



TOWN OF PRESTON

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Preston, Connecticut 06365

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town of Preston hereby invites the submission of sealed bids from qualified tractor suppliers and dealers for the purchase of:

FIVE INCH HOSE FOR FIREFIGHTING WATER SUPPLY

Bid forms, specifications, and any addenda may be obtained at the Town of Preston Selectman's Office; 389 Route 2, Preston, CT 06365 where bids will be received until 11:00 AM on November 10, 2022 and at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must remain firm for a period of 90 days following the date of the opening, and shall thereafter remain firm until the bidder provides written notice to the Town of Preston that the bid has been withdrawn. The successful bidder will expect and accept payment up to 30 days following delivery. The Town of Preston reserves the right to waive any technical defects in bids, to reject any or all bids, and to make such awards, that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the Town of Preston even if such bid is not the low bid.

The Town of Preston reserves the right to discuss the bid with one or more bidders to make any modifications that are necessary based on these discussions as The Town of Preston deems to be in its best interest.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Bid Submission Instructions:

- A. One (1) original and one (1) copy of all bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and clearly marked "Sealed Bid for Town of Preston – Five inch supply hose". If forwarded by mail or courier, the sealed envelope must be addressed to: Leigh Pappas, Selectman Administrative Assistant, 389 Route 2, Preston, CT 06365. Bids must be at the office of the First Selectman prior to 11:00 A.M. November 10, 2022. Postmarks are NOT an acceptable waiver of this policy. Once the first bid is opened, all bids are deemed final and no corrections or alterations may be made.
- B. Ditto marks or words such as "SAME" must not be used for the bid to be considered.
- C. All information must be submitted in ink or typewritten. Errors, alterations or corrections must be shown on both the original and all required copies and each must be initialed by the person signing the bid.
- D. An authorized person representing the legal entity of the bidder must sign bids.
- E. The inability to meet any specified requirement(s) must be stated in writing and attached to the bid form, or written on the bid form. If no exceptions are noted, it shall be assumed that the terms of the Invitation to Bid have been accepted.
- F. The Town of Preston reserves the right to waive any minor informality in a bid when such a waiver is in the best interest of the Town.
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2. Questions:

Any questions should be directed to: Chief Keith Wucik by email to firechief@preston-ct.org. To Receive consideration, such questions must be received at least five (5) business day before the established date for receipt of bids. No oral interpretations shall be made to any respondent as to the meaning of any of the bid documents. Ever request for interpretation shall be made in writing.

The Town will respond to all appropriate questions received via an addendum available to all prospective bidders. Such addenda will become part of this Invitation to Bid and the resulting contract. At least three (3) days prior to the receipt of bids, the Town will post a copy of any addenda to its website, located at: <https://www.preston-ct.org/140/Bid-Opportunities>. It shall be the responsibility of each bidder to determine whether addenda have been issued, and if so, to download copies directly from the Town's website.

3. Presumption of Bidder Being Fully Informed:

At the time the first bid is opened, each bidder is presumed to have read and is thoroughly familiar with all bidding documents as well as all contract documents for this project. Failure or omission of the bidder to receive or examine any documentation or information concerning this bid shall in no way relieve any bidder from obligations with respect to their bid.

4. Pre-Bid Conference:

There is no pre-bid conference scheduled for this invitation to bid.

5. Tax Exemptions:

The bidder shall be aware that the Town of Preston is exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and Connecticut Sales and Use Taxes. Appropriate tax-exempt forms will be provided to the successful bidder(s) as part of the contract award process.

6. Awarding the Bid:

The Town will keep all Statement of Interests on file for a 1-year period and will select the firm best suited for our various projects based on availability, price and past performance on similar assignments.

13. Rejection and/or Cancellation of Bids:

The Town reserves the right to reject or cancel any and all bids, or any part of any or all bids, if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

14. Delivery Arrangements:

Delivery cost shall be included in bid. Delivery location shall be decided by Chief of Fire Department but limited to one location.

Hose Specifications

Five-inch hose for firefighting water supply

- Both hose and couplings must be manufactured in North America and be NAFTA compliant
- Warranty: fire hose shall have a minimum of "Two Year All Hazards Warranty"
- Couplings shall be five-inch Storz with lock technology and meet NFPA 1963 requirements
- Total hose length shall be 4600 feet total with the following lengths:

Four (4) twenty-five-foot lengths

Forty-five (45) one hundred-foot lengths

- Hose shall remain flexible to a minimum temperature of negative forty (-40) degrees Fahrenheit
 - Hose must be manufactured in accordance with NFPA 1961 standard
 - Service test pressure shall be a minimum of 300 psi
 - Test pressure shall be stenciled on the outside jacket of each length of
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