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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 1
Fire Hydrant Repair Parts

Reference: Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.: S35-S25339

To All Prospective Bidders:

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reasons:

- To revise the above referenced solicitation as follows:
 1. At the City's Electronic Website, Group Nos. I, II, and VII thru X have **changed**.
 2. At the City's Electronic Website, Group No. XI has been **added**.
 3. In Section B, **replace**: "page 6 of 20, with attached page 6A of 20 marked revised 5/5/2015".
- To answer the following question:
 1. Question: *"Why the manufacturer, AVK's parts were listed as OEM only and for the other manufacturer's there was an option to bid an alternative or aftermarket parts?"*

Answer: *"Some hydrants and parts are newer than others and still under warranty. If aftermarket or alternative parts are used to repair newer hydrants it will void the warranty."*
- Due to the aforementioned change(s) to the e-bidding items you may need to edit your bid. To do so, please select the "Bid Number" and proceed accordingly.

This Letter of Clarification will be considered part of the solicitation referenced above. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Procurement Division and the applicable City Department(s).

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Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each BIDDER to obtain any previous Letter(s) of Clarification associated with this solicitation.



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SECTION B
CITY OF HOUSTON
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

1.0 OEM Price List:

Discount proposed from AVK Nostalgic 2780 price list dated March 20, 2014, Water Master #5CD250 price list dated March 19, 2014, American Flow Control B-62-B price list dated June 16, 2009 and American Flow Control B-84-B price list dated June 16, 2009 or the latest editions, OEM parts only for any quantity as needed, per specifications on E bidding Document.

2.0 Site Visit:

When deemed necessary an inspection may be made by the Department of Public Works & Engineering to determine whether a bidder actually has a facility at the location they have listed in the bid document.

3.0 Post Award Meeting:

Once the award has been approved by City Council, Public Works & Engineering reserves the right to schedule a post-award meeting with the successful supplier and Public Works & Engineering end users. The meeting will include representatives from Procurement, Public Works & Engineering Contact Management, Accounts Payable, and others as deemed appropriate.

4.0 Compliance:

- 4.1 The Department of Public Works and Engineering reserves the right to monitor this award for compliance to ensure legal obligations are fulfilled and that acceptable level of service are provided.
- 4.2 Monitoring may take the form of, but not necessarily be limited to:
 - 4.2.1 Site visits
 - 4.2.2 Review of deliveries received for accuracy and timeliness
 - 4.2.3 Review of supplier's invoices for accuracy
- 4.3 The responsibility for monitoring compliance rests with the Contract Compliance Section, Management Support Branch of the Office of the Director, Department of Public Works and Engineering.
- 4.4 This bid requires potential bidders and/or their authorized distributors to have a Certificate of Responsibility for the Classification of Fire Hydrants issued by the City of Houston in order to bid on this fire hydrant solicitation.
- 4.5 The bidders listed below hold a current Certificate of Responsibility.
 - 4.5.1 American AVK Company / American AVK Company 2780 Fire Hydrant
 - 4.5.2 American Flow Control / American Flow Control American-Darling 5 ¼ " B&4B-5 Fire Hydrant
 - 4.5.3 ACT Pipe and Supply, Inc. (Distributor) / Clow Valve Co., Clow Medallion, F2545, 5 ¼" Fire Hydrant
 - 4.5.4 EJ USA, Inc. / WaterMaster, Model # 5CD250 Fire Hydrant
 - 4.5.5 Kennedy Valve – Division of McWane / Kennedy Valve, Guardian, K81A Fire Hydrant
 - 4.5.6 Mueller Company Ltd. / Mueller Company Super Centurion 250 5 ¼" A423
 - 4.5.7 U.S. Pipe Valve & Hydrant, A Division of Mueller Company Ltd. / Mueller Company Metropolitan M-84 5 ¼" A495