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Central Services Manager  
Finance Department

**INVITATION TO BID  
PLUMBING SERVICES CONTRACT  
BID NO.: 112-PW-004**

1/11/12

Name of Bidding Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bid Opening Time and Date 11:00 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, February 2, 2012.**

*Bids will be accepted until the specified opening time and date. Any bidder attempting to deliver after the opening time and date will be refused.*

Bid Deposit/Bid Bond: NO  
Prevailing Wage YES  
Performance Bond: NO

**PLEASE MARK THE RETURN SEALED ENVELOPE:**

- 1. Bid Opening Date and Time
- 2. Title of Job
- 3. Bid Number

**RETURN BIDS TO:**

City of Rockford  
Central Services Manager  
425 East State Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rockford, Illinois 61104  
Telephone: (815) 987-5560

***BIDS SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED***

**BID RESULTS:**

Bid results may be obtained by telephone at (815) 987-5560, by fax at (800) 380-7174. or at [www.rockfordil.gov](http://www.rockfordil.gov)

## CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS—BIDDING GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Pricing. The bidder shall insert price for all bid items and all other information requested in these specifications. The price shall be the *full, delivered cost* to the City of Rockford with no additions.
2. Total versus “Per Item” Awards. The City generally awards contracts based on a lump sum basis to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. However, the City may choose to award on a per item basis. Therefore, each bidder must submit pricing for each item indicated on the bid forms. Bidders must clearly indicate which items are bid and which are not.
3. Delivery of Merchandise. Delivery terms will always be Freight On Board (FOB)—Destination. The City of Rockford accepts no responsibility for the condition of any merchandise purchased prior to acceptance by City Personnel. Failure to comply with this requirement may constitute rejection of the bid.
4. Acceptance of Merchandise at Delivery. The City of Rockford reserves the right to refuse acceptance of delivered merchandise that differs substantially from the specifications in this invitation to bid or as otherwise permitted by Illinois law.
5. Prompt Payment Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with the governmental prompt payment act. The awarded vendor will be paid upon submission of invoices to: City of Rockford Accounts Payable, 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104.
6. Legal Compliance. The vendor awarded this contract will comply with all Federal, State, County, and City laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, which in any manner affect the product or service placed for bid herein. Lack of knowledge on the part of the awarded vendor of applicable law will in no way be cause for release of this obligation. If the City becomes aware of violation of any laws, ordinances, rules and regulations on the part of the awarded vendor, it reserves the right to reject any bid, cancel any contract, and pursue any other legal remedies deemed necessary.
7. Legal Requirements. This contract sets forth the entire final agreement between the City of Rockford and the bidder and shall govern the respective duties and obligations of the parties. The validity of this contract, and any disputes arising from the contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. Any litigation under this agreement shall be resolved in the trial courts of Winnebago County, State of Illinois. Should a provision of this contract be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the contract.
8. Safety. Prevention of accidents at any project is the sole responsibility of the awarded vendor and its subcontractors, agents, and employees. The awarded vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees shall be fully and solely responsible for the safety of this project. The awarded vendor shall retain exclusive and direct control over the acts or omissions of its subcontractors, agents and employees, and any other persons performing portions of the work and not directly employed by the awarded vendor.
9. Criminal Background Check. When necessary for the protection of citizens and/or City staff, the City may require an awarded vendor to conduct a criminal background check on all of its personnel who will have direct contact with City facilities or residents/businesses served under this contract. Personnel are defined as representatives, agents, employees, subcontractors, or anyone else who will be utilized to fulfill obligations under this contract. Criminal background checks, at a minimum, shall consist of a county level felony and misdemeanor

check for each county in which the personnel resided in the last 10 years. The awarded vendor shall notify the City of any of its personnel who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor prior to commencing any work under this contract. At the City's discretion, personnel with any felony or misdemeanor convictions which raise a concern about the safety of building, property, or City staff/resident's personal security, or is otherwise job related (as determined by the City) shall not perform work under this contract. Once given notice that a background check(s) will be required, it must be completed within 14 calendar days so as to not delay work to be completed.

