



DATE: October 11th, 2024

Addendum# 1

BID NO.: 101429
OPENING: 10/21/24 at 1:00 PM
COMMODITY: ATHLETIC FIELDS SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES

This addendum is being issued to answer the questions received by the deadline referenced in the above bid.

Please see the following page.

Purchasing Department
The University of Rhode Island

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**BID 101429 – ATHLETIC FIELD SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

1. Is the work covered under this Bid prevailing wage?

Answer: No, prevailing wage does not apply to this bid.

2. Is this a multi-year contract? If so for how many seasons? Will Separate bid sheets per year be issued by addendum so the contractor may bid each season's coverage separately?

Answer: This is a 1-year solicitation. The multi-year language was included as the contract term spans 2 fiscal years for the University. URI's fiscal year is 7/1 – 6/30.

3. Is the Contractors Insurance Rider required to be submitted with the Bidders bid submission?

Answer: Insurance is not required to be submitted with your bid. Certificates of Insurance will be requested during the tentative award process. If a vendor cannot comply with the insurance requirements, the tentative award letter will be rescinded.

4. No line item is provided for hand labor; in the past some hand labor was required to thoroughly perform the task at hand. Will a line item be created for hand labor?

Answer: No, hand labor is not included in this snow removal contract.

5. Bid line item #7 is for mobilization; will this be billable for every storm regardless if the contractor's equipment is onsite or not?

Answer: The bid price for mobilization would be chargeable each snow event services are requested. URI will provide contractor onsite parking of equipment if contractor chooses. Either way, contractor will be able to charge for the mobilization.

6. It is our understanding that URI has purchased and has machinery, two pieces in-total, to devote solely to self-perform, or jointly with the contractor, the work covered under this contract. I do not see this clarified in the contract bid documents, is this correct?

Answer: URI owns various snow removal equipment that are capable of removing snow from the field surface, but URI is lacking in labor for this effort. Therefore, URI must rely on a contractor to perform snow removal with their own equipment as per the specifications.

7. If URI intends to self-perform the work covered under this contract, please clarify the purpose of this contract?



Answer: The purpose of this contract is to provide snow removal services on URI's synthetic Athletic fields. URI has minimal capability to self-perform within in the service period of this contract. This contract does not exclude URI from minor snow removal tasks on the fields, but URI will rely on a contractor to perform this work for regular snow events.

- 8. In the past the contractor performed the snow removal on the football field exclusively with one machine for the entire season. If URI has two machines solely devoted to this task there is an extremely high probability that the contractor will not be utilized. How will the contractor be compensated for yearly cost expended such as equipment payments, Insurance, labor on standby etc. if the contractor is not utilized?**

Answer: It will be URI's discretion whether any services are needed for any snow event. All of URI's snow removal contracts are structured this way. The contractor must receive direction from URI prior to initiating any services.

- 9. If URI will be self-performing this work and does utilize the contractor along with URI's equipment during the same storm how can liability of damages to the field surface be determined if it does occur?**

Answer: Please see the answer to Question #11.

- 10. If URI will be self-performing this work and does utilize the contractor along with URI's equipment during the same storm will URI hold the vendor harmless from any and all liability seeing the vendor cannot be liable for work self-performed or simultaneously by URI and the contractor?**

Answer: Please see the answer to Question# 11.

- 11. Part IV, Section A-4 requires the contractor to furnish liability insurance coverage for any losses relating to tearing or ripping of the turf carpet etc., the cost of this insurance is in excess of \$40k per year. If URI intends to self-perform this work or perform this work jointly with the contractor this insurance coverage may not be attainable due to liability as described in PBQ#9 & 10. If URI does intend to self-perform some of this work and since the contractor may not be able to obtain this insurance due to URI self or jointly performing this work will URI waive this insurance requirement?**

Answer: URI will not perform any work on the field jointly with contractor. Questions regarding a contractor's liability should be addressed by their own legal counsel. As indicated in the solicitation documents, this solicitation and any contract or purchase order arising from it are issued in accordance



with the specific requirements described therein, and the State's Purchasing Laws and the RI Division of Purchases Procurement Regulations and General Conditions of Purchase. The General Conditions of Purchase, along with items specified in § 13.4 thereof, shall serve as the Contract between a Vendor and the URI and URI does not intend to modify the requirements of the solicitation, or accept offers for alternate specifications, or offers which are made subject to different terms and conditions.

- 12. If URI will not waive the insurance requirement as described in PBQ#11 how will the contractor be compensated for this cost if the contractor is not utilized for the season? Will a separate line item be added to the contract to compensate the contractor by addendum?**

Answer: Specific insurance costs are Contractor's overhead. There are no line items in this contract to cover Contractor's insurance.

- 13. If URI will not waive the insurance requirement as described in PBQ#11 this will create an unfair advantage to other contractors who already have this insurance coverage in place and if they choose not to disclose to their insurer the fact that URI will be self-performing some or all of this work covered under this contract. How does URI intend to address this unfair advantage if URI chooses not to waive the insurance requirement as contained in PBQ#11?**

Answer: The specification details of this contract are publicly available to all prospective contractors. It shall be the Contractor's decision how bid the line items to meet their business needs.

- 14. Would it be possible to have a designated campus buildings room available with bathroom facilities and an area for contractors' workers to warm up during large snow events? In the past this has seemed to be an issue during the overnight hours.**

Answer: Yes, URI can arrange a facility warming location for contractor's workers.