



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PURCHASING

345 South Main Street

Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Table with 3 columns: ISSUE DATE, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER, FOR, DEPARTMENT, DATE/TIME OF CLOSING, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR.

Proposals - In accordance with the following and in compliance with all terms and conditions, unless otherwise noted, the undersigned offers and agrees, if the proposal is accepted, to furnish items or services for which prices are quoted, , delivered or furnished to designated points within the time specified. It is understood and agreed that with respect to all terms and conditions accepted by the City of Harrisonburg the items or services offered and accompanying attachments shall constitute a contract.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM:

Telephone/Fax No.:

Federal Employer Identification # :

State Corporation Commission #:

E-mail:

Prompt Payment Discount:

__% for payment within __days/net __days

By signing this proposal, Vendor(s) certifies, acknowledges, understands, and agrees to be bound by the conditions set forth in this RFP.

CHECK ONE: [] INDIVIDUAL [] PARTNERSHIP [] CORPORATION [] LLC

Vendor's Legally Authorized Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Sealed proposals, subject to terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal will be received by the City of Harrisonburg Purchasing Agent at 345 South Main St, Room 201, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801 until the date/ time specified above for furnishing items or services delivered or furnished to specified destinations within the time specified or stipulated by the vendor(s).

The City does not discriminate against small and minority businesses or faith-based organizations.

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I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Harrisonburg, VA (City) is seeking proposals for multi-gas meters and associated hardware / software. The scope of this Request For Proposal (RFP) is for gas meters, calibration equipment, network equipment (if specifically required by vendor), data logging / maintenance software, and training. The system will be funded by a grant and will be implemented upon receipt of allocated money from the grantor. Quantity of meters ordered will be based upon total grant funding and product capabilities.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) is being utilized in lieu of an Invitation for Bid (IFB) as deemed in the best interest of the City due to the nature of the contract.

II. CURRENT STATE

The City of Harrisonburg Fire Department currently utilizes a fleet of nine Industrial Scientific iTX multi-gas meters to monitor for Oxygen concentration, Hydrogen Sulfide, Carbon Monoxide, Explosive gases, and Hydrogen Cyanide. The gas monitoring program is supported by four instrument docking stations (one at each fire station) and the associated software. These docking stations perform daily bump testing and monthly calibration of all meters and download any data logs daily. Meters are currently maintained by trained fire department personnel. While the City currently maintains a total of nine (9) gas meters, the quantity of meters ordered through this RFP will be based upon total grant funding and product capabilities. The determination of final quantities will be made after evaluations of the products and available options.

III. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of clarity, the following definitions are given.

- **Bump Test** - A daily test verifying that the sensors will detect the gas that they are designed to detect
- **Calibration** - A test performed at the interval specified by the manufacturer (currently monthly) that verifies that the sensor readings correspond with a known concentration of gas
- **Correlation factor** – A multiplier used to adjust readings between calibration gas and measured gas for LEL and PID sensors
- **Data logging**- The ability of a meter to internally record at a user-specified interval (currently each second of operation) all readings that the unit is displaying
- **Docking Station** - A stationary or vehicle mounted device which holds a gas meter. Docking stations should also be expected to provide calibration / bump testing and access through software to the meter's settings and controls
- **LEL** – Lower explosive limit. Used to define the concentration of explosive gases

- **Multi-gas Meter-** An electronic device capable of supporting various sensors to detect the presence and concentration of gases in the atmosphere
- **PID** – Photo-ionization detector. Used to detect volatile organic compounds
- **Support software-** Software, server or web based, that allows monitoring program administrators the ability to access the meters via computer to update settings, read data logs, and perform other functions as appropriate

IV. BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The City is requesting that the **gas meters** have the following features. Please respond Yes or No to each item. If an explanation is necessary, please include it under the vendor notes. If additional explanation is required, please attach a separate page and notate as such.

Feature	(Y/N)	Vendor Notes
Ability to simultaneously detect Oxygen, Hydrogen Sulfide, Carbon Monoxide, Explosive Gases, Hydrogen Cyanide, and contain a photo-ionization detector (PID)		
PID configured with 10.6eV lamp		
Audible and visual alarms		
An onboard chemical library for calculating LEL and PID correlation factors		
Wireless link and communication between meters to a central on-scene monitoring system		
Rechargeable battery (List type)		
AC and DC charging options		
Data logging frequency user adjustable (List available ranges)		
Individual sensor alarms are user-configurable		
Integrated sample pump for remote sampling		
Meter settings can be locked so only administrators can change alarm settings		
Meter and sensors covered by warranty (state duration and scope)		
Meter and pump are water resistant		
Meter and pump are drop / impact resistant		
Meter is rated as intrinsically safe		
Meter display is readable in bright and low light conditions		
Meter is ergonomic and easy to operate in chemical protective equipment		
Provisions available for three fire department personnel to become factory certified		

technicians to repair and maintain meters and equipment		
Equipment available through government or cooperative agreement contract		

