

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

PURCHASING DIVISION

100 TENTH STREET, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901

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706-225-4087, Fax 706-225-3033

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Date: April 20, 2021

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:	Qualified firms are requested to submit proposals, subject to conditions and instructions as specified, for the furnishing of:
RFP No. 21-0033	BROKERS FOR GENERAL INSURANCE PLACEMENT (ANNUAL CONTRACT)
GENERAL SCOPE	<p>It is the intent of Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to enter into an annual contract with qualified offeror(s) to obtain quotes and place general insurance including, but not limited to, Property & Casualty, Crime and Cyber insurance.</p> <p>The City is not requesting insurance quotations at this time and expressly prohibits prospective brokers from quoting or approaching carriers at this time.</p>
DUE DATE	MAY 14, 2021 - 5:00 PM (EASTERN)
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Division is suspending the receipt of hard copies of sealed responses until further notice. Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices A through D for information and instructions on how to register and submit a proposal through DemandStar.
ADDENDA	The Purchasing Division will post addenda (if any) for this project at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm . It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda, before the due date and prior to submitting a response.
NO SUBMITTAL	If you are not interested in this solicitation, complete and return page 3.

Andrea J. McCorvey,
Purchasing Division Manager



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

E-Notification

The City uses the Georgia Procurement Registry e-notification system. You must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace to receive future procurement notifications at <http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier>.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems while registering, please contact the Team Georgia Marketplace Procurement Helpdesk:

Telephone: 404-657-6000

Fax: 404-657-8444

Email: procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov

STATEMENT OF "NO PROPOSAL SUBMISSION"

Notify the Purchasing Division if you do not intend to submit a Proposal:

Email: BidOpportunities@ColumbusGa.org

Fax: 706-225-3033

Attn: Della Lewis, CPPB, GCPA

Columbus Consolidated Government

Purchasing Division

P. O. Box 1340

We, the undersigned decline to submit a proposal for **RFP No. 21-0033** for **Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract)** for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Specifications are too "tight", i.e., geared towards one brand or manufacturer (explain below)
- ☐ There is insufficient time to respond.
- ☐ We do not offer this product and/or service.
- ☐ We are unable to meet specifications.
- ☐ We are unable to meet bond requirements.
- ☐ Specifications are unclear (explain below).
- ☐ We are unable to meet insurance requirements.
- ☐ Other (specify below)

Comments:

COMPANY NAME: _____

REPRESENTATIVE: _____

DATE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED BELOW IN SECTION 3-110 OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE. ALL PROPOSALS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AWARD.

3-110. Competitive Sealed Proposals (Negotiations)

(1) Conditions for Use

When the Purchasing Manager determines that the use of competitive sealed bidding for any procurement is either not practicable or not advantageous to the City, a contract may be entered into using the competitive sealed proposals (negotiation) method. In addition, the competitive sealed proposal process shall be used for the procurement of professional services, specialized equipment or supplies.

The competitive sealed proposal process may be used for procurements with an estimated total cost less than \$25,000.00, if deemed to be in the best interest of the City. If the total cost can be determined, the authority to approve such solicitations will be as prescribed by [article 3-104](#), Purchasing Limits. If, due to the required services, a total cost cannot be determined then the award recommendation will be approved by Council.

A. Request for Proposals

Proposals shall be solicited through Request for Proposals. The Purchasing Division shall establish the specifications with the using agency and set the date and time to receive proposals. The request for proposal shall include a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the service or item to be procured.

B. Public Notice

The public will be given adequate notice of the request for proposals, provided that, adequate notice shall mean at least fifteen (15) business days before the due date, which is stated in the request. ***The City reserves the right to seek request for proposals in a shorter period, if necessary, as determined by the Purchasing Manager.***

Notice shall be published in a reasonable time before due date, contain a description of the procurement in general terms, as well as, the place and due date for proposals, and appear in a newspaper(s) of general circulation, specifically the City's legal organ. In addition to publication in newspapers, notice shall also be made by electronic means, including posting on the internet and on the City's government access television channel.

Public works construction projects shall be advertised in accordance with Georgia State Law.

The City reserves the right to mail or e-mail invitations directly to vendors under the following circumstances:

- Solicitations for specialized equipment/supplies.
- Solicitations for specialized services.
- Re-bid of solicitations where normal advertising procedures netted no responses.
- Whenever deemed necessary by the purchasing manager.

C. Receipt of Proposals

Proposals must be received by the deadline date established. No public opening will be held. No proposals shall be handled to permit disclosure of the identity of any offeror or the contents of any proposal to competing offerors during the process of discussion. A register of proposals shall be prepared as part of the contract file, and shall contain the name of each offeror, the number of modifications received (if any), and a description sufficient to identify the item offered. The register of proposals shall be open for public inspection only after contract award.

D. Evaluation Factors

The request for proposals shall identify the relative importance of cost (when applicable) and other evaluation criteria.

E. Evaluation Process

An odd number of voting members of a Selection or Evaluation Committee shall evaluate all proposals received based upon the criteria stated in the request for proposals. Each voting committee member shall grade each submitted proposal based upon the evaluation criteria.