10. Control of the Work. With respect to the awarded vendor's own work, the City shall not have contractual, operational, and/or supervisory control over and/or charge of the work and shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, and programs in connection with the awarded vendor's work, since these are solely the vendor's responsibility under the agreement. The City shall not be responsible for the awarded vendor's failure to carry out the work in accordance with the agreement's terms and conditions. The City shall not have control over and/or charge of acts or omissions of the awarded vendor, its subcontractors, and/or their agents or employees, or any other person performing portions of the work not directly employed by the awarded vendor. The awarded vendor shall be considered to be an "independent contractor" pursuant to Illinois law.

11. Bid Bond. When required on the cover sheet, a bid bond for not less than 5 percent of the bid amount must accompany all bids as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract. A bank cashier's check, bank draft, or certified check equal to the amount specified is acceptable in lieu of a bid bond. Bid bonds of the two lowest firms will be retained until the contract is awarded.

12. Performance Bond. When required by the specifications herein, the awarded vendor shall furnish a performance bond equal to the amount of the contract, acceptable to the City, within 14 calendar days after notification of contract award. Failure to furnish the required bond within the time specified may be cause for rejection of the bid and any bid deposit may be retained by the City as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

13. Taxes. No charge will be allowed for taxes from which the City of Rockford, Illinois is exempt. The City of Rockford, Illinois is not liable for the Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, the Service Occupation Tax or the Service Use Tax. The City is exempt from the Federal Excise and Transportation Tax.

14. Withdrawal of Bids. Firms may withdraw or cancel their bids at any time prior to the advertised invitation to bid opening. After the opening time, no bid shall be withdrawn or cancelled. All bids shall be firm and valid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days. If a bidder to whom a contract is awarded refuses to accept the award, the City may, at its discretion, suspend the bidder for a period of time up to three (3) years.

15. Subcontracting. The bidder shall provide information for all subcontractors, leased operators/equipment, and suppliers and all other information requested in the Subcontractor and Supplier Detail Forms attached. Requests for deviations from the completed detail forms submitted must be made in writing, and reviewed and approved by the City's Diversity Procurement Officer and the Central Services Manager or designee. The awarded vendor may not subcontract any portion of the contract after award without written consent of the City of Rockford Central Services Manager. When subcontractors are used, the awarded vendor is required to pay subcontractors promptly after completion of work. Delay of payment is prohibited.

16. Termination of Contract. The City of Rockford reserves the right to terminate the contract in its entirety or in portions, upon written notice to the awarded vendor, if the Rockford City Council does not appropriate sufficient funds to complete the contract or in the event of default by the awarded vendor. Default is defined as failure of

the awarded vendor to perform any of the provisions of this contract or failure to make sufficient progress so as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms. In the event of default, the City may purchase the product(s) and/or service(s) from other sources and hold the defaulting company responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby. The City may require payment of liquidated damages for non-performance. Should default be due to failure to perform or because of a request for a price increase, the City reserves the right to remove the firm from the City's bidder list for a period of up to three years.

17. Late Bids and Proposals. Regardless of cause, late bids and proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be solely the vendor's risk to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids and proposals will not be opened and may be returned to the awarded vendor at their request and expense.

18. EEO Forms. Each firm shall be required to submit with its bid information all EEO forms included in the invitation to bid package. Any bid which fails to include the properly completed compliance items will not be read and will not be considered. All subcontractors shall also be required to comply with the same EEO forms as the firm.

19. Restrictive or Ambiguous Specifications. It is the responsibility of the bidding firm to review the invitation to bid specifications and to notify the Central Services Manager if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the specifications or invitation to bid procedures must be received by the Central Services Division not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. In the event a contract term is not defined within the contract document, the term will be given its ordinary dictionary definition.

20. Bid Protest. Firms wishing to protest bids or awards shall notify the Central Services Manager in writing within 7 days after the invitation to bid opening. The notification should include the bid number, the name of the firm protesting, and the reason why the firm is protesting the bid. The Central Services Manager will respond to the protest within seven (7) calendar days. A successful protest may result in the reversal of a previously awarded contract.

21. Disputes. In case of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Central Services Manager, or authorized representative shall be final and binding to all parties. The Central Services Manager has the right to waive technicalities as they see fit. The Central Services Manager may request a written recommendation from the head of the department using the equipment or service being procured.

22. Exceptions. Any deviations from these specifications shall be noted and submitted with the bid. Failure to address deviations from specifications may result in bid rejection.

23. Acceptance/Rejection of Bids. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time, for any reason, including but not limited to the Rockford City Council not appropriating sufficient funds to purchase equipment or complete the contract. The City may make awards in any manner deemed in the best interest of the City.