The **docking stations** should provide the following:

Feature	(Y/N)	Vendor Notes
Automatic daily bump testing		
Calibration at a user configurable interval to match manufacturer's recommendations		
LEL sensors can be calibrated to methane		
Automatic download of data logs to a central location (state server or web based)		
Clear indication of a bump or calibration failure		
Have the option for in-vehicle mounting, operation, and reporting (if this option is chosen, the number of needed docking stations will increase from 4 to 9)		

The City is requesting that **associated software** have the following features:

Feature	(Y/N)	Vendor Notes
Automatically track bump tests and calibrations		
Generate user-defined monthly reports detailing meter and sensor health, missed tests, etc.		
Allow administrator access to change meter / sensor settings across all meters		
Track installation and removal from service dates of meter components		
Provide advance notice of marginal or failing components to allow time for replacement parts to be ordered		
Organize data log information and be able to output the information in graphical and numeric format		
Allow for the addition of user-defined metadata to data logs (e.g. location, date, time, etc.)		
If wireless link is provided, software should have real-time monitoring capability for all deployed meters		

V. DELIVERABLES

The following items will be required:

- Detailed solution design/description
- Front end costs (meter price, docking station price, software, consumable cost (calibration gas, regulators, etc.), training for three gas meter technicians, and any other additional startup costs)
- Estimated monthly/yearly support costs (including calibration gas and any software or maintenance fees)
- A demonstration unit consisting of 1 meter, docking station, and software access for a minimum of 30 days for hands-on field evaluations
- References of three (3) other government entities that have contracted with your company for the same or similar products. Reference pages must include the name of the government entity, a contact name, phone number, and email address.

VI. SCORING

The responses will be scored on the following criteria:

- System capabilities and ability to meet RFP requirements 30%
- Initial equipment pricing 20 %
- On-going maintenance and service costs 20%
- Hands-on evaluation by fire department personnel 30%

VII. PROJECT TIMELINE

RFP Event	Deadline Date
RFP posted to City website	December 16, 2013
Last date to post questions	January 3, 2014 at noon
Proposal submission	January 10, 2014
Vendor presentations	Week of January 27-31, 2014 (Vendors will be contacted with specific time and date.)
Equipment delivered for evaluation period	January 31, 2014
Hands-on evaluation period	February 1, 2014 – March 2, 2014
Vendor selected for contract negotiation	April 30, 2014
Selected equipment to be delivered	July 31, 2014

VIII. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VA

PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING MANUAL: This solicitation is subject to the provisions of The Purchasing and Contracting Policy Manual for the City of Harrisonburg (City) and any

revisions thereto, which are hereby incorporated into this contract in their entirety. A copy of the manual is available for review at www.Harrisonburgva.gov/bids-proposals.

APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS: This solicitation and any resulting contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify to the City that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians With Disabilities Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and 2.2-4311 of the *Virginia Public Procurement Act*.

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions below apply:

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - a. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - b. The contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, will state that such contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - c. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.

The contractor will include the provisions of 1. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

2. The City does not discriminate against small and minority businesses or faith based organizations.

ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that their (bids/proposals) are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other (bidder/offeror), supplier,

manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their (bid/proposal), and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that they do not and will not during the performance of this contract employ illegal alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

DEBARMENT STATUS: By submitting their (bids/proposals), (bidders/offerors) certify that they are not currently debarred by the Commonwealth of Virginia from submitting bids or proposals on contracts for the type of goods and/or services covered by this solicitation, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently so debarred.

ANTITRUST: By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the City all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the City under said contract.

MANDATORY USE OF CITY FORM AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IFBs AND RFPs

1. **(For Invitation For Bids(ITB):)** Failure to submit a bid on the form provided, (if provided) shall be a cause for rejection of the bid. Modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation for Bids may be cause for rejection of the bid; however, the City reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a bid as nonresponsive. As a precondition to its acceptance, the City may, in its sole discretion, request that the bidder withdraw or modify nonresponsive portions of a bid which do not affect quality, quantity, price, or delivery. No modification of or addition to the provisions of the contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.
2. **(For Request For Proposals(RFP):)** Failure to submit a proposal on the form provided, (if provided) shall be a cause for rejection of the bid. Modification of or additions to the General Terms and Conditions of the solicitation may be cause for rejection of the proposal; however, the City reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject such a proposal.