F. Discussion with Responsible Offerors and Revisions to Proposals

As provided in the Request for Proposals, discussions (negotiations) may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, to assure full understanding of and conformance to the solicitation requirements. All qualified, responsible offerors shall be given fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals, and such revisions may be permitted after submissions and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of the identity of competing offerors or any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. If only one proposal response is received, then the award recommendation shall be to the single offeror, if the offeror meets all requirements.

G. Award

After negotiations, the award recommendation must be presented to Columbus City Council for final approval. Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration total cost (if determined) and all other evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals.

After Council approval, a contract based on the negotiations (if negotiations were necessary) will be drawn and signed by all necessary parties. If Council does not approve the award, it may direct that further negotiations may take place with the recommended offeror, or that negotiations begin with the next most qualified offeror. Council may also exercise the option to reject all offers and instruct the Purchasing Manager to begin the procurement process again. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made.

After contract award, the contract file, will be made public. Unsuccessful offerors will be afforded the opportunity to make an appointment with the Purchasing Division for a debriefing. After the award, the contract file and the unsuccessful proposals will become subject to disclosure under the Georgia Open Records Act.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR NEED CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS SOLICITATION?

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ANY SOLICITATION CURRENTLY ADVERTISED MUST TAKE PLACE IN WRITTEN FORM AND ADDRESSED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER OR IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION.

ANY REQUEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM

Date: _____

To: Della Lewis, Buyer Specialist
Email BidOpportunities@ColumbusGA.org or
Fax (706) 225-3033

Re: **Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0033**

Questions and requests for clarification must be submitted at least five (5) business days before the due date:

From:

Company Name

Website

Representative

Email Address

Complete Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number

Fax Number

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract) RFP No. 21-0033

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The City is not requesting insurance quotations at this time and expressly prohibits prospective brokers from quoting or approaching carriers at this time.

A. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DATE:

PROPOSALS ARE DUE: MAY 14, 2021 NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM (Eastern). *Submit one electronic response via DemandStar.*

After award of Contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide an identical hard copy of submitted proposal, with original signatures.

The City shall not be held liable for any expenses incurred by the respondent in preparing and submitting the proposal and/or attendance at any interviews, final contract negotiations or applicable site visits. **The City reserves the right to award this project or to reject any and all proposals; whichever is in the best interest of the City.**

B. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS:

Unless otherwise stated in the technical specifications of the RFP, the City will accept one, and only one, proposal per Offeror. In the event a team of firms is entering into a joint venture to respond to the RFP, one firm shall be named the prime contractor and the proposal shall be submitted in the name of the prime contractor. All correspondence concerning the RFP will be between the City and prime contractor.

C. SUBCONTRACTING:

Should the offeror intend to subcontract all or any part of the work specified, names and address of subcontractors must be provided in proposal response. The offeror shall be responsible for subcontractors' full compliance with the requirements of the RFP specifications. If awarded the contract, payments will only be made to the offerors submitting the proposal. The Columbus Consolidated Government will not be responsible for payments to subcontractors.

D. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RFP:

Communication concerning any solicitation currently advertised must take place in writing and addressed to the Purchasing Division. See page titled "Do You Have Questions ..." within this proposal package. **Questions and Requests for Clarification will be received until five business days prior to the proposal due date.**

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION:

All information and materials submitted will become the property of the Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Georgia; and shall be subject to the provisions of the Georgia public records law. If awarded the contract, the proposal submission, in its entirety, will be included as part of the contract documents and filed, as public record, with the Clerk of Council.

F. ADDENDA:

The proposer shall include acknowledgment of receipt of addenda (if any) in their sealed proposal. The proposer should include an initialed copy of each addendum in the proposal package. It is the proposer's responsibility to contact the City for copies of addenda if they receive the proposal document from any other source other than the City.

G. CONTRACT:

Each proposal is received with the understanding that an acceptance in writing by the City of the offer to furnish any or all of the services and materials described shall constitute a contract between the proposer and the City. This contract shall bind the proposers to furnish and deliver the services and materials quoted, at the prices stated and in accordance with the condition of said accepted proposal.

It is agreed that the successful respondent will not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without previous consent of the City and any sureties.

H. NON-COLLUSION:

Proposer declares that the proposal is not made in connection with any other proposer submitting a proposal for the same commodity or commodities, and that the proposal is bona fide and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

I. INDEMNITY:

The successful respondent agrees, by entering into this contract, to defend, indemnify and hold City harmless from any and all causes of action or claims of damages arising out of or under this contract.

J. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CLAUSE:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (minority or women owned businesses) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration for an award. It is the policy of the City that disadvantaged business enterprises and minority business enterprises have an opportunity to participate at all levels of contracting in the performance of City contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract.

K. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM - NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE:

The City has an Affirmative Action Program in connection with Equal Employment Opportunities. The successful vendor will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, and will not discriminate between or among them by reason of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or physical handicap.

L. SPECIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS:

The specifications detailed herein represent the quality of equipment, goods or services required by the City. Whenever in this invitation any particular process, service or equipment is indicated or specified by patent, proprietary or brand name of manufacturer/developer/inventor, such wording will be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating descriptions of the process, service or equipment desired by the City. It is not meant to eliminate offerors or restrict competition in any RFP process. Proposals that are equivalent or surpass stated specifications will be considered. Determination of equivalency shall rest solely with the City.

M. TAXES:

The City is exempt from State Retail Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Tax Exemption No. GA Code Sec. 48-8-3. Federal ID No. 58-1097948.

N. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

Per Ordinance No. 93-55, in compliance with Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts, the Council of Columbus, Georgia adopted a drug free Workplace Policy. Consequently, any vendor providing goods or services to Columbus Consolidated Government must comply with all applicable Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts.

O. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL LAWS:

All respondents will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relative to conducting business in Columbus, Georgia and performing the prescribed service. Ignorance on the part of the respondent shall not, in any way, relieve the respondent from responsibility for compliance with said laws and regulations or any of the provisions of these documents.

P. PROVISIONS OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE:

The provisions of the Procurement Ordinance for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia as adopted and amended by Council shall apply to all invitations to respond to Requests for Proposals and is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. The procurement ordinance is codified on Section 2-3.03 of the Columbus Code and can be accessed through the City's web-site at https://library.municode.com/ga/columbus/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Q. INSURANCE:

All respondents shall maintain, and if requested, show proof of insurance applicable for services described in these specifications.

R. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

The successful respondent hereby agrees to indemnify, hold free and harmless Columbus Consolidated Government (The City), its agents, servants, employees, officers, directors and elected officials or any other person(s) against any loss or expense including attorney fees, by reason of any liability imposed by law upon the City, except in cases of the City's sole negligence, sustained by any person(s) on account of bodily injury or property damage arising out of or in the consequence of this agreement.

S. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

1. **Default:** If the contractor refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this contract, the Purchasing Division Director may notify the contractor in writing of the delay or nonperformance and if not cured within **ten (10) days** or any longer time specified in writing by the Purchasing Division Director, such director may terminate the contractor's right to proceed with the contract or such part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

In the event of termination in whole or in part the Purchasing Division Director may procure similar supplies or services, from other sources, in a manner and upon terms deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Division Director. The contractor will continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and will be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.

2. **Compensation:** Payment for completed supplies or services delivered and accepted by the City will be at the contract price. The City may withhold from amounts due the contractor such sums as the Purchasing Director deems to be necessary to protect the City against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the City for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.
3. **Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance.** Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, the contractor shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms (including any failure by the contractor to make progress in the prosecution of the work hereunder which endangers such performance) if the contractor has notified the Purchasing Division Director within 15 days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of public enemy; acts of the City and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather. If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the contractor shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor was reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the contract requirements.

Upon request of the contractor, the Purchasing Division Director shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such director determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by anyone or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly.

T. TIME FOR CONSIDERATION:

Due to the evaluation process, proposals must remain in effect for at least **120 days** after date of receipt.

U. CONTRACT AWARD:

Award of this contract will be made in the best interest of the City.

V. REQUEST FOR EVALUATION RESULTS:

Per the City's Procurement Ordinance, evaluation results cannot be divulged until after the award of the contract. After contract award, proponents desiring to review documents relevant to the RFP evaluation results will be afforded an opportunity by appointment only.

W. GOVERNING LAW:

The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Georgia, both as to interpretations and performance.

X. FINAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that the final contract shall include the following: **1)** The RFP; **2)** Addenda; **3)** Awarded Vendors(s) response; **4)** Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; **5)** Negotiated Components; and **6)** Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

Y. PAYMENT DEDUCTIONS:

The City reserves the right to deduct, from payments to awarded vendor(s), any amount owed to the City for various fees, to include, but not limited to: False Alarm fees, Ambulance fees, Occupation License Fees, Landfill fees, etc.

Z. PAYMENT TERMS:

The City's standard payment term is usually net 30 days, after successful receipt of goods or services. Payment may take longer if invoice is not properly documented or not easily identifiable, goods/services are not acceptable, or invoice is in dispute.

AA. RIGHT TO PROTEST:

- (1) Right of Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder offeror, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Purchasing Manager initially. All protests shall be filed in the manner prescribed herein. Protests that do not comply with the following rules shall be deemed invalid and of no effect.
- (2) The protest must be in writing, executed by a company officer that is authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the bidder or offeror or provided by an authorized legal representative of the protestor.
- (3) A protest with respect to an invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing no less than five (5) business days prior to the opening of bids or the closing date of proposals or qualification statements.
- (4) Stay of Procurement During Protests. If there is a timely protest submitted as described above, the Purchasing Manager shall not proceed further with the solicitation or award of the contract until all administrative remedies have been exhausted or until the City Council, Mayor, or City Manager makes a determination on the record that the award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the City.

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Sec. 2-3.05. - Submitting bids to Consolidated Government, etc.—By mayor or councilmembers.

Neither the mayor nor any member of the Columbus Council shall submit any bid to the consolidated government, nor shall the mayor or any member of the Columbus Council own or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government. (Ord. No. 92-60, 6-23-92)

Sec. 2-3.06. - Same—By members of boards, authorities, commissions.

