

Town of Pulaski, VA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Public Safety Building Design Services

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Pulaski is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of entering into a contract through competitive negotiations for the professional services of an Architectural/Engineering firm, authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with experience in the design and construction of public buildings constructed for the purpose of providing housing for the Town's police department, fire department and the Regional Emergency Medical Services Incorporated.

The Town of Pulaski currently utilizes a portion of the first floor of Town Hall to house its Police Department staff. The fire station located on North Jefferson Avenue to house its fire department staff and equipment, while the fire department maintenance facilities are located in the adjacent department shop on North Jefferson Avenue. It is the desire of the Town Council to relocate both departments into a new facility shared by the departments.

The proposed facility will accommodate office and administrative functions, computer/data processing operations storage, shipping and receiving and support functions. Examples of other features include, but are not limited to a work shop area, hose storage, dining room, laundry room, kitchen, men and women's bunk area, secure areas for police equipment, and conference/training rooms. Surface parking will be required, as well as stormwater management devices to meet current standards for control of runoff and water quality.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROSPECTIVE VENDORS

Five original copies, marked 'original', of the proposal will be accepted until **3:00 p.m., April 15, 2016**. Proposals submitted must be binding for no less than a minimum of one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days after the RFP is opened. The Town will select the proposal, or combination of proposals, that, in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or portions of a proposal. The Town also reserves the right to waive minor technicalities in the proposal. The Town not only reserves the right at the sole discretion of the Town to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, but also reserves the right of evaluation and right to determine the methodology for evaluation of the proposals to determine which is best. In addition, to accept the proposal (or proposals) deemed to be in the best interest of the Town, i.e., the most qualified proposal will not necessarily be the proposal with the lowest cost. Further, the Town reserves the right to accept a proposal (or proposals) for any or all items separately or together.

Vendor inquiries are to be directed to **Nichole Hair**, via email at **nhair@pulaskitown.org**. Five originals of the proposal, marked 'original' and clearly marked as "Public Safety Building Design Services", signed by an officer of the company, are to be submitted and addressed on the outside as follows:

**Town of Pulaski, VA
ATTN: Nichole Hair, Deputy Town Manager
P.O. Box 326
42 First Street, NW
Pulaski, VA 24301**

Proposals may also be hand-delivered to the above address by the date and time specified. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to deliver the proposal in accordance with these instructions contained above and/or elsewhere in the RFP. Proposals dispatched, but not received by the Town by proposal closing time, will be kept by the Town, unopened.

SCOPE OF WORK

The selected A/E shall furnish all expertise, labor and resources for complete design and construction period services for the project in accordance with the requirements of the negotiated contract. The following generally highlights the services that the A/E will be required to perform:

- A. Refine, clarify, and define the Town's project description, data, and requirements as necessary to develop a schematic design of the project which meets the Town's requirements and is within the stipulated "design-not-to-exceed" construction cost. Respond to all Town review comments and resolve outstanding design issues at various phases by taking appropriate action in the design of the project.
- B. Provide complete construction contract documents with professional seals and signatures in accord with the procedures of the RFP. Documents must be complete and ready for bidding within 18 months after signing of contract.
- C. Assure that the construction contract documents are in conformance with generally accepted architectural and engineering practices and comply fully with all applicable codes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, and all applicable handicap accessibility standards.
- D. Provide specifications which reflect current requirements, standards and product availability.
- E. *Where applicable*, develop and prepare construction documents for Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and a Stormwater Management Plan. Obtain approvals from required Federal, State and Town agencies and departments.
- F. *Where applicable*, coordinate entrance design with and obtain approval from the Virginia Department of Transportation office having jurisdiction.
- G. Coordinate the design of utility connections with local utility provider and obtain necessary approvals. Town will pay filing fees and connection charges, as required.
- H. Represent the Town by presenting necessary oral and/or graphic presentations to any approved group having interest in the project.
- I. Complete all forms and documents in formats required and process in accord with the Town's instructions.
- J. Provide services to assist the Town in the building and award of construction contract.
- K. Provide architectural services for the construction phase of the project.
- L. Assist with the site analysis and selection for up to 4 sites.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Submittals should include a proposed schedule for the project. Firms should provide a detailed project schedule phased by the scope of work above as part of the submittal in response to this RFP.

