Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance

Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Director

FULTON COUNTY

REQUEST FOR E-QUOTE NUMBER: 15RD100048B

PROJECT TITLE: Smoke Alarms – Fire Rescue Department

DUE DATE: 10/26/2015

WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL: 2:00 P.M.

LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS: 10/23/2015

BIDDERS MAY SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS E-QUOTE TO THE PURCHASING CONTACT PERON LISTED BELOW. ANY REQUEST SHALL ONLY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING (FAX OR EMAIL). ALL RESPONSES TO WRITTEN REQUEST(S) WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS ADDENDA TO THIS E-QUOTE AND POSTED ON THE FULTON COUNTY WEBSITE AT www.fultoncountyga.gov.

THE COUNTY WILL NOT RESPOND TO REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER *10/26/2015* AT 2:00 P.M.

E-QUOTE RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT www.fultonvendorselfservice.co.fulton.ga.us. BY THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED. You must be a registered vendor in order to respond to E-QUOTES.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING PURCHASING PROCEDURES OR THE SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ONLY TO THE PURCHASING CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW VIA EMAIL ONLY. NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED. BIDDERS MAY NOT HAVE CONTACT WITH COUNTY OFFICERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES REGARDING THIS BID PRIOR TO AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER. VIOLATION OF THIS INSTRUCTION WILL RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.

CONTACT NAME:	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	FAX NUMBER:
Rodney E. Dority	rodney.dority@fultoncountyga.gov	(404) 893-1734

All information requested on this sheet must be completed. Unless specifications indicate "NO SUBSTITUTE", items determined by Fulton County to be "EQUAL OR BETTER" will be given full consideration. All prices QUOTED must be "FOB DELIVERED" unless otherwise requested, and must be submitted in the format requested. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.

REQUEST FOR QUOTE
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following provisions are hereby made a part of this Request for Quote ("E-QUOTE"). Any contract or purchase order awarded as the result of this request shall be governed by these General Terms and Conditions. By submission of your responses to this e-quote, vendor agrees to furnish the product(s) and/or service(s) pursuant to these conditions.

1. **GENERAL.** These provisions are standard for all County contracts. The County may delete or modify any of these standard provisions for a particular contract or purchase order by indicating a change in the special instructions or provisions. **Any vendor accepting a purchase order award as the result of this request agrees that the provisions included within this Request for E-Quote shall prevail over any conflicting provision within any standard form contract of the vendor.**

2. **METHOD OF SOURCE SELECTION.** This procurement is being conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Fulton County Code of Ordinances and the specific method of source selection for the services required in this bid is Code Section 102-373, Competitive Sealed Bidding.

3. **SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES.** Responses must be submitted for e-quotes on-line via the Vendor Self Service system at https://fultonvendorselfservice.co.fulton.ga.us/webapp/VSSPROD/Advantage. Response to e-quotes must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on the date indicated.

4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUEST FOR E-QUOTE.** Any amendment to pricing is valid only if in writing and issued by the County.

5. **ADDENDUM.** Revision to the Request for E-Quote issued by the County prior to the receipt of bids.

6. **NON-COLLUSION.** Bidder certifies that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Bidder further understands collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards. Bidder agrees to abide by all conditions of this bid and certifies that person signing is authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.

7. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Vendor states that no County officer or employee, nor any business entity in which they have an interest: a) Has an interest in the contract awarded; b) Has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of the resulting contract; c) Will be employed in the performance of such contract without immediate disclosure of such fact to the County.

8. **BASIS OF AWARD.** The County shall award to the overall lowest responsible and responsive vendor complying with the provisions of the Request for E-Quote. The following criteria may be considered by the County in selecting the most advantageous quote: a) Ability to perform the service required within the specified time; b) Conformance to specification; c) The quality of performance in previous contracts; d) Financial ability to perform the contract; e) Item pricing; f) vendor references. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.

9. **SAMPLES.** Samples of items when required, must be furnished free of expense to the County and upon request, be returned to the Vendor at the Vendor's expense. Samples of selected items may be retained for comparison purposes.

10. **NEW.** All items bid must be new. Used, rebuilt and refurbished items will not be considered unless specifically authorized by Fulton County in the written specifications.

11. **BRAND NAME SPECIFICATIONS AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS.** Unless otherwise specified, manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in the specifications are intended only to identify the quality and characteristics desired. They are not intended to limit competition. The Vendor may offer any equivalent product which meets or exceeds the specifications. If quotations are based on equivalent products, the quote must: a) Indicate the alternate manufacturer's name and catalog number; b) Include complete descriptive literature and/or specifications; c) Include proof that the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications. The County reserves the right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable to meet its needs in all respects. If Bidder fails to name a substitute, goods identical to the published standard must be furnished.

12. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, it's Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents from and against any and all

losses (including death), claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to all actions, proceedings, or investigations in respect thereof and any outcome of any such action, proceeding, or investigation), caused by, relating to, based upon or arising out of any act or omission by contractor, it's directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection with it's acceptance, of the performance, or nonperformance, of it's obligations under this agreements.