REVISIONS TO THE OFFICIAL ITB/RFP: No offeror shall modify, revise, edit or make any unauthorized change(s) to the original Official Invitation to Bid (ITB) or Official Request for Proposal (RFP). The Official solicitation document and the Addenda(s) are the documents posted on the City of Harrisonburg's web site and/or authorized by the City of Harrisonburg's Purchasing

Agent. Any such violation as stated above may result in rejection of the ITB/RFP response. In addition, violations may result in the debarment of the offeror by the City of Harrisonburg.

CLARIFICATION OF TERMS: If any prospective (bidder/offeror) has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective (bidder/offeror) should contact the person whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five working days before the due date. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the buyer.

PAYMENT:

1. To Prime Contractor:

- a. Invoices for items ordered, delivered and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the purchase order number; social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).
- b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
- c. All goods or services provided under this contract or purchase order, that are to be paid for with public funds, shall be billed by the contractor at the contract price.
- d. The following shall be deemed to be the date of payment: the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.
- e. Individual contractors shall provide their social security numbers, and proprietors, partnerships, and corporations shall provide the City with a federal employer identification number, prior to receiving any payment from the City.
- f. **Unreasonable Charges.** Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve the City of its prompt payment

obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (*Code of Virginia, 2.2.4363*).

2. To Subcontractors:

- a. A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - (1) To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the City for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - (2) To notify the City and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.
- b. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the City, except for amounts withheld as stated in (2) above. The date of mailing of any payment by U. S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the City.

PRECEDENCE OF TERMS: General Terms and Conditions shall apply in all instances. In the event there is a conflict between any of the other General Terms and Conditions and any Special Terms and Conditions in this solicitation, the Special Terms and Conditions shall apply.

QUALIFICATIONS OF (BIDDERS/OFFERORS): The City may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the (bidder/offeror) to perform the services/furnish the goods and the (bidder/offeror) shall furnish to the City all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The City reserves the right to inspect (bidder's/offeror's) physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the (bidder's/offeror's) capabilities. The City further reserves the right to reject any (bid/ proposal) if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such (bidder/offeror) fails to satisfy the City that such (bidder/offeror) is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.

TESTING AND INSPECTION: The City reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications.

ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT: A contract shall not be assignable by the contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the City.

CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT: Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:

1. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
2. The Purchasing Agent or City delegated agent may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the City a credit for any savings.

DEFAULT: In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the City, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies, which the City may have.

CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT: The City may terminate any agreement resulting from this solicitation at any time, for any reason or for no reason, upon thirty days advance written notice to the Contractor. In the event of such termination the Contractor shall be compensated for services and work performed prior to termination.

TAXES: Sales to the City of Harrisonburg are normally exempt from State sales tax. State sales and use tax certificates of exemption, Form ST-12, will be issued upon request.

(NOT NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS)

USE OF BRAND NAMES: Unless otherwise provided in this solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict (bidders/offerors) to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named, but conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired. Any article which the public body, in its sole discretion, determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The (bidder/offeror) is responsible to clearly and specifically identify the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the City to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid nonresponsive. Unless the (bidder/offeror) clearly indicates in its (bid/proposal) that the product offered is an “equal” product, such (bid/proposal) will be considered to offer the

brand name product referenced in the solicitation.(**NOT NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS**)

TRANSPORTATION AND PACKAGING: By submitting their (bids/proposals), all (bidders/offerors) certify and warrant that the price offered for FOB destination includes only the actual freight rate costs at the lowest and best rate and is based upon the actual weight of the goods to be shipped. Except as otherwise specified herein, standard commercial packaging, packing and shipping containers shall be used. All shipping containers shall be legibly marked or labeled on the outside with purchase order number, commodity description, and quantity.(**NOT NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS**)

INSURANCE: By signing and submitting a bid or proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will have insurance coverages per the solicitation document at the time the contract is awarded. For construction contracts, if any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance in accordance with 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the *Code of Virginia*. The bidder or offeror further certifies that the contractor and any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverages during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverages will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. (**NOT NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR GOODS CONTRACTS. INSURANCE IS REQUIRED WHEN WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED ON CITY OWNED OR LEASED FACILITIES OR PROPERTY.**)

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: Agreements are made subject to the appropriation of funds by the Harrisonburg City Council and are null and void in the event of non-appropriation by the City Council. Non-appropriation of funds shall not be deemed a cancellation and shall terminate this agreement without recourse and with no liability on the part of the City.

