assessments, or liens. c. By the institution of voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against the successful bidder or upon dissolution of the firm or business. d. By violation of any provision of the agreement. e. By repeated instances of failing to respond in a timely manner to City complaints, issues, questions regarding this project – timely shall be construed to be within eight (8) business hours of any email or phone call related to the issue.

Such termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies that the City may have in law or equity. Proposer, in submitting this proposal, agrees that the City shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the City declares the proposer in default.

4.5 Management

Should there be a change in ownership or management, the contract shall be canceled unless a mutual agreement is reached with the new owner or manage to continue the contract with its present provision and pricing. This contract is non-transferable by either party.

5.1 Tab A – Qualifications and Experience

Include description of your company's general understanding of the project, scope of services and tasks necessary to complete the service of providing uniform rentals for the City of Joplin. Include: (i) Company Profile – brief discussion of the company, its history and services offered; (ii) Experience – brief descriptions of services in regard to the providing, processing and delivering uniforms to the City. (iii) Proposer should submit any supporting documentation available and identify and list all special services offered.

5.2 Tab B – Company's Fee

The City prefers a simplified discount pricing structure. All rates and fees must be listed. Describe how and when the fees apply. The City will not be responsible for paying any fees not specifically listed. The fees and charges presented shall remain firm for the original term of agreement with the following exceptions that shall be adjusted to reflect: Additional discounts available for increased volume.

Provide fee schedule for services related and unrelated to 2019 RFP-29. Describe the basis on which the fees are calculated. Details of any alternate method of compensation your firm would consider.

Replacement cost (damaged) fees Prep charges/ embroidery fees Restocking fees Up Charge fees for sizes 2X and above (shirts and 44 and above (pants) Unreturned inventory Service charges per locations

Identify and list all special services and identify charges pertaining to such service.

Uniform Insurance

The following represents weekly rental totals from various City departments.

ITEM CATEGORY	EST WEEKLY QUANTITIES
All numbers are estimates and may be varied as needed.	
SS WORKSHIRT	123
LS WORKSHIRT	12
SS INDUSTRIAL WORKSHIRT BUTTON FRONT	177
SS TRI COLOR SHIRTS	66
SS POLO	78
LS POLO	9
RELAX FIT JEANS	93
INDUSTRIAL CARPENTER JEANS	183
CARGO JEANS OR PANTS	66

PANTS WITH OR WITHOUT ELASTIC	54
WOMENS 5 POCKET DENIM	10
SLASH POCKET JACKET	24
PERMALINED JACKET	6
UTILITY DENIM OVERALL	5
COVERALLS	2
3 X 4 MAT	4
3 X 5 MAT	6
4 X 6 MAT	9
3 X 10 MAT	4
18 X 18 SHOP TOWELS	250
4 X 6 HORIZONTAL LOGO GOLF COURSE	1
3 X 5 VERTICAL LOGO	2
TOWELS 20 X 40	20
FENDOR COVERS	

5.3 Tab C – References

Proposer is to provide reference for similarly successful services from two (2) agencies, including the name of the agency, contact name, telephone, and email address.

6. Proposal Evaluation Process

All proposals will be screened by an evaluation committee. The evaluation committee shall screen and rate all of the responses that are submitted. Evaluation ratings will be on a 100-point scale and those proposers selected for a short list may be invited to attend an interview, at the proposer's own expense. Any invitation for an oral presentation will be solely for the purpose of clarifying proposals received from each qualifying proposer and will not represent any decision on the part of the evaluation committee as to the selection of a successful proposer.

The City's process is as follows:

6.1 City staff shall recommend an evaluation committee which will be used to evaluate all proposals. The City will evaluate all proposals based on the following criteria: Tab A Qualifications and Experience - 25% Tab B Company's Fees – 25% Tab C References/Performance History – 25% Tab D Completeness and Responsiveness of Proposal – 25% Presentation.