No member of any board or authority or commission or other independent or subordinate entity of the consolidated government shall submit any bid to the consolidated government or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government if such bid pertains to the board or authority or commission on which such person holds such membership. (Ord. No. 92-61, 6-23-92)

SPECIFICATIONS
BROKERS FOR GENERAL INSURANCE PLACEMENT
(ANNUAL CONTRACT)
RFP No. 21-0033

I. SCOPE

It is the intent of Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to enter into an annual contract with qualified offeror(s) to obtain quotes and place general insurance including, but not limited to, Property & Casualty, Crime and Cyber insurance. **The City is not requesting insurance quotations at this time and expressly prohibits prospective brokers from quoting or approaching carriers at this time.**

II. INTRODUCTION/ HISTORY

For the past (5) years, the City has utilized the services of Yates, Woolfolk & Turner to obtain quotes and place insurance covering Property & Casualty, Crime and Cybersecurity. The City relies on the expertise and knowledge of their brokers to obtain the best possible coverage at the best possible price and also to advise its officers and staff on other relevant coverages that may be advisable.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

The qualified offeror shall have the following:

- A. A minimum of three years of experience in writing, underwriting, and serving property and crime insurance.
- B. Capability and willingness of agency resources to personally respond to the professional needs of the Insured in a timely manner.
- C. Errors and Omissions Insurance for a negligent act, error, or omission in the performance of the Contractor's Professional Service.
- D. Insurance companies presented by Agents must carry at a minimum Best Rating of A-.

IV. CONTRACT TERM

- A. The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the City's option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

Notice of intent to renew will be given to the contractor in writing by the City Purchasing Manager, normally sixty days before the expiration date of the current contract period.

It should be noted that multi-year contracts may be continued each fiscal year only after funding appropriations and program approvals have been granted by the Council of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia. In the event that the necessary funding is not approved, then the affected multi-year contract becomes null and void, effective July 1st of the fiscal year for which such approval has been denied.

B. Termination for Convenience

For the protection of both parties, either party giving **60 days** prior notice, in writing, to the other party, may cancel this contract.

V. AWARD

The City reserves the right to award the RFP to one or more firms, whichever is in the best interest of the City.

VI. PREMIUM PAYMENTS

The premium will be paid in annual installments, not later than the 15th day of the month (month in which Council approved the award of the contract) of each anniversary year. Premium can be renegotiated not later than forty-five (45) days before the anniversary of the policy and not earlier than 90 days before the end of each policy year. The Columbus Consolidated Government will have the right to cancel coverage, without penalty, with written notice to the agency and carrier.

VII. SEMI-ANNUAL LOSS RUNS WILL BE MAILED TO:

Angelica Alexander
Finance Director
Columbus Consolidated Government
P. O. Box 1340
Columbus, GA 31902-1340
Telephone (706) 225-3063
Email: aaalexander@columbusga.org

VIII. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City, and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents, and employees (collectively the “City”) from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney’s fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Contractor’s intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent acts or omissions in performance or nonperformance of its work called for by the Contract Documents.

IX. INSURANCE

The vendors shall be required, at their own expense, to furnish to the City of Columbus Purchasing Division, evidence showing the insurance coverage to be in force throughout the term of the contract. Insurance requirements are listed on the attached **Insurance Checklist (Form 5)**. **The limits shown are minimum limits. Vendor shall indicate the actual limit they will provide for each insurance requirement. The bidder shall complete the Insurance Checklist and include with bid response. Certificate of Insurance is acceptable.** The Insurance Checklist will indicate to the City, the bidder’s ability and agreement to provide the required insurance, in the event of contract award.

The successful candidate shall provide the required Certificates of Insurance within **10 business days** after award notification. The Certificates of Insurance will name Columbus Consolidated Government as an additional insured, **as well as list the applicable project or annual contract name, and/or Solicitation name and number.** The Certificate of Insurance will be included with the contract documents prior to signing.

X. E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, a public employer shall not enter into a contract for the performance of services unless the contractor registers and participates in the federal work

authorization program. If a supplier is providing services under a contract with a total compensation amount of \$2,500 or greater, (even if such services will be performed outside of the State of Georgia), DOAS requires a notarized affidavit from the supplier attesting to the following:

- (A) The affiant has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program;
- (B) The user identification number and date of authorization for the affiant;
- (C) The affiant will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period; and
- (D) The affiant will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the same information required by subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph.

Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: <http://www.audits.ga.gov/NALGAD/IllegalImmigrationReformandEnforcementAct.html>. **A completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's or individual's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for award consideration.**

XI. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Division is suspending the receipt of hard copies of sealed responses and public solicitation openings until further notice. **Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices A through D for information and instructions on how to register and submit proposals through DemandStar.**

Firms should submit proposals that address each of the sections specified below. *With the exception of the E-Verify Affidavit (Form 1) and the form titled "Communication Concerning This Solicitation" (Form 2), the City reserves the right to request any omitted information. Firms shall be notified, in writing, and shall have two (2) days, after notification, to submit the omitted information. If the omitted information is not received within two (2) days, the firm shall be deemed non-responsive and the proposal will not receive further consideration.*

Section 1: Transmittal Letter

Transmittal letter shall introduce the applicant/business, describe the ownership, include complete address, phone, and fax numbers (if applicable), and **include the name and email address(es) of contact person(s) during this proposal process.** Include a statement to the effect that the proposal is binding for at least 120 days from the proposal date. **An authorized agent of the business must sign the transmittal letter.**

Section 2: E-Verify Affidavit (Form 1)

A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration. Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: <http://www.audits.ga.gov/NALGAD/IllegalImmigrationReformandEnforcementAct.html>

Section 3: Addenda Acknowledgement

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Section 4: Communication Concerning This Solicitation

Complete the form titled *Communication Concerning This Solicitation (Form 2)*

Section 5: Exceptions to RFP

- A. List **ANY AND ALL** exceptions to the RFP specifications in this section of proposal submission. Exceptions listed in other areas of the vendor's submission will not be considered. All exceptions will be vetted during the RFP process, and if found unacceptable, the vendor's proposal will be rejected and no longer considered for award. Exceptions shall be considered by the Evaluation Committee. The vendor's proposal may not receive further consideration if exceptions are not acceptable and/or cannot be clarified to the Committee's satisfaction. Vendors shall be notified in writing if exceptions are not acceptable. **PLEASE NOTE: EXCEPTIONS TO THE RFP GENERAL PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, AND IF SUBMITTED WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER THE RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- B. **VENDOR AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FORM:** Exceptions also include the terms of any contract or other agreements which the vendor or any subcontractors will require to be executed by the City.
- C. **If there are no exceptions, vendor must include a statement for this Section stating the following: No Exceptions.**

Section 6: Qualifications/Experience

This section shall address the qualifications listed on page 13, Item III, and include the offeror's responses to the following:

- A. Vendor shall submit statements or evidence of experience; any applicable licenses, certifications, etc., which demonstrates the firm has at least three (3) years of experience.
- B. Provide insurance carrier's strength and claims payment record.
- C. Provide copy of policy, forms, and endorsements.
- D. Provide information on agency size and experiences.

Section 7: Client Work History (Form 3)

Provide the three (3) most recent clients to whom you provided the same or similar services. Include entity name, contact, address, phone number, email address, and contract dates.

Section 8: Service Plan

Provide a detailed service plan, which describes the manner and method the offerors will use to perform the requirements of this contract, which shall include, but not limited to the following:

- A. Describe the procedures for CCG to follow when filing a claim.
- B. Provide location of office, which would service the CCG account and contact person.

Section 9: Cost Proposal

Delineate, in detail, all cost associated with providing the specified services.

Section 10: Contract Signature Page

Complete **Form 4**. City officials will sign the copies after Columbus Council approves the contract award with the successful firm (*see note below*). Per the General Provisions, Page 12, Item X, the final contract shall include the following: 1) The RFP; 2) Addenda; 3) Awarded Vendor(s) response; 4) Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; 5) Negotiated Components; and 6) Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

Please note: After award of contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide two (2) identical hard copies of submitted proposal with original signatures.

Section 11: Proof of Insurance

Provide Insurance Checklist (**Form 5**) or Certificate of Insurance.

Section 12: Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Complete and return **Page 1** of the Form W-9, which is available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

Section 13: Business License (Occupation License)

Provide a current copy of the Business License (Occupation License) or Articles of Incorporation that is required to conduct business at your location.

If awarded the contract, the successful vendor must obtain a business license from the City of Columbus. However, if the business is located in Georgia and has proof of being properly licensed by a municipality in Georgia, and paid applicable occupation taxes in that city, the contractor will not be required to pay occupation taxes in Columbus, Georgia.

If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact Yvonne Ivey, Revenue Division Manager, at telephone 706-225-3091.

X. RFP EVALUATION

Each submittal will be evaluated to determine the ability of each offeror to provide the required services. The following weighted criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

Criteria	Weight
A. Qualifications/Experience	40%
B. Client Work History	40%
C. Broker/Carrier Rating	15%
D. Proposed Cost (<i>subject to negotiations</i>)	5%

Each of the above criteria (A – D) will be given a rating, of 1 through 100, by each member of the Evaluation Committee. The ratings are as follows:

RATING	
1-20	Poor
21-40	Fair
41-60	Good
61-80	Excellent
81-100	Superior

After the review and rating of proposal (s) by the evaluation committee, individual scores will be averaged and ranked. Offerors will be ranked in descending order of numerical predominance.

E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of ***Columbus Consolidated Government*** has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Company ID Number (*numerical, 4-7 digits*)

Date of Authorization

****See <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp/vislogin.aspx?JS=YES> to access your E-Verify Company Identification Number.**

Name of Contractor

Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0033

Name of Project

Columbus Consolidated Government

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, ___, 20__ in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the ___ day of _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration.