24. Prevailing Wage. When indicated on the cover page of this document, this contract calls for the construction of a "public work," within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/.01 *et seq.* ("the Act"). The Act requires awarded vendors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers, and mechanics performing services on public works projects no less than the "prevailing rate of wages" (hourly cash wages plus fringe

benefits) in the county where the work is performed. When required, awarded vendors are responsible for paying current prevailing wage rates, as posted on the Illinois Department of Labor's website at: <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/rates/rates.HTM>. It is the awarded vendor's responsibility to verify current wage rates, as they are updated monthly. All awarded vendors and subcontractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to, all wage, notice, and record keeping duties.

25. Certified Payroll. All Certified Payroll reports required to be submitted under the Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130, must be submitted monthly via email, in Excel or some format compatible with Excel, to [certified.payroll@rockfordil.gov](mailto:certified.payroll@rockfordil.gov).

26. Substance Abuse Prevention. When required by Illinois State Statutes, awarded vendors must have in place and file with the City a written program for prevention of substance abuse among its employees. This program must include pre-hire, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident drug and alcohol testing, as required by the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act.

27. Apprenticeship Requirement. For construction contracts over \$50,000, awarded vendors must participate in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for all Trades that will be in the awarded vendor's (or his subcontractor's) employment, with each worker receiving the required apprenticeship/training appropriate to his trade. Owners or work performed by owners is not exempt from the apprenticeship and training requirement.

28. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the awarded vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the awarded vendor's performance of work under this agreement, and indemnifies and agrees to defend and hold harmless the City against any and all losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising from the work performed hereunder of the erection, construction, placement, or operation of any scaffold, hoist, crane, stay, ladder, support, or other mechanical contrivance in connection with such work including but not limited to losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising pursuant to claims asserted against the City pursuant to theories premised upon section 414 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts and section 343 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.

This indemnification agreement shall not be limited in any way by any limitations on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the awarded vendor under Worker's Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts, and serves as an express agreement to waive the protection of *Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corp.*, 146 Ill.2d 155, 585 N.E.2d 1023 (1991) in Illinois.

Further, the awarded vendor agrees that it is solely responsible for compliance with all safety laws applicable to the work performed hereunder, including but not limited to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the Construction Safety Act of 1960 and all standards and regulations which have been or shall be promulgated by the agencies which administer the Acts.

Under no circumstances shall the awarded vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees be required to indemnify the City for its own negligence.

29. Officers. Each bidder affirms, by submission of a response to this bid or request for proposals, that no officer of the City of Rockford, Illinois, is directly or indirectly interested in the proposal for any reason of personal gain.

30. Non-Waiver. The failure by the City to require performance of any provision shall not affect the City's right to require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this contract constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.

31. Professional Services Selection Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with 50 ILCS 510/5 governing the selection of professional services. Any reference in these terms and conditions to supplying pricing or price as a determining factor in selection do not apply for services covered by said act.

32. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities in submitted bids.

**BID REQUIREMENTS FOR  
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

All bidders seeking to do business with the City of Rockford are **REQUIRED** to submit with any formal, sealed bid all of the following documents and information, attached herewith, completed and signed:

1. Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan Statement of Policy.
2. The Statement of Non-Compliance and Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities.
3. The Contractor or Vendor Workforce Data Form listing all current employees, by classification, directly employed by the bidder. All categories of information requested must be supplied.  
*Note: The number of employees must be entered under each category (no check marks)*

Below are the Federal definitions of the following racial groups accepted as minorities by the City of Rockford:

Black: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, not of Hispanic origin.

Hispanic: A person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Republic and Samoa.

American Indian or Alaskan Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

4. Your State of Illinois Pre-Qualification Certification Number, issued by the Illinois Department of Human Rights for the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act, **must provide expiration date entered in the place provided therefore.**
5. Certificate of Non-Barred Bidding
6. All executed Subcontractor/Leased Operator and Supplier forms.

**If you have not obtained your State of Illinois Pre-Qualification Number (item #4), by signing these documents you agree to make application for this number within 30 days from the date of bid opening.**

**ANY BID WHICH FAILS TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF ROCKFORD EEO PAGES 2, 4, 5, 6, AND 7, COMPLETED AND SIGNED WITH YOUR SEALED BID WILL NOT BE READ AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Falsification of any required Equal Employment Opportunity or Affirmative Action information on the part of the bidder could result in rejection of the bid submitted or in the case where a contract has already been awarded, in the cancellation of said contract.