6.2 Bid Opening will be July 25th, 2023 at 10:00am.

6.3 Should negotiations be unsuccessful, the City shall enter negotiations with the next, highest ranked Vendor. The process shall continue until an agreement is reached with a qualified Vendor.

6.4 This RFP does not commit the City to pay for any direct and/or indirect costs incurred in the preparation and presentation of a response. All finalist(s) shall pay their own costs incurred in preparing for, traveling to and attending interviews.

6.5 The City reserves the right to negotiate the final fee prior to recommending any Vendor for a contract.

The City reserves the right to use all pertinent information (also learned from sources other than disclosed in the RFP process) that might affect the City's judgment as to the appropriateness of an award to the best evaluated proposer. This information may be appended to the proposal evaluation process results.

BIDDER CERTIFICATION AND ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signature affixed, the bidder certifies that neither the bidder nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the bidder, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation, or institution has violated the anti-trust laws of this State, or the Federal antitrust laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly the bid made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such fine of business.

Bidder has examined the specifications and has fully informed themselves as to all terms and conditions. Any discrepancies or omissions from the specifications or other documents have been clarified with City representatives and noted on the bid submitted.

Bidder guarantees product offered will meet or exceed specifications identified in this RFP. Bidder must initial next to each addendum received in order to verify receipt:

Addendum #1_____

Addendum #2_____

Addendum #3_____

Addendum #4_____

Addendum #5_____

Addendum #6_____

Bidder Must Fill in and Sign:

NAME OF FIRM/COMPANY: _____

REPRESENTATIVE's NAME: _____

REPRESENTATIVE's TITLE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE & FAX NUMBERS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

NO BID NOTIFICATION 2023 RFP -29

Contract for Uniform Rental Services for Various City Departments

SUPPLIER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

AGENT'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

The CITY OF JOPLIN is interested in receiving competitive pricing on all items bid. We also desire to keep your firm as a bidder and a supplier of materials and equipment. Therefore, it is important for us to determine why you are not bidding on this item. We will analyze your input carefully and try to determine if future changes are needed in our specifications and procedures.

I did not bid for the following reasons: (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE LISTED REASONS)

_____ Do not supply the requested product.

_____ Quantities offered are too small or too large to be supplied by your company. (Please circle one of the underlined.)

_____ Specifications are "too tight" or written around a product. (Please elaborate on this item.)

_____ Cannot bid against manufacturer or jobber on this item. (Please circle one of the underlined).

_____ Time frame for bidding was too short for my organization.

_____ Not awarded a previous contract by the City when you felt you were low bidder.

_____ Other _____

Failure to submit a bid or no-bid notification may result in removal from future bidders' lists.

If you wish to remain on the City's bid list for this item, please indicate:

_____ I wish to remain. _____ I do not wish to remain.

CONTRACTOR'S CAPACITY TO PERFORM

Based on the provider's response to this solicitation, please identify dedicated resources available for contract fulfillment (use extra pages as necessary):

Availability to perform: _____

_____

(Include any additional personnel or equipment/assets contractor will acquire to complete contract performance)

Equipment and operational items: _____

(Identify by quantity and type any equipment/assets allocated to contract performance)

Personnel: _____

_____

(Identify by quantity and category any personnel assigned to contract performance)

Other Resources: _____

_____

(Identify any other resources to be allocated to complete contract performance)

SUPPLIER INFORMATION FORM

COMPANY'S FULL BUSINESS NAME:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

FAX #:

CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE #:

REMITTANCE ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

FAX #:

CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE #:

PAYMENT TERMS DISCOUNT:

COMPANY TAX ID#:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS: The City reserves the right to make a single award or multiple awards, whichever are in the best interest of the City.

DOCUMENTATION: Respondent shall provide with this response all documentation required. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of proposal.

TAX EXEMPTION: The City is not liable to respondent for any federal, state, or local taxes for which the City is not liable by law, including state and local sales and use. Accordingly, those taxes may not be added to any item. The City's Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished by the City on request of the respondent.

