

**OPWDD STATEWIDE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AND FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS INSPECTION,  
TESTING, MAINTENANCE, REMEDIAL REPAIRS, EMERGENCY SERVICE CALLS AND REPAIRS**

**COSCO0053-56**

**Questions and Answers 1 – January 20, 2021**

- Q1 For the Sprinkler systems Inspection, Testing and Maintenance I am wondering if these properties are only split by 2 lots (Lot 2A & Lot 2B) or if they would/could be broke down more. Like if would be able to bid for just the western NY region?
- A1 Lot 2A and Lot 2B will remain as defined in section 1.1 of the RFP and will not be broken down into additional Lots.
- Q2 Good morning...can you tell me the region of New York where your offices and facilities are located?
- A2 Bidders should refer to Attachment 5 – “Equipment by Site” posted at <https://opwdd.ny.gov/procurement-opportunities>. Attachment 5 lists the location of all sites covered under this RFP.
- Q3 The above referenced RFP doesn't appear to have prevailing wage requirements or a PRC number. Please clarify if this will require prevailing wage.
- A3 Please refer to RFP Section 1.1 for detailed information on prevailing wage requirements specific to this procurement, along with the PRC#'s issued for each Lot.
- Q4 The above referenced RFP doesn't appear to have any inspector qualifications with respect to field technicians. Please clarify if this RFP will require proof of minimal training for field persons performing the work such as completion of approved apprenticeships, or NICET certifications.

**A4** Please refer to RFP sections 2.3, 3.1, and 3.2. All inspections and testing shall be in accordance with and as identified in the RFP scope of work, manufacturer recommendations and the following applicable referenced standards:

- National Fire Alarm Code NFPA 72
- Fire Code of New York State 19 NYCRR 1225
- 14 NYCRR Part 635
- NFPA 25, Standard for Inspection Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems.
- Plumbing Code of NYS 19 NYCRR 1222 and 10 NYCRR 5

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**Q5** The above reference RFP doesn't appear to have Management qualifications. Please clarify if management supervisors will need proof of applicable Licensing, and training including completion of certified apprenticeship programs or NICET certifications.

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**Q6** We do not cover down state or the Capital region. Can this be bid in lots or does it have to be bid for all regions?

**A6** The work will be broken down into the Lots defined in RFP section 1.1. OPWDD has determined this break down best meets the needs of the agency and will require bidders to submit a proposal that covers sites located in all counties defined within a Lot.

**Q7** There are no SDVOB goals on the "Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Sprinkler System Inspection, Testing, Maintenance, Remedial Repairs, Emergency Service Calls and Repairs" contract advertised on 8/27/20 in the Contract Reporter (Contract number: C0SCO0053-56). This seems like an opportunity for your agency to reach SDVOB

goals. Do you know if any good faith efforts were made to locate SDVOBs? Would you consider adding a 6% SDVOB participation goal?

- A7 OPWDD conducted a Pre-Award analysis of SDVOB opportunity and determined due to the nature of the work a SDVOB goal was not applicable or feasible for this procurement. Although this procurement does not have a SDVOB goal assessed, OPWDD encourages the use of SDVOB firms whenever possible. A 6% SDVOB participation goal will not be added.
- Q8 I reviewed the bid package for the Fire Alarm Systems. We currently service HVDDSO for the Rockland locations. I see from the bid package that you are looking for one bid for all the HVDDSO houses in Rockland, Orange and Westchester. Are we able to ONLY bid on the Rockland portion?
- A8 Please refer to Section 1.1 of the RFP which defines the counties to be serviced in each Lot. If a bidder chooses to bid on a Lot, they must bid all site locations within the counties defined in that Lot. A proposal submitted that does not include all sites will be deemed non-responsive.
- Q9 I received the RFP for the OPWDD statewide Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Sprinkler Systems Inspection, Testing, Maintenance, Remedial Repairs, Emergency Calls and Repairs for PRC #2021000063, 2021000072, 2021000074 & 2021000075. I would like to clarify the mandatory meeting site and requirements.
- A9 The meeting information will be posted to the procurement website at <https://opwdd.ny.gov/procurement-opportunities>.