DELIVERABLES

The selected firm/team will provide a minimum of 5 copies of the approved construction drawings and technical specifications, and a portable document format (pdf) of the final plans and specifications. The selected firm/team will also provide a hard copy and electronic copies of any databases, spreadsheets, maps or graphics developed during the process of completing the final design and construction documents. A final presentation and an executive summary brochure shall be completed for distribution and presentation to the Town Council and the community.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The following are the minimum necessary qualifications of the respondents to the RFP:

- The designer of record (DOR) shall be an architect or engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Provided design and/or engineering services for Emergency Services Buildings, police stations, rescue stations, fire stations or similar project.
- Served as the DOR on at least two (2) completed Emergency Services Buildings, police stations, rescue stations or fire stations.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Prospective consultants shall submit one (1) original, ten (10) copies, and a portable document format (pdf) version of their proposal. Proposals should address the following:

- Letter of interest.
- The name, address, phone, fax, and email address of a contact person from the submitting firm(s).
- A proposed scope of services and project schedule.
- The firm's APELSCIDLA license number.
- The name, position title, and phone number of principal(s) to contact concerning this RFP response.
- Identification and resumes of personnel to be directly involved in this project, including but not limited to the principal, project architect and engineer, construction administration, geotechnical and testing services, etc. Indicate the number of "In-House" technical design person(s) in various disciplines and skill levels. The staffing plan should identify whom the project manager will be and whom the primary responsible charge designer will be for each discipline or specialty along with any team structure for multiple firms submitting and include an organizational chart. Fully disclose the working history of the primary firm with the proposed partners.
- Experience of the project team members with projects of similar scale, complexity, and with locally owned police and/or fire stations.
- The architect/engineer's record of meeting estimated budgets and schedules for projects of similar scope, budget, and schedule.
- The percentage of a full-time commitment each project team member will have to the project by design and construction phases. Explain if the persons listed will be available to design this project and does the firm(s) have sufficient staff to commit to design this project on schedule considering the other work the firm(s) and the firm(s) consultants have.
- A description of the firm/team's design and project management philosophy.
- Identification of and a description of the firm/team's approach to design challenges of the assignment.
- References for the project principal, project architect/engineer, and other staff/firms involved from recent similar projects. Reference sources to include: key owner personnel, sub-consultants and the contractor's project manager. Please include at least one reference for each person identified as part of the proposed team.
- A minimum of five (5) references from clients where similar projects have been completed by the project team, their schedule and construction value. Briefly describe the project and its features. What is special about this project and would be of interest to know for the Town of Pulaski's proposed project. Provide information concerning the referenced project Owner for possible reference check. Provide information concerning the Contractor who built the project.
- Current firm(s) workload and projected workload over the anticipated project schedule.

- Provide the name of the Professional Liability Insurance Carrier and the policy Limits of Liability with deductible.
- The proposals shall not exceed 30, 8 ½ x 11-inch double-sided pages in length, including photos and graphic material. Firms selected for interview may, at that time, present supplemental data to further clarify their qualifications, skills, abilities, performance record, and approach to providing the services.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Town of Pulaski intends to award the contract to the consultant deemed most qualified and responsive to the requirements of the project. The consultant selected will also be required to demonstrate its ability to provide services required effectively with complete impartiality and without any conflict of interest. The selection of a consultant shall be based on qualifications submitted in written form as well as personal interviews. Criteria for selection shall include the following:

1. Expertise, experience, and qualifications of the A/E's primary designer in each relative discipline for providing the services described in the Scope of Work.
2. Expertise, experience, and qualifications of any special consultants proposed for providing the services described in the Scope of Work.
3. Qualifications and experience of the A/E's project manager to be assigned to this project.
4. Expertise and past experience of the A/E in providing services on projects of similar size, scope and features as those required on this project.
5. Experience and qualifications of the primary personnel who will be assigned to this project.
6. A/E's recent (past 5 years) experience / history in designing projects within an established "Design-not-to-exceed" budget.
7. Geographic location of the A/E's office where work will be performed in relation to the project location(s).
8. Current and projected work load, plan to complete the work and ability to complete the work in a timely manner.
9. Management capabilities: Project approach, methodology, and other procedures to be utilized during the project.
10. Size of the firm relative to the size of the project(s).
11. Financial Responsibility as evidenced by the A/E's carrying Professional Liability Insurance.
12. History and structure of each firm involved with the project and the organizational chart reflecting each firm's relationship to the project, to the project manager, and the Town.

Generally, the selection committee will consider the A/E's overall suitability to provide the required services within the project's time, budget and operational constraints, and it will consider the comments and/or recommendations of the A/E's previous clients, as well as other references.

SELECTION PROCESS

Following receipt of the proposals, an evaluation committee composed of representatives from the Town of Pulaski will review and evaluate all the proposals. The proposals will be initially evaluated on the basis of the written material provided. Based on this initial evaluation, the Town may select a shortlist of firms who will be invited to interview. Upon the completion of interviews, the evaluation committee will prepare and forward a recommendation for selection to the Town Manager for award.