Any questions pertaining to E.E.O. requirements should be addressed to Ron Moore, Diversity Procurement Officer, Legal Department, 425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104, Phone: (815) 987-5622 or [ron.moore@rockfordil.gov](mailto:ron.moore@rockfordil.gov)

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN**  
**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the policy of this company, [REDACTED] to provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, age or sex through a program of positive action affecting all employees. In this program, our company carries out the requirements of Federal Executive orders 11246 and 11375, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Employment Act of 1972, and all other applicable laws, and indicates its active support of the principle of equal opportunity in employment.

At present, [REDACTED] % of our work force are minorities and [REDACTED] % of our work force are females, and we will attempt to utilize minorities and females through a positive, continuing program in all jobs for which we contract in the future. Our company will utilize referrals from the City of Rockford's Diversity Procurement Officer for use of minorities and females regarding any future job vacancies.

It is also our intent to make efforts to purchase supplies or equipment from small business concerns located in the City of Rockford or counties of Winnebago or Boone and owned in substantial part (at least 51 per cent) by minorities or females.

[REDACTED] is the official who will be responsible for implementing this policy statement.

[REDACTED] will be designated as the Equal Opportunity Officer in our company, responsible for submission of all required equal employment opportunity documents.

In addition, [REDACTED] is hereby authorized to sign payroll as well as this company's officers. (NOTE: If only officers will be authorized to sign payrolls, please fill in "No One" in this space.)

## **STATEMENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE**

If the equal employment opportunity hearing committee determines that a contractor, subcontractor/leased operator of equipment or bidder is not in compliance with this chapter, (also known as Chapter 11, Article III the City of Rockford Equal Opportunity Employment Ordinance), the hearing committee shall issue and serve upon such person a written statement of noncompliance setting forth the manner in which it finds such person has violated this chapter, and imposing and/or requiring appropriate sanctions, including, but not limited to any and/or all of the following:

- a. Denying, suspending or revoking qualifications, or declaring the contractor or subcontractor irresponsible and ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts until such time as the contractor or subcontractor shall demonstrate to the equal employment opportunity hearing committee that it is in compliance;
- b. Withholding or delaying payment on the contractor or;
- c. Suspending, avoiding or canceling contract work.

## **CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES**

The bidder certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and that he/she does not permit his/her employees to perform their services at any location, under his/her control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in any contract resulting from acceptance of this bid.

The bidder agrees that (except where he/she has obtained identical certification from proposed subcontractors/leased operators of equipment for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors/leased operators of equipment from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, and that he/she will retain such certification in his/her files.



**CERTIFICATE OF NON-BARRED BIDDING**

The undersigned certifies that it is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid rigging or bid rotating. The undersigned also certifies that current or prospective employees, contractors, and subcontractors/leased operators of equipment are not listed as Excluded Individuals/Entities with the US Government, as maintained by the US General Services Administration.

By signing below, the firm agrees that all information provided in the previous pages is accurate, and that if the firm below does not currently have a Department of Human Rights number they will apply for one within thirty days with the State of Illinois.

\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Title

\_\_\_\_\_

Firm

Our firm is a:

Minority Business Enterprise \_\_\_\_\_

Women Business Enterprise \_\_\_\_\_

Neither \_\_\_\_\_

City-Certified? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

City Certified? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(Revised 12/21/09)

**Subcontractor/Leased Operator of Equipment Detail Form**  
**City of Rockford**

Firms submitting bids must supply information on Subcontractors/Leased Operators of Equipment selected for work on the project specified. It is required that Subcontractors/Leased Operators of Equipment listed below will be utilized for actual construction should the firm be awarded a contract. Any deviations from the list below require notice in writing and approval by the Diversity Procurement Officer, Central Services Manager, or their designee. This form may be duplicated if additional space is necessary, **all pages must be signed, and submitted.**

Subcontractor/Leased Operator Information Please provide business name and address, and a contact person.	Type of Work Supplied Describe the work the subcontractor/leased operator will perform for this contract.	MBE/WBE Business?	Dollar Amount	Subcontract Percent of Bid Total
Name _____ Address _____ City, State _____ Contact _____		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	%
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Name _____ Address _____ City, State _____ Contact _____		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	%