SELECTION PROCESS/AWARD: Upon the award or the announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the department will publicly post such notice for a minimum of ten (10) days, or will notify all responsive bidders/offerors.

BID/PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: Any bid/proposal resulting from this solicitation shall be valid for (30) days. At the end of the (30) days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder/Offeror. If the bid or proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.

EXCUSABLE DELAY: The City shall not be in default of any failure in performance of this agreement in accordance with its terms if such failure arises out of causes beyond its reasonable control and without the fault of or negligence of the City. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to acts of God or the public enemy, fires, flood, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and usually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the City.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE: During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

SAFETY and OSHA STANDARDS: All parties performing services for the City shall comply with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), State Occupational Health Standards, and any other applicable rules and regulations. All parties shall be held responsible for the training, supervision, and safety of their employees. Any unsafe acts or hazardous conditions that may cause injury or damage to any persons or property within and around the work site areas under this contract shall be remedied per the regulatory agency's guidelines.

PERMITS AND FEES: All proposals submitted shall have included in price the cost of any business or professional licenses, permits or fees required by the City of Harrisonburg or the Commonwealth of Virginia. The offeror must have all necessary licenses to perform the services in Virginia and, if practicing as a corporation, be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of VA.

COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT: This procurement is being conducted on behalf of other public bodies, in accordance with 2.2-4304 (A) of the Code of VA. The successful bidder has the option to provide these same items (services), except architectural and engineering services, at the same prices, awarded as a result of this solicitation to any public body within the Commonwealth of Virginia. If any other Public body decides to use the final contract, the contractor(s) must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement of orders, issuance of the purchase orders, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. Failure to extend a contract to any public body will have no effect on consideration of your bid.

LIABILITY AND LITIGATION: The City shall not indemnify or hold harmless any Contractor or other third party. The City does not waive any right or release any party from liability, whether on its own behalf or on behalf of any boards, employees or agents. The City does not waive the right to trial by jury for any cause of action arising from the Contract and shall not submit any Contract claim to binding arbitration or mediation. The City shall not be liable to Contractor for any special, punitive or exemplary damages arising from the performance of the contract, including, but not limited to, incidental damages, and lost profit and lost wages, even if such

special damages are reasonably foreseeable. Any provision(s) in the Contract contrary to these statements is/are hereby deleted and rendered void.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: Pursuant to Code of VA 2.2-4311.2 subsection B, a bidder or offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 is required to include in its bid or proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Any bidder or offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law is required to include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the bidder or offeror is not required to be so authorized. Link to the SCC site is <http://www.scc.virginia.gov>.

IX. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

By signing and submitting a proposal under this solicitation, the Offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, they will have the following insurance coverages at the time the contract is awarded. If any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers' compensation insurance. The Offeror further certifies that they or any subcontractors will maintain these insurance coverages during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverages will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

The City of Harrisonburg requires by endorsement, to be added as an additional insured on the vendor policy and a Certificate of Insurance needs to be filed with the City Purchasing Agent showing the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia listed as an additional insured.

INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED:

1. Worker's Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits.
2. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single limit.
3. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single limit.
4. Excess Liability - \$1,000,000

X. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an Offeror in connection with this solicitation shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, the Offeror must invoke the protections of this section PRIOR to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must clearly identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. Attachment B provides a place to identify any proprietary information.

XI. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

All proposals must be in an opaque, sealed envelope or box and clearly marked: "Sealed Proposal: Gas Meter Replacement RFP 2014018-FD-P". Proposals shall clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the Offeror (company, firm, partnership or individual). All expenses for making this proposal to the City shall be borne by the Offeror. Offerors are requested to submit three (3) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy (CD or thumb drive) of the proposal no later than **January 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. local time** to the City of Harrisonburg Purchasing Office located at 345 South Main Street, Room 201, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Any proposal received after this time and date will not be considered. The Offeror has the sole responsibility to have the proposal received by the City's Purchasing Agent at the above address and by the above stated time and date. Clearly identified proprietary information will not be disclosed during the selection process. Attachment B provides a place to identify any proprietary information. All documents below in the Submission Checklist shall be completed in their entirety and signed where required. **The City reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any point during the process.**

Submission Checklist for Offerors:

- Cover Page
- SCC Form (Attachment A)
- Proprietary Information Identification (Attachment B)
- Responses to Basic Requirements section (pages 3-4) & additional pages if required
- Product Specifications Brochure, including color photos (if available)
- Pricing Sheet for front-end cost
- Pricing Sheet for support cost
- References List

XII. QUESTIONS

Questions related to the RFP and the selection process should be in writing and directed to Ms. Pat Hilliard, Purchasing Agent for the City of Harrisonburg via email to Purchasing@harrisonburgva.gov.