The award of the contract shall be at the sole discretion of the Town. The Town of Pulaski intends to award the contract to the consultant deemed most qualified and responsive to the requirements of the project. The consultant selected will also be required to demonstrate its ability to provide the services required effectively with complete impartiality and without any

conflicts of interest. The Town reserves the right to make an award of the contract without further discussion of the proposals submitted. Therefore, the proposal should be submitted initially on the most favorable terms which the vendor can propose.

RFP TIMELINE

DATE	ACTION
February 29, 2016	Town Issues Request for Proposal
March 18, 2016	Final Day to Submit Questions to the Town at 5:00 p.m.
April 15, 2016	RFP Submission Deadline by 3:00 p.m.
May 2016	Proposals evaluated and candidates short-listed
June 2016	Committee recommends selected candidates to Town Manager
TBD	Town Finalizes acquisition of Site
June 2016	Contract prepared – Town Council approved
December 2017	Architect completes building/construction drawings

The selected firm is required as part of the Bid Proposal to provide a timeline for completing the project. The Town reserves the right to alter the schedule above at any point in the process, but agrees to provide adequate notice to respondents should the schedule be amended.

All written questions must be received by the Town no later than Friday, March 18, 2016. Responses to all written questions will be issued by an addendum after March 25, 2016.

Questions regarding proposal submissions should be directed to the Deputy Town Manager. Technical questions regarding this project should be directed to Town Engineering Department.

In order to maintain equal access to information we request that you not contact anyone other than the individuals named above. If there are changes to the scope of work, addenda will be issued by the Deputy Town Manager to all known participants.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. 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 the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the Town. The contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. This compliance includes obtaining a Pulaski business license, if required, before work is performed.

B. EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION/DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE BY CONTRACTOR: By submitting the bids/proposals, the bidders/offerors certify to the Town 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*. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with the Town to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the Town. (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1E).

Every contract over Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) shall include the provisions below. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability or other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination 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 non-discrimination clause.

2. 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.
3. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements of this section.
4. To provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees.
5. To 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.
6. To state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

The contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in every subcontract or purchase order over Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

C. DIRECT TAXES: All bids/proposals shall be submitted exclusive of direct Federal, State, and local taxes. However, if the bidder/offeror believes that certain taxes are properly payable by the Town, he may list such taxes separately in each case directly below the respective item bid/proposal price. Tax exemption certification will be furnished on request.

D. INDEMNITY: The contractor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless, the Town of Pulaski and its members, officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives from and against any and all claims, damages, demands, losses, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, and any other losses of any kind or nature whatsoever including claims for bodily injuries, illness, disease, or death and physical property loss or damage in favor of contractor, its sub-contractors, their employees, agents, and third parties arising during the performance of services and resulting from tort, strict liability, or negligent acts or omissions of contractor, its sub-contractors and their employees or agents under the agreement, or resulting from breaches of contract, whatever by statute or otherwise.

Each contractor shall assume the responsibility for damage to or loss of its material, equipment or facilities located at the site and, in order to effect this limitation of liability, the contractor agrees to insure or self-insure such property against any such risk.

E. SALES TAXES: The Town is exempt from payment of State sales and use tax on all tangible personal property purchased or leased for its use or consumption. Certificate of Exemption will be furnished upon request.

F. QUOTATION FORM: The bidder/offeror must sign and properly fill out all forms in this Bid/Proposal or be subject to being declared unresponsive. If unable to submit a Bid/Proposal, please sign and return this solicitation form, advising reason for no Bid/Proposal.

G. CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT: In case of default of the contractor, the Town may procure the articles of service from other sources and hold the contractor responsible for any excess cost incurred thereafter.

H. COMPUTATION OF TIME FOR DISCOUNTS: Time in connection with discount offered, will be computed from date of delivery of the supplies or materials to carrier when final inspection and acceptance are at those points or from date correct invoice is received if latter is later than the date of delivery.

I. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING: By submitting the bids/proposals, the bidders/offerors certify that the 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 the 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.

J. GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS: In the event any governmental restrictions may be imposed which would necessitate alteration of the materials, quality, workmanship, or performance of the items offered in this Bid/Proposal prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder/offeror to notify this office at once, indicating in his letter the specific regulation which requires such alterations. The Town reserves the right to accept any such alterations, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the contract.

K. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986: By entering into a written contract with the Town of Pulaski, the Contractor certifies that the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Town, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

L. DEBARMENT STATUS: By submitting the bids/proposals, the 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.

M. ANTITRUST: By entering into a contract, the contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Town of Pulaski, Virginia 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 Town of Pulaski, Virginia under said contract.

N. PAYMENT: Payment by the Town is due thirty (30) days after receipt of approved invoice unless otherwise specifically provided: subject to any discounts allowed. If an invoice requires modifications by the Town, the thirty (30) day period begins after receipt of acceptable invoice.

To Prime Contractor:

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 contract number and/or purchase order number, social security number (for individual contractors) or the federal employer identification number (for proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations).

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, regardless of which public agency is being billed.

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.

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 charges are not reasonable, the Town shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, 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.

To Subcontractors:

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 Town for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
2. To notify the Town and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.
3. 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 Town, 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 Town.

O. PRECEDENCE OF TERMS: Paragraphs A-N of these 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.

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

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

R. 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 Town 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 Town a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
 - a. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - b. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Town's right to audit the contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - c. By ordering the contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The contractor shall present the Finance Department with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Finance Department shall have the right to audit the records of the contractor, as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Finance Department within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Finance Department. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the question of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for resolving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract or, if there is none, in accordance with the disputes provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Finance Department or with the performance of the contract generally.

S. DEFAULT: In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Town, 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 Town may have.

T. AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH: A contractor organized as a stock or non-stock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described above that enters into a contract with the Town pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the contract. The Town may void any contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

U. INSURANCE: The contractor shall secure and maintain in force, at his/her own expense all required forms of insurance and payment bonds to insure the completion for the work under contract to the satisfaction of the Town and without damage to, or claims against the Town. The contractor shall provide satisfactory evidence of bonds and insurance on behalf of the sub-contractors, before entering into an agreement to sublet any part of the work to be done under this contract.

The following performance and payment bonds and forms of insurance shall be secured by the contractor to cover all work under contract and to protect the contractor, the Town, and general public against any damage of claims in connections with the performance of the contract. The bonds and insurance shall be by companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Virginia. Certificates of Insurance, naming the Town as an additional insured for each type of coverage shall be required.

At the discretion of the Town, bidders/offerors may be required to submit with their bid/proposal a bid/proposal bond, or a certified check, in an amount to be determined by the Town, which shall be forfeited to the Town as liquidated damage upon the bidder's/offeror's failure to execute a contract awarded to him/her or upon the bidder's/offeror's failure to furnish any required performance or payment bonds in connection with a contract awarded to him/her.

At the discretion of the Town, the winning contractor(s) may be required to submit a performance and payment bond to the Town which shall be evoked upon contractor's failure to execute a contract awarded or the failure to satisfactorily complete work for which a contract or purchase order was awarded. Performance bond and payment bond in the amount of one hundred (100) percent of contract price is required as security of contract, or security for payment of all persons performing labor and furnishing materials in connection with the contract, and protecting the Town from all damages or claims resulting from, or in connection with the performance of the contract or purchase order.

The performance bond and payment bond shall and does bind the surety company to protect the Town from damages, claims or costs by failure of the contractor to make corrective action due to his financial solvency or for any other cause whatever.

INSURANCE COVERAGES AND LIMITS REQUIRED:

1. Worker's Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits; require that the Town of Pulaski, Virginia be added as an additional named insured on contractor's policy.
2. Employers Liability - \$500,000.
3. Comprehensive general liability for bodily injury liability and property damage liability shall be provided as to limits specified.
4. Contractor's protective liability shall be provided for bodily injury liability and property damage liability.
5. Fire and extended coverage shall be provided on the completed builder risk form if specified in bid specifications.
6. The contractor shall require each of his subcontractors to carry Workmen's Compensation Insurance and public liability and property damages liability.

7. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single limit. The Town of Pulaski, Virginia is to be named as an additional named insured with respect to the services being procured. This coverage is to include Products and Completed Operations Coverage.
8. Automobile Liability – bodily injury and property damage shall be provided as to limits set forth in the specifications.

The contractor shall have executed and delivered to the Town copies of all insurance certificates.