The bidder intends to Subcontract/Lease Operators of Equipment for \_\_\_\_\_ % of the total contract with MBE/WBE firms.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Supplier Detail Form  
City of Rockford**

Firms submitting bids must supply information on suppliers selected for the project specified. It is required that suppliers listed below will be utilized during construction should the firm be awarded a contract. Any deviations from the list below require notice in writing and approval by the Diversity Procurement Officer, Central Services Manager, or their designee. This form may be duplicated if additional space is necessary, **all pages must be signed, and submitted.**

Supplier Information		Type of Product Supplied	MBE/WBE Business?	Dollar Amount of Supply Contract	Supplier Percent of Bid Total
Please provide business name and address, and a contact person.		Describe the product the supplier v provide for this contract.			
Name	_____	_____	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	_____ %
Address	_____				
City, State	_____				
Contact	_____				
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City, State	_____				
Contact	_____				

The bidder intends to procure \_\_\_\_\_ % of the total contract from MBE/WBE firms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

Title

Date

## Plumbing Services Contract

Bid No.: 112-PW-004

### 1.0 General Scope

The City of Rockford is seeking bids for vendors to perform plumbing services that will include, but is not limited to, general plumbing installation, repairs, and troubleshooting, for all City of Rockford facilities. The City of Rockford has numerous locations that require plumbing repairs and service to be performed on restroom and kitchen fixtures, plumbing systems, plugged drains and traps, fixture replacement, etc. All repairs and service shall be performed within specifications set by the State of Illinois and Illinois Plumber's Code guidelines.

### 2.0 General Requirements

- 2.1 Determination of Qualified Bidders: All qualified bidders and their staff members who will perform work must have the proper licenses and certifications to perform work in the City of Rockford and the State of Illinois.
- 2.2 Award: The City of Rockford intends to award contracts to the three (3) lowest responsive and responsible bidders for routine and emergency plumbing repairs at fixed hourly rates.
- 2.3 Probation: All awarded vendors will serve a six (6) month probationary period. During this time, the City will inspect and analyze all the work done by the vendor for quality and compliance. Failure to meet the specifications without quick resolution will be grounds for the cancellation of the contract.
- 2.4 Insurance Requirements: Upon execution of the contract, and prior to the vendor commencing any work or services with regard to the project, the vendor shall carry commercial general liability insurance, umbrella liability insurance, and automobile liability insurance on ISO form CG 00 01 10 01 (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage) and the vendor shall provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsement on ISO form CG 20 10 11 85 (or substitute form providing equivalent coverage) or on the combination of ISO forms CG 20 10 10 01 and CG 20 37 10 01 (or substitute forms providing equivalent coverage) naming the City as Additional Insured there under. Additional insured coverage shall apply as primary insurance and be noncontributory with respect to any other insurance afforded to the City. All coverage shall be placed with an insurance company duly admitted in the State of Illinois and shall be reasonably acceptable to the City. All vendor insurance carriers must maintain an A.M. Best rating of "A-" or better. Coverage shall be afforded to the additional insured whether or not a claim is in litigation.
- The insurance coverage required above shall be of sufficient type, scope and duration to ensure coverage for the City for liability related to any manifestation date within the applicable statutes of limitation and/or repose which pertain to any work performed by or on behalf of the City in relation to the contract. The following insurance requirements shall apply to the successful firm for the duration of the contract unless explicitly waived by the Central Services Manager:
- 2.4.1 Commercial General Liability. The coverage available to the City, as Additional Insured, shall not be less than \$1 million each occurrence, \$2 million general aggregate (subject to a per project general aggregate provision applicable to the project), \$2 million products/completed operations aggregate and \$1 million personal and advertising injury limits. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent vendors, products-completed operations,

personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

2.4.2 Umbrella Liability. The coverage available to the City, as Additional Insured, shall not be less than \$2 million each occurrence, \$2 million general aggregate. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent vendors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

2.4.3 Automobile Coverage. The coverage available to the City, as Additional Insured, shall include comprehensive automobile bodily injury and property damage liability coverage for a minimum amount of \$1 million each occurrence, \$2 million general aggregate.

2.4.4 Workers Compensation. Vendor shall maintain during the life of this contract statutory workmen's compensation and employer's liability insurance for all his employees engaged in work on the job site.

