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2021-2026 Campus Snow Removal and Ice Control Services IFB CAP 082521

Questions and Answers:

Below is a compilation of the questions received for this bid. Questions that were repeated, or of a recurring nature, were consolidated. Thank you very much for your interest.

1. **Question:** Is the vendor responsible 24/7 to perform the services?

Answer: As stated in the IFB CAP 060921, Scope of Work, Section I. Snow Removal and Ice Control Services: **Contractor must be able to provide snow removal and ice control services on a seven days per week basis, during the hours of 4:00pm to 7:30am Monday thru Friday and 24 hours a day on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.** New York State recognized Holidays are as follows:
New Year's Day, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.
As stated in Section I. A. Snow Removal, and Section B. Ice Control, 3. **Service during the normal hours of operation of 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday will be the responsibility of the of the Facility.** Should accumulation persist, and Facility staff require additional service to maintain safe conditions prior to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday, they may call for additional service as detailed in Scope of Work, Section I. A. Snow Removal, and I. B. Ice Control, 2. **OPWDD Administrative staff has the right to call for additional service as deemed necessary for safety concerns. The vendor will be on call and respond within 2 hours of receiving a call.** As stated in Section II. Equipment and Staff Requirements, Contractor must provide a phone number for accepting calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This must be submitted with the bid and be available throughout the winter season.

2. **Question:** Can we store salt on site?

Answer: No. There is no salt storage onsite.

3. **Question:** How wide does the path to the doorway have to be?

Answer: All building entrances/egresses are to be cleared to their edges.

4. **Question:** Does the whole patio area need to be cleared?

Answer: No.

5. **Question:** What were the previous bid results and the breakdowns for each area and service?

Answer: There are no previous bid results comparable to this IFB. This is the first time OPWDD has issued an IFB for Campus Snow Removal and Ice Control Services with this Scope of Work at the OD Heck Campus located at 500 Balltown Rd, Schenectady, NY.

6. **Question:** Is this site 24/7 operating?



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Answer: The facility's normal hours of operation are Monday - Friday 7:30am – 4pm. There are power plant staff onsite 24/7 during the winter.

7. **Question:** Can you please provide a copy of the sign in sheet or the company names that have attended the mandatory walkthrough?

Answer: Three vendors attended the mandatory site visit for this IFB on July 28, 2021: Suburban Maintenance and Landscaping, Inc., TD Paving, Inc., and T&T Excavating and Paving

8. **Question:** A question was asked at the walkthrough on the types of de-icing material that should be used on walks, pedestrian pathways, steps. Shall the awarded contractor use calcium chloride or magnesium on these surfaces?

Answer: As stated in IFB CAP 082521, Section I B. Ice Control, numbers 4.-8.:

4. Ice control will be accomplished by the application of pre-treatment (anti-icing) and/or de-icing materials that are to be pre-approved for use by the Plant Superintendent Ph# (518) 388-0371.
 5. Ice control materials are to be provided by the Contractor and applied at rates and densities sufficient to maintain roadways, parking areas, sidewalks, walkways, entrances, stairs, ramps, loading dock, and fire hydrants, reasonably free of ice and snow in an effort to minimize potentially slippery conditions.
 6. **Sidewalk/ Walkway, Entrance, Ramp, and Stairway ice control will be accomplished by the application of calcium chloride or magnesium chloride**, also provided by the Contractor.
 7. Contractor may be requested to perform additional applications of de-icing material, as needed, by OPWDD Administrative staff.
 8. Should ice accumulate to a thickness that becomes unmanageable by chemical applications alone, Contractor may be required to break up and remove ice by other means.
9. **Question:** Is there an area for equipment storage/ salt storage provided that meets with the DEC requirements that the contractor can use on site?

Answer: Upon award of contract, the storage of equipment on property, i.e.: what and where to store shall be discussed with the Plant Superintendent or representative. Some Contractor equipment may be stored on premises at a mutually agreed to location on Campus, but OPWDD will not be responsible for damage caused to the Contractor's equipment during this contract. **There is no salt storage onsite.**

10. **Question:** We understand that Prevailing Wage applies to this procurement, however what will be the pay scale that the award contractor must pay their employees when operating any type of equipment?

Answer: The Prevailing Wage Case number (PRC#) for this procurement is 2021900273. Please visit <https://apps.labor.ny.gov/wpp/showFindProject.do?method=showIt> and enter the PRC# in the box and click Submit. Then click on Wage Schedule to pull up the document associated with this project. If you have questions after viewing the Wage Schedule, please contact the Department of Labor.



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In general: There is no prevailing wages paid for plowing of roads or parking lots unless it is in conjunction with a public construction contract [which this is not]. Shoveling or snow blowing the immediate perimeter of a building sidewalks or entryways is covered under Article 9 for Janitorial.
Please reach out to the Department of Labor if you require further clarification.

11. **Question:** Are there MWBE or Service Disabled Veteran goals that have to be met on this contract?

Answer: No. There are no MWBE or SDVOB goals for this procurement.

12. **Question:** Will the awarded contractor be compensated extra for ice pre-treatment services?

Answer: No, pretreatment services are included in the seasonal price. As stated in IFB CAP 082521, Section I B. Ice Control, number 4.-5.:

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5. Ice control materials are to be provided by the Contractor and applied at rates and densities sufficient to maintain roadways, parking areas, sidewalks, walkways, entrances, stairs, ramps, loading dock, and fire hydrants, reasonably free of ice and snow in an effort to minimize potentially slippery conditions.

13. **Question:** Is there a weight limit on the concrete ramps?

Answer: Yes, the concrete ramps should not have more than 1500lbs of weight applied to them.

14. **Question:** Is snow removal/ relocation extra or should the bidders figure that in with our bid?

Answer: Snow removal/ relocation is not included as part of the scope of work for IFB CAP 082521 and should not be included in the seasonal price bid.

Respectfully,

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