Executed copies of the performance bond shall become a part of all copies of the contract.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. ADVERTISING:** In the event a contract is awarded for supplies, equipment, or services resulting from this bid/proposal, no indication of such sales or services to the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will be used in product literature or advertising. The contractor shall not state in any of its advertising or product literature that the Town of Pulaski, Virginia or any department or institution of the Town has purchased or uses its products or services.
- B. AUDIT:** The contractor shall retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the Town of Pulaski, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or state auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.
- C. AWARD OF CONTRACT:** The Town shall engage in individual discussions with two or more offerors deemed fully qualified, responsible and suitable, on the basis of initial responses and with emphasis on professional competence, to provide the required services. At the conclusion of these discussions, on the basis of evaluation factors published in the request for proposal and all information developed in the selection process to this point, the Town shall select in the order of preference two or more offerors whose professional qualifications and proposed services are deemed most meritorious. Negotiations shall then be conducted, beginning with the offeror ranked first. If a contract satisfactory and advantageous to the Town of Pulaski can be negotiated at a price considered fair and reasonable, the award shall be made to that offeror. Otherwise, negotiations with the offeror ranked first shall be formally terminated and negotiations conducted with the offeror ranked second, and so on until such a contract can be negotiated at a fair and reasonable price. The Town may cancel this Request for Proposals or reject proposals at any time prior to an award, and is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4359D). Should the Town 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. The award document will be a contract incorporating by reference all the requirements, terms and conditions of the solicitation and the contractor's proposal as negotiated.
- D. BID/PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:** Any bid/proposal in response to this solicitation shall be valid for 120 days. At the end of the 120 days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the bidder/offeror. If the bid/proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
- E. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT:** The Town reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in part or in whole, without penalty, upon 30 days written notice to the contractor. In the event the initial contract period is for more than 12 months, the resulting contract may be terminated by either party, without penalty, after the initial 12 months of the contract period upon 30 days written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- F. EXTRA CHARGES NOT ALLOWED:** The bid/proposal price shall be for complete installation ready for the Town's use, and shall include all applicable freight and installation charges; extra charges will not be allowed.
- G. MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES SUBCONTRACTING AND REPORTING:** Where it is practicable for any portion of the awarded contract to be subcontracted to other suppliers, the contractor is encouraged to offer such business to minority and/or women-owned businesses. Names of firms may be available from the buyer and/or from the Division of Purchases and Supply. When such business has been subcontracted to these firms and upon completion of the contract, the contractor agrees to furnish the Town the following information: name of firm, phone number, total dollar amount subcontracted and type of product/service provided.

H. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS: Bids/proposals must give the full business address of the bidder/offeror and be signed by him/her with his/her usual signature. Bids/proposals by partnerships must furnish the full name of all partners and must be signed in the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or any authorized representative, followed by the designation of the person signing. Bids/proposals by corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation followed by the name of the State in which it is incorporated and by the signature and designation of the president, secretary, or other person authorized to bind it in the matter. The name of each person signing shall also be typed or printed below the signature. A bid/proposal by a person, who affixes to the signature the word "President," "Secretary," "Agent" or other designation without disclosing the principal, may be held to be the bid/proposal of the individual signing. When requested by the Town, satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing in behalf of the corporation shall be furnished.

I. WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS: Bids/proposals may be withdrawn or modified by written notice received from bidders/offerors prior to the deadline fixed for bid/proposal receipt. The withdrawal or modification may be made by the person signing the bid/proposal or by an individual(s) who is authorized by him on the face of the bid/proposal. Written modifications may be made on the bid/proposal form itself, on the envelope in which the bid/proposal is enclosed, or on a separate document. Written modifications, whether the original is delivered, or transmitted by facsimile, must be signed by the person making the modification or withdrawal.

J. RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS/PROPOSALS: It is the responsibility of the bidder/offeror to assure that his bid/proposal is delivered to the place designated for receipt of bids/proposals and prior to the time set for receipt of bids/proposals. Bids/proposals received after the time designated for receipt of bids/proposals will not be considered. Bids/proposals will be opened at the time and place stated in the advertisement, and their contents made public for the information of bidders/offerors and others interested who may be present either in person or by representative. The officer or agent of the Town, whose duty it is to open them, will decide when the specified time has arrived. No responsibility will be attached to any officer or agent for the premature opening of a bid/proposal not properly addressed and identified.

K. NEGOTIATION WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER (IF APPLICABLE): Unless all bids are cancelled or rejected, the Town of Pulaski reserves the right granted by §2.2-4318 of the *Code of Virginia* to negotiate with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to obtain a contract price within the funds available to the agency whenever such low bid exceeds the Town's available funds. For the purpose of determining when such negotiations may take place, the term "available funds" shall mean those funds which were budgeted by the agency for this contract prior to the issuance of the written Invitation for Bids. Negotiations with the low bidder may include both modifications of the bid price and the Scope of Work/Specifications to be performed. The Town shall initiate such negotiations by written notice to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder that its bid exceeds the available funds and that the agency wishes to negotiate a lower contract price. The times, places, and manner of negotiating shall be agreed to by the Town and the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.