2.4.5 Insurance Certificates. Each Certificate of insurance shall provide that the insurer must give the City at least 30 days' prior written notice of cancellation and termination of the City's coverage there under. Not less than two weeks prior to the expiration, cancellation or termination of any such policy, the vendor shall supply the City with a new and replacement Certificate of Insurance and Additional Insured endorsement as proof of renewal of said original policy. Said new and replacement endorsements shall be similarly endorsed in favor of the City as set forth above.

2.5 Additions: The City reserves the right to add additional buildings and site locations not mentioned in this bid package. If additional locations are added, the prices quoted for the locations stated in this bid package shall apply to the new locations for the life of this contract, plus the renewal period.

2.6 Contract Length: The contract period shall be from date of award through February 28, 2015. The City of Rockford reserves the right to extend the contract in one (1) year increments for a period of two (2) additional years.

2.7 Price Adjustment: Price adjustments for parts or labor will only be considered at contract renewal. Any requests for price increase must be submitted in writing to the Central Services Manager sixty (60) days prior to contract expiration. Any increases beyond the consumer price index for the time period must be justified by submitting product literature for the specific parts that explain or justify the price increase. The City will evaluate all requests for increases prior to contract extension and will factor such requests into the decision to renew.

2.8 Contact. The contact for this bid is Carrie Eklund, Central Services Manager at [carrie.eklund@rockfordil.gov](mailto:carrie.eklund@rockfordil.gov) or (815) 987-5565.

### **3.0 Specific Requirements**

3.1 Site Locations: Include, but not limited to City Hall, Fire Stations, Parking Decks, Coronado Theater, Barber-Coleman Complex, Water Division, Old City Body Shop, Human Services Building, and Ingersoll Complex.

3.2 Written Estimates: Upon request, vendors will provide written estimates for non-emergency work within three (3) days of original request. Estimate will include a description of the work, the estimated time to complete the work, and the total not to exceed cost to complete the

project. Work will begin no later than three (3) days after Notice to Proceed with the project. The City of Rockford will supervise the project and approve payment.

- 3.3 Consultation: The awarded vendor, or his representative, will be available at a reasonable notice for consultation or to consider special work requests, as a requirement of the contract.
- 3.4 Communication: Upon award of the contract, the vendor will assign a contact person to set and schedule future work. It is expected there will be a contact person available by telephone during normal business hours, or that an answering call will be returned to the City of Rockford within thirty (30) minutes. The vendor must have a communication device that will allow the City of Rockford to contact them directly in the event of an emergency. The vendor will provide the City of Rockford with all phone numbers that will allow 24-hour emergency communication. This could include a home number, a pager number, and/or a cellular telephone number.
- 3.5 Laws and Regulations: The vendor, including sub-vendors, will perform according to the following specifications, and to all trades and licensing standards, codes, statutes, regulations, etc. of governing authorities, agencies, utilities, etc. having jurisdiction in Illinois, where applicable.
- 3.6 Priority of Work: Whenever a doubt arises in the order for work, the City of Rockford representative will be notified immediately to resolve the question.
- 3.7 Debris Clean-Up: The vendor will be responsible for removing all debris from the site and clean affected areas. The vendor will keep the premises free of debris and usable materials resulting from their work as the work progresses, or upon request by the faculty representative, will remove such debris and material from the City of Rockford property. The vendor will leave all affected areas as they were prior to beginning of project.
- 3.8 Equipment Storage: The vendor will obtain permission from the City of Rockford representative regarding any need for storage of equipment and material. Such storage will be done in such a manner as to not interfere with the building schedule. The vendor will be held responsible for any and all accidents caused by negligence from this source. The City of Rockford does not accept responsibility for losses of material or equipment, regardless of approval to store in any of the City of Rockford facilities or grounds.
- 3.9 Safety: All work shall be done in a safe manner and comply with all Federal, State, and Local safety and environmental laws and regulations. This will include, but not be limited to OSHA, EPA, etc. Adequate barricades will be erected and maintained all-around areas where equipment and materials are stored and used. During all phases of the work, the vendor will make proper use of interior and exterior type temporary scaffolding, particularly during the actual work.
- 4.0 Detailed Requirements**
- 4.1 Plumbing Services Unit Prices: The following are specifications to provide the City of Rockford plumbing services at an hourly rate for new installations, maintenance and repair of existing facilities, repair and replacement of plumbing equipment and troubleshooting problems.
- 4.1.2 Journeyman: Must be a registered plumbing technician with the City of Rockford, having a minimum of five (5) years full-time plumbing experience. Technician shall be knowledgeable with all plumbing codes and shall do work meeting all governing codes.