DISCUSSIONS: Formal or informal communication involving an oral or written exchange of information for the primary purpose of obtaining information essential for determining the acceptability of a proposal may occur. Any discussions of this nature are only intended to clarify the City's understanding of submissions.

BEST AND FINAL OFFER (BAFO): In a competitive negotiation, the final proposal submitted after negotiations or discussions are completed that contains the proposer's most favorable terms for price, services, and products to be delivered. Sometimes referred to as BAFO and utilized during the Request for Proposal method of procurement.

EVALUATION PROCESS: It is the City's intent to enter into a contract with the Vendor that offers the "best value" for the desired project. After receipt of the proposals, City of Joplin will evaluate the proposals based upon the evaluation criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal. The City has at its sole discretion, the ability to negotiate with the respondent determined to be the highest ranked after completion of the evaluations.

The City may elect to conduct discussions with the respondents deemed to be in the competitive range for award. If discussions are held, respondents identified in the competitive range will be given equal opportunity to discuss and submit revisions to their proposals. Revisions of proposals are accomplished by formally requesting Best and Final Offers (BAFOs) at the conclusion of discussions with a deadline set for receipt of BAFOs and including instructions as to exactly what should be submitted in response to the BAFO. After consideration of all BAFO responses, the City will select the top ranked respondent, and will enter into contract negotiations.

COSTS TO SUBMIT: The City of Joplin will not be liable for any costs incurred by any respondent in preparation of a submittal in response to this request, in conduct of a presentation, or any other activities related to the response of this request.

LATE PROPOSALS: Proposals received by the City after the submission deadline will be considered void and unacceptable. City of Joplin is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc. The date/time stamp at the Receptionist's desk at City of Joplin, City Hall shall be the official time of receipt. Proposal deadline is November 14th at 10:00am.

ALTERING PROPOSALS: Proposals cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline. Any alterations or erasures made before opening time and must be initialed by the signer of the proposal, guaranteeing authenticity.

AWARD: The City has the right to award a contract upon the conditions, terms and specifications contained in a proposal submitted to the City for a period of up to ninety (90) days following the date specified for the opening of proposals.

Because the City is a governmental entity that must follow State and Federal laws and has an obligation to protect its taxpayers, the City requires that certain terms be included in the contract that result from this solicitation. Your response to this solicitation is an offer to contract with the City based on the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this solicitation. If any of the mandatory contract terms are unacceptable to you, please do not respond to this solicitation.

ETHICS: The respondent shall not offer or accept gifts or anything of value or enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of City of Joplin. More than one proposal on any one contract from a respondent or individual under different names shall be grounds for rejection of all proposals in which the respondent or individual has an interest. One or all proposals will be rejected if there is any reason to believe that collusion exists between respondents.

PURCHASE ORDER: City of Joplin may generate a purchase order to the successful respondent. The purchase order number must appear on all invoices, packing lists and all related correspondence. City of Joplin will not be responsible for any orders placed and/or delivered without a valid purchase order number.

DELIVERY: Any delivery and freight charges (FOB City of Joplin designated location) are to be included in the proposal price.

INVOICES: submitted for payment shall be addressed to: City of Joplin, Accounts Payable, 602 South Main Street, Joplin MO 64801, and shall reference the City of Joplin approved purchase order number. Periodic payments will be made within thirty

(30) days of invoice date or satisfactory delivery of the product or service, whichever is later, provided that all other requirements as detailed in the contract have been fulfilled.

WARRANTY: Successful respondent shall warrant that all items or services shall conform to the proposed specifications and all warranties as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship, and title.

PATENTS/COPYRIGHTS: The successful respondent agrees to protect City of Joplin from claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT: The City of Joplin reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event that the successful respondent:

1. Fails to complete project in a timely manner agreed upon by both parties;
2. Otherwise fails to perform in accordance with this contract;
3. Becomes insolvent and/or files for protection under bankruptcy laws.

