



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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**Subject:** Letter of Clarification No. 1 to Invitation to Bid No. S50-C24450 to Remove, Furnish and Install a Blower System and Associated Equipment for the Public Works and Engineering Department

**To:** All Prospective Bidders:

This letter of Clarification is being issued for the following reasons:

- To extend the bid opening and revise SECTIONS "A" of the Official Bid Document, "B" Scope of Work/Technical Specifications and "C", Supplementary Conditions:

1.) **NOTICE TO BIDDER:**

**The bid opening date has changed from 10:30 A.M. January 10, 2013 to 10:30 A.M., February 7, 2013.**

- 2.) Remove pages 3, 9 & 14 of 22 and replace with pages 3, 9 & 14 of 22 marked, **REVISED 12/26/2012.**

When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with The Letter(s) of Clarification. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s). It is the responsibility of the bidder/respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders/respondents shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this solicitation and resulting bid.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Letter of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

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Attachments: Revised pages: 3, 9 & 14 of 22.

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**SECTION A**

**Documents/forms must be downloaded from the City's Website  
<http://www.houstontx.gov/purchasing/index.html>**

**Additional Required Forms to be Included with this bid:**

In addition to the electronic Bid Form and the Official Signature Page, the Forms listed in Table 1 **must be completed and submitted to the Office of the City Secretary on or before the date and time the bid is due:**

<b>Table 1</b>
Affidavit of Ownership
Fair Campaign Ordinance
Statement of Residence
Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
Pay or Play Contract Compliance Acknowledgement Form 1a
10% Bid Bond
Contractor References

Table 2 lists other documents and forms that should be viewed/downloaded from the City's website, but are not required to be submitted with the bid. The City will request these forms, as applicable, to be completed and submitted to the City by the recommended/successful bidder:

<b>Table 2</b>
Formal Instructions for Bid Terms
Drug Forms
Insurance Certificates Over \$50,000.00 / Insurance Endorsements
OCP Insurance Certificate Over \$100,000.00
Pay or Play Form 2 / Certification of Agreement to Comply
Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Payment Bonds
2012 Engineering Construction Wage Decision

Questions concerning the Bid should be submitted in writing to: City of Houston, Strategic Purchasing Division, 901 Bagby, Room B506, Houston, TX 77002, Attn: Arturo Lopez or via fax: 832-393-8759 or via email (preferred method) to [arturo.lopez@cityofhouston.net](mailto:arturo.lopez@cityofhouston.net) no later than **4:00 PM, Friday, January 25, 2013.**

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**SECTION B  
SCOPE OF WORK**

**1.0 SUMMARY OF WORK**

- 1.1 The Contractor shall be required to provide all supervision, labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation and ancillary items necessary to remove the existing, temporary centrifugal blower number four and spot piping connected to the common air header at the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plant (NEWWTP), located at 655 Maxey Road, Houston, TX and deliver to the storage facility at the Cullen Service Center located at, 7440 Cullen Blvd, Houston, TX 77051. The Contractor shall also be required to furnish and install a new high speed turbo blower system and associated equipment. In addition, the Contractor shall be required to provide and install new piping that matches the remaining three blowers, all associated instrumentation, control panels and auxiliary equipment, wiring, fittings, etc., to connect the new blower system to the City's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system at the aforementioned location.
- 1.2 The new unit must be able to operate as a fully coordinated member of the four-blower team, along with the existing three centrifugal 16# IGC-V blowers. The new blower system must be installed on the existing outdoor pad, with no/minimal modifications to the existing infrastructure. Any minimal modification required to install the new blower system to the existing infrastructure shall be the responsibility of the Contractor with no additional cost to the City.

**2.0 PERFORMANCE TIME:**

- 2.1 *The Contractor shall have 170 calendar days to complete all work associated with this project after receipt of the Notice – To – Proceed.***

**3.0 WARRANTY:**

- 3.1 The Contractor shall provide a minimum of one (1) year for all labor, materials and workmanship. The warranty period for the blower system shall commence the day the City officially accepts the complete work at the site. All warranty work is to be completed, without cost to the City, within fifteen (15) days after notification of a service problem.

**4.0 SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT OR EQUIVALENT:**

- 4.1 Wherever in the specifications any materials or processes are indicated or specified by patent of proprietary name and/or by name of manufacturer, such specifications shall be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating descriptions of the performance, materials and/or processes desired and shall be deemed to be followed by the words, "or equivalent", if not so stated in the specifications herein.
- 4.2 The burden of proof shall rest with the bidder, in the course of a technical evaluation, to prove that the proposed item(s) are equivalent to the performance, materials, processes, or articles specified. DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE ITEM (S) BID IS (ARE) EQUIVALENT TO THOSE SPECIFIED SHALL REST SOLELY WITH THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT AND THE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT.

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- 8.1.6.1 Contractor shall credit the City by Change Order for inspection services for overtime work or work performed on Sundays or Legal Holidays. The amount Contractor credits the City will be **\$50.00 per hour** per inspector for inspection services.

**ARTICLE 9 - PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION**

- 9.1 *UNIT PRICE WORK: Delete Section 9.1 in its entirety and insert the following Section 9.1.*

- 9.1 References to Unit Prices in individual Specification sections are not applicable to the Contract. Include payment for portions of the Work required by these sections in the Stipulated Price for the Contract.

- 9.12 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: Insert the following Paragraph 9.12.1.1.**

- 9.12.1.1 *The amount of liquidated damages provided in General Conditions Paragraph 9.12.1 payable by Contractor or Surety for each and every day of delay beyond Contract Time, are \$500.00 per day.***

**ARTICLE 11 - INSURANCE AND BONDS**

- 11.2 *INSURANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY CONTRACTOR: Delete Paragraph 11.2.8. and replace with the following 11.2.8.*

- 11.2.1.4 Contractor shall provide Owners and Contractor's Protective Liability Insurance only if the contractor's bid price is equal to or greater than \$100,000.00.

- 11.2.8 *Endorsement of Primary Insurance:* Each policy except Workers' Compensation Insurance must contain an endorsement that the policy is primary insurance to any other insurance available to additional insured with respect to claims arising under the Contract.