- 4.1.3 Apprentice: Must have prior approval of the City of Rockford representative before using an apprentice on any project. If an apprentice plumber is working on a job, the hourly rate charged will be the apprentice rate quoted in this bid, according to the helper's pay rate in the apprentice program pay scale.
- 4.1.4 Hourly Rate: The unit price for plumbing repairs is the hourly rate per man per hour to perform the work as directed by the City of Rockford representative. Hourly rate is to include all wages, benefits, vehicles, tools, and any other equipment necessary to perform the work. No additional amount will be allowed.
- 4.1.5 Phone Response Time: Vendor shall provide the City of Rockford with a verbal communication response within thirty (30) minutes of initial contact from the City of Rockford personnel.
- 4.1.6 Routine Service Response Time: Response time for routine repairs will be within eight (8) business hours after receipt of call from the City of Rockford
- 4.1.7 Emergency Service Response Time: Emergency service response will be within one (1) hour after call from the City of Rockford, on either a regular or overtime basis.
- 4.2 Extended Down Time: If a unit or system is to be down for more than eight (8) hours, the vendor will inform the City of Rockford representative immediately of the nature of the repairs that caused the shutdown.
- 4.3 Materials Furnished-City: When the City of Rockford furnishes materials, the only charge shall be for service. Service will include the plumber's technician's time actually on the job and reasonable travel time (one way).
- 4.4 Materials Furnished-Vendor: Replacement parts furnished by the vendor must be of the same manufacturer or an equal product. When the vendor furnishes materials, they shall be paid for on a unit cost basis at the vendors cost plus percent of mark-up quoted bid not to exceed ten percent. The vendor shall provide vendor invoices reflecting wholesale pricing upon request.
- 4.5 Service Vehicles: Vendor's service vehicles must carry a sufficient supply of replacement parts. This will eliminate the number of return calls that are made due to an insufficient supply of repair parts carried on a vendor's service vehicle.
- 4.6 Permits and Notices: Vendors are responsible to procure all required licenses and permits when and where applicable. Direct cost of permits for City of Rockford projects will not be charged to vendor at time of acquiring permits from the Building Department. Vendor must state that the project is for the City of Rockford.
- 4.7 Service Logs: The vendor will maintain records (service logs) of all maintenance and repairs provided under this agreement for each piece of equipment.
- 4.8 Unit Replacement Recommendation: The vendor is responsible for contacting the City of Rockford representative to recommend a unit or part replacement instead of repaired, when in their opinion the repair cost would exceed the value of the part or unit, and it would be in the best interest of the City of Rockford to replace this unit or part. The vendor's recommendation shall include both the cost and time to replace the unit or part.
- 4.9 Work Order: A work order shall be issued in triplicate for each project and submitted with the invoice covering projects. The work order shall include the following information:
- Unique work order/ job number

- Name of facility where work was performed
- City of Rockford contact person requesting work
- City of Rockford P.O. number
- Date work was performed
- Vendor's employee who performed work
- Description of work performed and itemized list of parts and labor required including all charges for the completed project.

4.10 Invoices: The City of Rockford will review each invoice for accuracy. Any irregularities will be brought to the vendor's attention immediately. This may include excessive labor hours or unreasonable part prices. In the case of parts pricing, the City may ask for copies of the original parts invoices in order to verify the pricing, quality, and allowed mark-up, if any.

**Appendix A  
Bid Form**

The undersigned declares they have carefully examined the general Conditions, Technical Specifications, terms and Conditions, and Bid offer Form for plumbing services and hereby agrees to provide the required services in accordance with this bid and all attachments, exhibits, etc.

**A. Labor Rates Per Hour**

**Journeyman**

**Apprentice/Helper**

Straight Time:  
(Monday-Friday up to 8 hours)

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

Overtime:  
(Monday-Friday after 8 hours)

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

Overtime:  
(Saturdays)

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

Overtime:  
(Sundays & Holidays)

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

@ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hour

**B. Material Percent of Mark-Up**

Not to Exceed ten (10) percent

\_\_\_\_\_ %

**C. Vendor's Contact Person Assigned to Coordinate Projects Under This Contract:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person, Firm, or Corporation

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Authorized Signature & Title