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE VENDOR’S BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER VENDOR’S RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING NON-CCG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTED PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT (I.E. ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS), OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED “QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM” TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION. **QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE.**

ANY REQUEST/CONCERN/PROTEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD, MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

I agree to forward all communication about this solicitation, in writing, to the Purchasing Division. I understand that communication with other persons, other than the Purchasing Division, will render my Bid/Proposal response non-responsive and I will no longer be considered in the solicitation process.

Vendor Name: _____

Print Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

FORM 3

CLIENT WORK HISTORY
Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract)
RFP No. 21-0033

Provide the three (3) most recent clients to whom you provided the same or similar services. Include entity name, contact, address, phone number, email address, and contract dates.

Client Name:	Contract Begin Date:
	Contract Value:
Contact Name:	Contract End Date:
Address:	Telephone Number:
	E-Mail Address:
Description of Services:	

Client Name:	Contract Begin Date:
	Contract Value:
Contact Name:	Contract End Date:
Address:	Telephone Number:
	E-Mail Address:
Description of Services:	

Client Name:	Contract Begin Date:
	Contract Value:
Contact Name:	Contract End Date:
Address:	Telephone Number:
	E-Mail Address:
Description of Services:	

Company Name**Authorized Signature Print Name of Signatory****Date**

CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE
Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract)
RFP No. 21-0033

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES THAT HE HAS/THEY HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN REFERRED TO AND WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT, TERMS AND SERVICES TO THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

Witness as to the signing of the contract

Signature of Authorized Representative Date

Witness as to the signing of the contract

Print Name and Title of Signatory

Corporate seal (if applicable)

Company Name

Company Ordering Address

Company Payment Address

Contact: _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Accepted this ____ day of _____ 20 ____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Isaiah Hugley, City Manager

Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

INSURANCE CHECKLIST

**Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract)
RFP No. 21-0033**

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MUST SHOW ALL COVERAGE
AND ENDORSEMENTS INDICATED BY "X"**

CSL = Combined Single Limit; BI = Bodily Injury; PD=Property Damage

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
X	1. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability	STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS	
	Comprehensive General Liability		
X	2. General Liability Premises/Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	3. Independent Contractors and Sub - Contractors	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	4. Products Liability	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	5. Completed Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	6. Contractual Liability (Must be shown on Certificate)	\$ 1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	Automobile Liability		
X	7. *Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles/ Employer non ownership	\$1 Million BI/PD each Accident, Uninsured Motorist	
	Others		
X	8. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	9. Umbrella/Excess Liability	\$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury	
	10. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability	\$1 Million each offense, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	11. Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	12. Architects and Engineers	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	13. Asbestos Removal Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	14. Medical Malpractice	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	15. Medical Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	16. Dishonesty Bond		

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
	17. Builder's Risk	Provide Coverage in the full amount of contract	
	18. XCU (Explosive, Collapse, Underground) Coverage		
	19. USL&H (Long Shore Harbor Worker's Compensation Act)		
	20. Contractor Pollution Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	21. Environmental Impairment Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	22. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of A-VII or its equivalents		
X	23. Notice of Cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to City at least 30 days prior to action.		
X	24. The City shall be named Additional Insured on all policies		
X	25. Certificate of Insurance shall show Bid Number and Bid Title		
	26. Pollution:	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	

*If offeror's employees will be using their privately owned vehicles while working on this contract and are privately insured, please state that fact in the **Bidders Limits/Response** column of the insurance checklist.

BIDDER'S STATEMENT:

If awarded the contract, I will comply with contract insurance requirements.

BIDDER NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

DEMANDSTAR SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Division is suspending the receipt of hard copies of sealed responses and public solicitation openings until further notice. **Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices B, C & D for Submission Requirements Checklist, Registering for DemandStar and Responding to an Electronic Bid in DemandStar.**

There is no cost to submit responses electronically through DemandStar; you will only incur a fee if you opt to receive e-notifications directly from DemandStar. You must select "Columbus Consolidated Government" as your free agency (see registration instructions). Solicitations may be accessed thru the DemandStar link that is posted at

https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm.

Per Georgia HB489, the Purchasing Division will continue to post solicitations on the Georgia Procurement Registry. To receive future procurement notifications, you must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace at <http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier>.

Excluding responses to Requests for Proposals (RFP), a tabulation of responses will be available on DemandStar shortly after the solicitation closes. The Purchasing Division will also continue to post tabulations at

https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/tabulations/bid_tabulations.htm.

Failure to submit electronic responses, via DemandStar, will result in the rejection of your response. Submittals received via U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc., will be returned unopened at the expense of the sender. The Purchasing Division will not accept hand-delivered submittals and will immediately discard any submittal left in the reception area of the Finance Department.

The Purchasing Division sincerely appreciates your cooperation during these unprecedented times.