Such termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies that City of Joplin may have in law or equity. Respondent, in submitting this proposal, agrees that City of Joplin shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the City declares the respondent in default.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: The contract may be terminated, without penalty, by either party by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

NOTICE: Any notice provided by this RFP or required by law to be given to the successful respondent by City of Joplin shall be deemed to have been given and received on the next business day after such written notice has been deposited in the U. S. mail in Joplin, Missouri, by Registered or Certified Mail with sufficient postage affixed thereto, addressed to the successful respondent at the address so provided; provided this shall not prevent the giving of actual notice in any other manner.

ASSIGNMENT: The successful respondent shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of City of Joplin.

CONTINGENCIES: Before submitting their bid, Proposers should make a careful examination of the scope of work and of the difficulties involved in its proper execution. Proposers should include in their proposal all costs they deem proper and sufficient to cover all contingencies essential to the installation of the proposed system, notwithstanding that every item or contingency is not specifically mentioned herein.

NOTICE: The City of Joplin has drafted the following document (SAMPLE) that will serve as the agreement between the parties in the event of a contract. Please review, edit and/or comment with your RFP response so that the City might consider BEFORE proceeding with a contract.

VENDOR AGREEMENT

This Agreement made this ____ day of _____, 2023, by and between the City of Joplin (City), located in Joplin, Missouri and _____, located at _____ (Contracting Party).

City and Contracting Party agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT TERM: The initial term of this Agreement shall be for a period of _____ year(s), from _____ to _____. The parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the term of the Agreement.

City reserves the right to terminate the Agreement at any time, with or without cause, on thirty (30) days prior written notice to Contracting Party.

2. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS/WORK STATEMENTS: The provisions of the attached City Request for Proposal - RFP dated _____, Contracting Party's response to RFP dated _____, and Exhibits _____ (if any), are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Contracting Party's representations and warranties regarding its Work are set forth in Exhibit _____ (if any). To the extent there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the documents, the order of priority in which documents will be interpreted is as follows:

The provisions of this document

_____

_____

3. CONTRACT FEE: In consideration for the mutual covenants contained herein, City shall pay Contracting Party for work satisfactorily performed as follows: _____. Total compensation shall not exceed _____.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Contracting Party assures that to the best of its knowledge there exists no conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict between Contracting Party's family, business or financial interest and the services provided under this Agreement. Should this situation change during the term of this Agreement, Contracting Party will advise City of such change.

5. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: This Agreement shall not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, nor other agency relationship between the parties, who are independent of one another. The relationship of the Contracting Party to City is and shall continue to be that of an independent contractor, and no liability or benefits such as workers' compensation, pension rights or liabilities, insurance rights or liabilities, arising out of or related to an employer/employee relationship, shall arise, or accrue to either party or either party's agent, subcontractor, or employee, as a result of this Agreement or its performance. No relationship, other than that of independent contractor, shall be implied between the parties or between either party and the other party's agent, employee, or subcontractor, and the Contracting Party hereby agrees to hold City harmless from any such claims by it or its associates, and any cost or expense related thereto.

6. DEFAULT: In the event of a failure by Contracting Party to satisfactorily perform the services specified herein and/or a default by Contracting Party in abiding by the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, City may terminate the Agreement on written notice to Contracting Party and Contracting Party shall be liable for all damages, costs, and expenses (including attorney fees) incurred by City related to this default.

8. ASSIGNMENT: The parties recognize that this contract is based upon the skill and expertise of the parties and therefore, agree that the contract and the obligations thereunder may not be assigned or delegated without the written consent of the other party, except as expressly allowed by this contract.

9. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW: Contracting Party shall certify that he/she or it is in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, including non-discrimination laws as it relates to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

10. NON-APPROPRIATIONS: Contracting Party understands that City is a governmental entity, and should the Legislature fail to provide funding for any period during the term of this contract, City shall be excused for all liability for payment. City is required to give Contracting Party written notice within thirty (30) days after learning that the funds will not be available. Upon receiving written notice from City, this contract will automatically terminate.

11. NOTICES: Any notice given under this contract by either party to the other may be affected either by personal delivery in writing or by mail, registered or certified postage prepaid with return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the addresses of the parties as they appear in the contract. Notices delivered personally shall be deemed communicated at the time of actual receipt. Mailed notice shall be deemed communicated three (3) days after mailing.

12. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT: No Mayor, Councilperson, officer, director, employee, administrator, and representative of City shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom.

13. GOVERNING LAW/VENUE/STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS: The validity of this Agreement and the interpretation of its terms and the applicable statute of limitations for any cause of action brought by or against City pursuant to the Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri. Jurisdiction for any legal proceedings incident to this agreement shall lie in Jasper County, Missouri.

14. FORCE MAJEURE: In the event of Force Majeure, City may terminate this agreement by written notice following such casualty and City shall not be responsible for any damages sustained by Contracting Party. Force Majeure shall mean fire, earthquake, flood, act of God, strikes or other labor disturbances, riots or civil commotion, litigation, terrorism, war or other acts of any foreign nation, power of government or government agency or authority, or any other cause like or unlike any cause above-mentioned which is beyond the control or authority of City.

15. SUBCONTRACTS: Any subcontracts and outside associates or consultants required by Contracting Party in connection with the services covered by this contract will be limited to such individuals or firms as were specifically identified and agreed to during negotiations. Contracting Party shall ensure that each subcontractor complies with all provisions of the Agreement and this Addendum. Contracting Party shall remain liable for the acts and omissions of such subcontractor(s) and the proper performance and delivery of the products and/or services set forth is the Agreement.

16. TAX EXEMPTION: City and Contracting Party agree that City will not be required to pay any taxes for which it can demonstrate an exemption.

17. CONFIDENTIALITY: Neither Party shall disclose any confidential information obtained from the other Party without such Party's prior written approval.

18. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: Contracting Party represents that it has all intellectual property rights necessary to enter into and perform its obligations under the Agreement and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City against any action, claim, liability, loss or expense related to such intellectual property rights and representations. Contracting Party will pay any damages attributable to such claim that are awarded against the City in a judgment or settlement.

19. INDEMNIFICATION: Contracting Party shall indemnify and hold harmless City, and each of its regents, officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages and liabilities, including without limitation attorneys' fees and reasonable litigation costs, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from any acts or omissions of Contracting Party or any agent, employee, subcontractor, or supplier of Contracting Party in the execution or performance of this contract.

20. AUDIT; INDEPENDENT AUDITS; RIGHT TO AUDIT; RETENTION; SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: The Contracting Party agrees and authorizes City and/or the State Auditor (collectively, "Auditor") to conduct audits or investigations in connection with this Agreement. Contracting party agrees to cooperate with Auditors conducting such audits or investigations and to provide all information and documents reasonably requested. Contracting Party will include this provision in all contracts with permitted subcontractors.

21. LIMITATIONS: The Parties are aware that there are constitutional and statutory limitations on the authority of City to enter into certain terms and conditions of the Agreement, including, but not limited to, those terms and conditions relating to liens on City's property; disclaimers and limitations of warranties; disclaimers and limitations of liability for damages; waivers, disclaimers and limitations of legal rights, remedies, requirements and processes; limitations of periods to bring legal action; granting control of litigation or settlement to another party; liability for acts or omissions of third parties; payment of attorneys' fees; dispute resolution; indemnities; and confidentiality (collectively, the "Limitations"), and terms and conditions related to the Limitations will not be binding on City except to the extent authorized by the laws and Constitution of the State of Missouri.

22. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY: Except as otherwise provided by Missouri law, neither the execution of the Agreement by City nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any City representative relating to the Agreement is a waiver of sovereign immunity by City.

