

SPECIFICATIONS

Reinforced Concrete Pipe and End Sections

1. OVERVIEW: This Invitation for Bid (IFB) 6100049491 (identified here and in the other documents as the “Contract”) is being issued by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS) and will cover the requirements for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) Agencies for elliptical and round Reinforced Concrete Pipe and their associated End Sections. In addition, Local Public Procurement Units (COSTARS), as defined by the Commonwealth Procurement Code, may use this contract in accordance with the COSTARS Provision contained within the contract terms and conditions.

2. BIDDING INFORMATION: Bidders must enter bid pricing into the attached Reinforced Concrete Pipe and End Sections Bid Sheet (Attachment A) and submit it along with the electronic bid response. Bid prices should be based on the price of the material only and should not include transportation.

The following documents are required to be completed and returned/attached with your electronic bid. These are in addition to any other requirements to submit documentation within the bid specifications. Bids may be rejected for failure to complete and return required documents.

- Attachment A – Reinforced Concrete Pipe and End Sections Bid Sheet in Excel format. Do not provide in PDF format. Failure to return this document or to return it without bid pricing will result in the bid being rejected.
- State of Manufacture Chart (This is the Reciprocal Limitations Act GSPUR-89 included as Attachment B to this IFB)
- Attachment C – Supplier Information Form
- Attachment D – Lobbying Certification Form
- Attachment E – Iran Free Procurement Certification Form
- COSTARS Program Contractor Election to Participate form (if applicable)
- Copy of active DGS Certified Small Business certification (if applicable)

3. METHOD OF AWARD: Award will be made by line item to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s). The Commonwealth reserves the right to award all line items to a single supplier if it is determined to be within the best interest of the Commonwealth to do so.

4. QUALIFICATIONS: Materials must be supplied from a source of supply approved and listed in Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Publication 35, Bulletin 15, “Approved Construction Materials”, prior to the time and date of the bid opening or the bid may be rejected. Suppliers interested in becoming approved for future contracts should contact PennDOT’s Bureau of Project Delivery using the following hyperlink:
https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/pdf/BOCM_MTD_LAB/PUBLICATIONS/PUB_35/Current_Edition/Bulletin15.pdf

5. SPECIFICATIONS: The following specifications apply to this IFB and are to which the materials furnished through this contract are required to conform:

PennDOT Specifications, Publication 408, latest version; with particular attention to the following sections:

REINFORCED CEMENT CONCRETE PIPE – Section 601.2(a)

ELLIPTICAL REINFORCED CEMENT CONCRETE PIPE – Section 601.2(a)3.a

REINFORCED CEMENT CONCRETE END SECTIONS – Section 616.2 (a)

ELLIPTICAL REINFORCED END SECTION – Section 616.2 (a)

PAYMENTS FOR STORED MATERIAL – Section 110.06

Concrete pipe shall be manufactured and tested in accordance with the latest version of Publication 280. All pipe shall be manufactured to meet a Type "B", standard installation and able to withstand a fill height from 10 feet to 1.5 feet.

Each Section of pipe shall have a lifting hole. The lifting hole shall be clear of reinforcement wire on all reinforced pipe.

6. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: All cement/concrete pipe for PennDOT Engineering District 10-0 shall be tongue and groove. Modified tongue and groove is acceptable for those sizes where the producer does not manufacture a tongue and groove pipe as specified.

7. TRANSPORTATION CHARGES & DELIVERY: Transportation costs shall not be included in the base material prices on the supplier's submitted bid sheet. Awarded suppliers shall provide a written quote of transportation charges and delivery period to the using agency upon request to prepare each order. The agency purchase order shall then reflect not only the required materials but also the agreed upon transportation charges and delivery period. Both the purchase order and the invoice shall list transportation charges and material costs separately.

PennDOT may also pick up materials at the supplier's plant, in which case there will be no quoted transportation charges. Liability shall transfer to PennDOT at time of pickup. Purchase orders should clearly identify if materials will be picked up.

8. INSPECTION: Shipments will be inspected upon receipt by using agency personnel. The using agency shall have the right to test and reject any item for non-compliance with these specifications. The supplier shall replace all rejected items at their own expense, including all handling and shipping charges. In the event that the number of rejected items exceeds 3% of the total shipment, the supplier shall replace the entire shipment at their own expense.

9. PRICE UPDATES: Awarded suppliers may request to update their base material prices after the first 12 months of the initial contract term and again at the time of each subsequent contract renewal. All requests to update pricing must be submitted to the Issuing Office for review and approval no later than 60 days prior to the end of the current contract term. The awarded supplier is required to justify any price increase in a clear concise manner and may possibly be required to submit supporting documentation. If the price update is approved, it will be in effect at the beginning of the renewal period.

10. ADDITION OF LINE ITEMS: Additional line items that are reasonably construed to be within the scope of this procurement may be added to the contract at the request of the using agency. In the event that DGS determines that the additional line item should be added, DGS will contact all contractors who have been awarded a contract as a result of this procurement and request pricing of the new item. Award of the new item shall be based upon the lowest price received from the responding contractors.

11. E-INVOICING: The PA Office of the Budget has initiated an E-Invoicing program that enables vendors to submit invoices via email. Submitting invoices via email enables vendors to save printing and postage costs, paper supplies, and mailing time needed to transmit paper invoices. The program's guidelines are available on the E-Invoicing website, located at <http://www.budget.pa.gov/Services/ForVendors/Pages/default.aspx>

12. POST AWARD ADMINISTRATION: The Contractors performance shall be monitored and evaluated in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Contract. At a minimum, the Contractors' performance shall be evaluated on an annual basis. Contractors may be required to attend Contract Performance Review meetings. These meetings will be for the purpose of providing Contractor performance reviews, discussion of issues either party may have concerning the Contract or to evaluate the overall progress of the Contract. The meetings will be held quarterly, semi-annually or annually at the discretion of the Department of General Services, or upon special request of the using agencies.

13. INQUIRIES: Direct all questions concerning this IFB via e-mail to the following Commodity Specialist:

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