APPENDIX B

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST **Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract)** **RFP No. 21-0033**

Submit your electronic response as instructed below:

1. Vendors shall submit **only** the required documents listed using the “**Bidder Response ALL Documents**” function.
2. **Zip files with multiple files are not acceptable**; vendors shall submit one PDF file of their submittal.
3. Due to file size limitations, please **do not resend the City’s full specifications** as this information is already on file.
4. **In the event DemandStar requires a dollar value for your submittal, enter “0”.**

- ☐ 1. Transmittal Letter
- ☐ 2. E-Verify Affidavit (*Form 1*)
- ☐ 3. Addenda Acknowledgement (if any)
- ☐ 4. Communication Concerning this Solicitation (*Form 2*)
- ☐ 5. Exceptions to RFP
- ☐ 6. Qualifications/Experience
- ☐ 7. Client Work History (*Form 3*)
- ☐ 8. Service Plan
- ☐ 9. Cost Proposal
- ☐ 10. Contract Signature Page (*Form 4*)
- ☐ 11. Insurance Checklist (*Form 5*) or Certificate of Insurance
- ☐ 12. **Page 1** of Form W-9 (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)
- ☐ 13. Business License (Occupation License) or Articles of Incorporation

Please note: After award of contract by Columbus City Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide one (1) identical hard copy of submitted proposal, with original signatures.

APPENDIX C

Registering for DemandStar



We are pleased to announce our membership in the DemandStar network. DemandStar is an online marketplace that connects our suppliers directly to the bids, quotes and RFPs that matter to them.

DemandStar is open and accessible to all businesses and provides instant access to our solicitations. By registering for your complimentary DemandStar account, you will receive:

- **Instant** access to bids, quotes and RFPs
- **Automatic** notifications, right to you inbox, of bids that match the commodity codes you select
- The ability to **quickly view** the contractual terms and scope of work
- All the **forms and documents** you need in one place
- Access to **more government bids** in neighboring cities, counties and states

It's EASY! Get started with these 3 easy steps!

1 REGISTER

Go to:

<https://www.demandstar.com/registration>

Create an Account with DemandStar

You are one step away from picking your free government agency

Email Address

Your email address here

Company Name

Your company name here

☐ I accept the DemandStar [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

Next



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2 CHOOSE YOUR FREE AGENCY

Type in the name of the government agency you'd like to add, for example "City of Metropolis" in the Search Box

← Choose Your Free Agency

Receive full access to the government agency of your choice and receive advance notifications of new opportunities.

City of Metropolis

×

Narrow down your search by selecting a state and county.

State

County

Select State

▼

Select County

▼

☐ City of Metropolis – Board of Commissioners

☐ City of Metropolis Purchasing

☒ Metropolis Technical College

3 CHECK OUT

Check out with your **FREE AGENCY** Registration by clicking "Skip for now" on the page where it gives you options to add additional counties and States

You have chosen **Metropolis Technical College** as your free agency.
Add additional government agencies below for \$25 per County,
Statewide and National subscriptions available.

My Subscriptions  [0]

Nation (0)

States (0)

Counties (0)

		Your Current Rate
Total	(0 subscriptions)	\$0/year

Proceed to Checkout

Skip for Now

SIGN UP

Visit www.demandstar.com



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APPENDIX D

Responding to an Electronic Bid

5 Step Instructions

Step 1

Many governments are moving toward requiring bid responses electronically. Here are the steps to respond to a bid Electronically.

- Click on the solicitation name

The screenshot shows a web application interface for managing bids. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Board', 'Bids' (highlighted in orange), 'Quotes', 'Coming Soon! Activities', 'Coming Soon! Messages', and 'Responses'. Below the navigation bar is a header section with a large orange arrow pointing right, labeled 'Bids'. To the right of this arrow is a 'Sort By' dropdown menu set to 'Due Date'. Below the header is a list of three bid entries. A red arrow points to the first entry. Each entry includes a bid ID, a description, broadcast and due dates, the number of planholders, and a 'Watch' button. The first entry is 'TSEBIDVINO24JAN01' from 'City of Fort Pierce - Purchasing Department, Fort Pierce, AZ' with a broadcast date of 1/24/2020 and a due date of 3/1/2020. The second entry is 'AA-BB-CC-DD-EE' from 'agency2.0, Texas, FL' with a broadcast date of 2/4/2020 and a due date of 2/29/2020. The third entry is 'TESTBID' from 'agency2.0, Texas, FL'.

Bid ID	Description	Broadcast	Due	Planholders	Watch
TSEBIDVINO24JAN01	City of Fort Pierce - Purchasing Department, Fort Pierce, AZ	1/24/2020	3/1/2020	3	Watch
AA-BB-CC-DD-EE	agency2.0, Texas, FL	2/4/2020	2/29/2020	0	Watch
TESTBID	agency2.0, Texas, FL				

Step 2

Once you are in the solicitation, you will see the Bid Details page that is standard for all solicitations

- When you are ready to submit your bid, click on “Submit E-Bid Proposal”

TESTBID

Active

Bid Details

Agency Name

Agency Code

Bid Writer

Agency Code

Bid ID

8810-12345678-123456

Bid Type

E-BID - E-BID

Broadcast Date

12/18/2020 2:40 AM Eastern

Fiscal Year

2020

Due

12/18/2020 11:00 PM Eastern

Bid Status Text

BID STATUS

Scope of Work

SCOPE OF WORK

Documents

Filename	Type	Date Modified	Status
File	Attachment	12/18/2020	Complete

Distribution Info

Bid Bond

None

Plan (Blueprint)

None

E-Bidding

Submit

Distributed By

Demarcator

Distribution Method

Download and Print

Distribution Options

Bid has no blueprints associated with it

Project Estimated Budget

\$120,000.00

Distribution Notes

None

Publications

View Legal Ad

Pre-Bid Conference

No Pre-Bid Conference Data Found

Commodity Code

[001-945-00] FINANCIAL SERVICES

Submit E-Bid Proposal

Step 3

Enter information requested page-by-page and you can see what will come next via the menu bar on the left under “E-Bid Progress”

Enter “0” as your bid (proposal) amount.