23. REPRESENTATIONS BY CONTRACTING PARTY: Contracting Party represents and warrants that it will obtain and maintain in effect, and pay the cost of all licenses, permits or certifications that may be necessary for Contracting Party's performance of this Agreement. If Contracting Party is a business entity, Contracting Party warrants, represents, covenants, and agrees that it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its incorporation; and is duly authorized and in good standing to conduct business in the State of Missouri, that it has all necessary power and has received all necessary approvals to execute and deliver the Agreement and is authorized to execute this Agreement according to its terms on behalf of Contracting Party.

24. ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE PAYMENT: Contracting Party certifies that, as a matter of State law, it is not ineligible to receive the Agreement and payments pursuant to the Agreement and acknowledges that the Agreement may be terminated, and payment withheld if this representation is inaccurate.

25. PAYMENT OF DEBT/DELINQUENCY TO STATE: Contracting Party certifies that it is not indebted to the City of Joplin and is current on all taxes owed to the City of Joplin. Contracting Party agrees that any payments owing to Contracting Party under the Agreement may be applied directly toward any debt or delinquency that Contracting Party owes the City of Joplin regardless of when it arises, until such debt or delinquency is paid in full.

26. RISK OF LOSS: All work performed by Contracting Party pursuant to the Agreement will be at Contracting Party's exclusive risk until final and complete acceptance of the work by City. In the case of any loss or damage to the work prior to City's acceptance, such loss or damage will be Contracting Party's responsibility.

27. PUBLICITY: Contracting Party shall not use City's name, logo or likeness in any press release, marketing materials or other public announcement without receiving City's prior written approval.

28. LEGAL CONSTRUCTION/SEVERABILITY: In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision, and this contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions had never been contained in it. To this end, the provisions of this contract are declared to be severable. The Parties may mutually agree to renegotiate the contract to cure such illegality/invalidity or unconstitutionality if such may be reasonably accomplished.

29. NON-WAIVER: No covenant or condition of this Agreement may be waived except by written consent of the waiving party. Forbearance or indulgence by one party in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant or condition to be performed by the other party.

30. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This contract constitutes the entire contract and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties. Verbal representations not contained herein shall not be binding on the parties unless acknowledged by them in writing.

31. AUTHORITY: The person signing below on behalf of City and Contracting Party warrants that he/she has the authority to execute this contract according to its terms.

32. AMENDMENT: This Agreement may be changed, amended, modified, extended or assigned only by mutual consent of the parties provided that consent shall be in writing and executed by the parties hereto prior to the time such change shall take effect.

33. BINDING AGREEMENT: This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City and Contracting Party, by and through their duly authorized officers and representatives, have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

CITY OF JOPLIN	CONTRACTING PARTY:
By: _____	By: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

BID FORM

TO: City of Joplin
Attention: Public Works 4th Floor (Chad Weller)
602 S. Main St.
Joplin, Missouri 64801
Bid Deadline: July 25th, 2023, at 10:00am

FROM:

_____
(Name of Bidder)

_____
_____
(Address of Bidder)

_____
_____
(Email Address of Bidder)

_____
_____
(Phone Number of Bidder)

2023 Uniforms
Bid Number: 2023 RFP 29

The Bidder further declares that they have examined the specifications, documents and informed themselves fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to this bid.

All equipment shall comply with the bid document specifications. Of which but are not limited to manufacture recommendation.

Total Base Bid

Base Bid: $_____

Rental charges in warranty period: $_____

Rental charges outside of warranty period: $_____ Standard

Warranty: $_____

Delivery Date: _____

References:

By signing this document, bidder represents they have read and clearly understand the bidding documents and have the authority to enter into this agreement.

(SEAL – if by corporation)

Respectfully submitted by

_____

(Business Name)

_____

(Business Address)

Date_____, 2019

By_____

Title_____