Questions or requests for clarification may be emailed to the contact listed above by Friday, January 3, 2014 at noon, local time. All relevant questions and responses to inquiries will be posted as addenda on the City's Purchasing web page at www.harrisonburgva.gov/bids-proposals and also on eVA at www.eva.virginia.gov. It is the responsibility of all Offerors to ensure that they have received and reviewed all addenda and to include signed copies of any and all addenda with their proposal submission.

XIII. CONTRACT AWARD

Selection shall be made of two or more Offerors deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals, on the basis of the factors involved in the request for proposals, including price if so stated in the request for proposal. Negotiations shall then be conducted with each of the Offerors so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each Offeror so selected, the City shall select the Offeror which, in its opinion, has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that Offeror. Should the City determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one Offeror is fully qualified, or that one Offeror is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that Offeror. Once the selection has been made as to which Offeror will be awarded the contract, the Purchasing Agent will post a Notice of Award on the City's website at www.harrisonburgva.gov/bid-proposal-award-notifications and also on eVA at www.eva.virginia.gov.

The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals. The City also reserves the right to reject the proposal of a bidder deemed to be a non-responsible offeror.



ATTACHMENT A: STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION FORM

Virginia State Corporation Commission (“SCC”) registration information: The undersigned Offeror:

is a corporation or other business entity with the following SCC identification number:

_____ **-OR-**

is not a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, registered limited liability partnership, or business trust **-OR-**

is an out-of-state business entity that does not regularly and continuously maintain as part of its ordinary and customary business any employees, agents, offices, facilities, or inventories in Virginia (not counting any employees or agents in Virginia who merely solicit orders that require acceptance outside Virginia before they become contracts, and not counting any incidental presence of the Offeror in Virginia that is needed in order to assemble, maintain, and repair goods in accordance with the contracts by which such goods were sold and shipped into Virginia from bidder’s out-of-state location) **-OR-**

is an out-of-state business entity that is including with this RFP an opinion of legal counsel which accurately and completely discloses the undersigned Offeror’s current contacts with Virginia and describes why those contacts do not constitute the transaction of business in Virginia within the meaning of §13.1-757 or other similar provisions in Titles 13.1 or 50 of the Code of Virginia.

****NOTE**** >> Check the following box if you have not completed any of the foregoing options but currently have pending before the SCC an application for authority to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish to be considered for a waiver to allow you to submit the SCC identification number after the due date for proposals (the Commonwealth reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion whether to allow such waiver):

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____
(Print)

Title: _____

Name of Firm: _____

**This document must be completed and returned with proposal.*



ATTACHMENT B: PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION IDENTIFICATION

Name of Firm/Offeror:

Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, the offeror must invoke the protections of §2.2-4342F of the Code of Virginia, in writing, either before or at the time the data or other material is submitted. The written notice must specifically identify the data or materials to be protected, including the section of the proposal in which it is contained, as well as the page number(s), and state the reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute a trade secret or proprietary information. In addition, a summary of proprietary information provided shall be submitted on this form. The designation of an entire proposal document, line item prices, and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable. If, after being given reasonable time, the offeror refuses to withdraw such a classification designation, the proposal will be rejected.

SECTION/TITLE	PAGE NUMBER(S)	REASON(S) FOR WITHHOLDING FROM DISCLOSURE

Check this box if there are none.

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ATTACHMENT C: SAMPLE STANDARD CONTRACT RFP

This Contract entered into this ___ day of _____ 20___, by _____ hereinafter called the “Contractor” and City of Harrisonburg, VA, called the “Owner”.

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Owner, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF CONTRACT: The Contractor shall provide the goods/services to the Owner as set forth in the Contract Documents.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: From _____ through _____.

The contract documents shall consist of:

- (1) This signed form;
- (2) The entire City of Harrisonburg’s Official Request for Proposal (no revisions by the Contractor)

dated: _____

If applicable, any Official City Addenda(s):

#1, dated: _____

- (3) The Contractor’s Proposal dated _____ and the attached negotiated modifications (if applicable) to the Proposal, all of which documents are incorporated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

CONTRACTOR:

CITY OF HARRISONBURG, OWNER:

By: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____