(As cost proposals remain confidential until after contract award (if any), Columbus Consolidated Government will not consider proposed costs, fees, revenues, etc., that are entered directly into DemandStar.)

A screenshot of the DemandStar E-Bid Response form. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'DEMANDSTAR', 'Dashboard', 'Bids', 'Quotes', 'Activities', 'Responses', and a user profile 'Robyn Gallardi'. A breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Bids > TESTBID > My E-Bid Response'. The left sidebar contains 'Bid Details' and 'E-Bid Progress' with sub-items 'Contact Information', 'Documents Upload', and 'Review Bid'. The main content area is titled 'E-Bid Response' and contains a 'Contact Information' section with fields for Company Name (Calgon Carbon Corporation), Address 1 (P. O. Box 717), Address 2, City (Pittsburgh), Country (United States of Ame...), State/Province (Pennsylvania), County (Select...), Postal Code (15230-0717), Phone Number (4127876810), and Extension. Below these are 'Bid Amount' (127,000, marked as Invalid) and 'Alternate Bid Amount' (Alternate Bid Amount, optional). A 'Notes' field contains 'For the full 6 month contract'. A 'Next' button is at the bottom right.

Step 4

After you click NEXT on the Contract Information page, you will be directed to enter the documents required.

Create one (1) file containing **only** the required documents listed on the "Electronic Proposal Submission Checklist" page of the specifications and upload using the "Bidder Response ALL Documents" function.

NOTE: Do not enter information using the "Supplemental Documents" function.

Due to file size limitations, please do not include the City's specification document in your uploaded response as this information is already on file. Font and page limitations may also apply.

BEST PRACTICE TIP: In some instances, multiple addenda may be issued for a solicitation. To avoid having to re-upload your firm's response file multiple times, it is **recommended** that vendors upload within five (5) business days of the due date. The City posts all documents, to include addenda, on the Finance Department Bid Opportunities web page:
https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm.

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR E-Bid Response interface. On the left, the 'Bid Details' section shows information for 'Agency Name: agency23.0', 'Bid Number: 000-123456-0-000000', 'Bid Due Date: 12/01/2024 (PST)', 'Bid Opening: 23 days, 04 hours, 17 minutes, 21 seconds Remaining', and 'Bid Name: T137000'. Below this is the 'E-Bid Progress' section with a progress bar showing 'Contract Information' and 'Documents Uploaded'. The main 'E-Bid Response' section has a yellow header. Under 'Required Documents', it lists 'Agency Accepted File Formats' with icons for various file types. A table below lists 'Required Document', 'Submission Option', and 'Uploaded Document'. A green arrow labeled 'UPLOAD COMPLETE FILE' points to the 'Uploaded Document' column. A red arrow labeled 'DO NOT USE SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS' points to the 'Supplemental Documents' section, which is currently empty.

Step 5

Review Your E-Bid Response, and if everything is correct, then press “Submit Response”

You are done! And the government to which you’ve submitted this will download your responses and documents and see the day and time upon which you submitted your proposal.

The screenshot displays the DEMANDSTAR web application interface for reviewing an e-bid response. The top navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, Bids, Quotes, Activities, Messages, and Responses. The user is logged in as Robyn Gallardi.

Bid Details:

- Agency Name: Agency 2.0
- Bid Number: EBID 123456-0-0000AD
- Bid Due Date: 02/09/2020 (PST)
- Bid Opening: 22 days, 04 hours, 33 minutes, 47 seconds Remaining
- Bid Name: TESTBID

E-Bid Progress:

- Contact Information
- Documents Uploaded
- Review Bid

Review Your E-Bid Response

Contact Info:

- Company Name: Calgon Carbon Corporation
- Address 1: P.O. Box 717
- Address 2:
- City: Pittsburgh
- State: Pennsylvania
- Country: United States of America
- Postal Code: 15200-0717
- Phone Number: 4127876810
- Fax:
- Bid Amount: \$127,000.00
- Alternate Bid Amount:
- Notes: For the full 6 month contract

Agency Required Documents:

- Service Doc agency 2.0 (Electronic/Online)

Supplemental Documents:

- References (Electronic/Online)

After clicking "Submit Response" the following process will:

1. We will verify that your response is complete as entered.
2. You will see a confirmation page with your confirmation number and date/time stamp of your upload.
3. You will receive a confirmation e-mail indicating a full response submitted.
4. You may track your response submission under the Responses page.

If you do not receive any of the above, please call Supplier Services at (206) 840-0005.

Buttons: Previous, Submit Response (highlighted with a red arrow), Save & Finish Later, Cancel.