13. **TAXES.** Fulton County is exempt from the State of Georgia sales tax and exemption certificate will be furnished upon request.

14. **DELIVERY.** All prices must be FOB Destination, unloaded inside and assembled unless otherwise indicated.

15. **RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF COUNTY FOR DEFAULT.** If any item furnished by the Vendor fails to conform to specifications, or to the sample submitted by the Vendor, the County may reject it. Upon rejection, the Vendor must promptly reclaim and remove such item without expense to the County, and shall immediately replace all such rejected items with others conforming to such specification and samples. If the Vendor fails to do so, the County has the right to purchase in the open market a corresponding quantity of any such items and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual cost to the County. If the Vendor fails to make prompt delivery of any item, the County has the right to purchase such item in the open market and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual replacement cost to the County. The rights and remedies of the County identified above are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the purchase order.

16. **INVOICES AND PAYMENT TERMS.** All invoices must include the purchase order number or master agreement number. Failure to comply may result in delayed payments. The County payment terms are Net 30 days unless a cash discount is allowed for payment within not less than twenty (20) days. The payment term shall begin on the date the merchandise is inspected, delivered and accepted by the County and the correct invoice is received by Accounts Payable.

Submittal of Invoices: Invoices shall be submitted as follows:

Via Mail:
Fulton County Government
141 Pryor Street, SW
Suite 7001
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Attn: Finance Department – Accounts Payable

OR

Via Email:
Email: Accounts.Payable@fultoncountyga.gov

At minimum, original invoices must reference all of the following information:

1) Vendor Information
   a. Vendor Name
   b. Vendor Address
   c. Vendor Code
   d. Vendor Contact Information
   e. Remittance Address

2) Invoice Details
   a. Invoice Date
   b. Invoice Number (uniquely numbered, no duplicates)
   c. Purchase Order Reference Number
   d. Date(s) of Services Performed
   e. Itemization of Services Provided/Commodity Units

3) Fulton County Department Information (needed for invoice approval)
   a. Department Name
   b. Department Representative Name

17. **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** Federal, State, County and local ordinances, rules and regulations, and policies shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of quote and disputes about quotes. Lack of knowledge by any Vendor about applicable law is not a defense.

18. **ASSIGNMENT.** Any purchase order awarded shall not be assignable by the Vendor without the express written approval of the County, and shall not become an asset in any bankruptcy, receivership or guardianship proceedings.

19. **REJECTION OF BID.** Bids may be considered irregular and may be rejected if they show omissions, alternations of form, additions not called for, conditions, limitations, unauthorized alternate bids or other irregularities of any kind. The County reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities of bid.

20. **TERMINATION.** In the event any of the provisions of the purchase order are violated, the County may serve written notice of its intention to terminate the purchase order. Such notice will state the reason(s) for such intention, and unless within ten (10) days after serving notice upon the contractor, such violation has ceased and satisfactory arrangements for correction made, the purchase order shall, upon expiration of ten (10) days, be terminated. Further, the County reserves the right to terminate for its convenience any purchase order in whole or in part upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

21. **DEBARMENT.** If a Bidder is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency which prohibits your firm from participating in any procurement, the Bidder must provide the County with that information as part of its response to this solicitation. Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid from consideration or termination of the purchase order, once awarded.

22. **RIGHT TO PROTEST.** Any actual bidder or offeror that has submitted a bid/proposal for a particular procurement and is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of the contract shall protest in writing to the purchasing agent after the date that the specific bid or proposal is submitted. No protest will be accepted or considered prior to the date the specific bid or proposal is submitted; it will be considered untimely. All protests shall set forth in full detail the factual and legal bases for the protest and specific relief sought by the protestor. Protests arising from factual or legal bases that the protestor knew or should have known prior to the submission of the bid/proposal must be submitted within three business days of the submission of the bid/proposal. Protests arising from factual or legal bases that the protestor knew or should have known subsequent to the date the bid/proposal was submitted must be submitted within ten business days after the protestor knew or should have known of such bases, but in no event shall any protest be submitted more than ten business days after the award of the contract. Untimely protests will not be considered by the purchasing agent and will be simply denied as untimely. Decisions on timeliness by the purchasing agent are not appealable. An oral protest or a protest to an official, employee, User Department, or other person apart from the Director of Purchasing & Contract Compliance does not comply.

23. **BINDING AUTHORITY.** The individual submitting this E-QUOTE must have binding authority to submit contracts on behalf of the responding company. By submitting a response, vendor agrees that their quote is an offer to sell. All bidders shall comply with all Fulton County purchasing laws, policies, and procedures, as well as relevant state and federal laws, including compliance with EEOC hiring guidelines and requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

REQUEST FOR E-QUOTE SPECIFICATIONS

Smoke Alarms
Fulton County Fire Rescue Department

1. DESCRIPTION

The Fulton County Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance is soliciting e-quotes from qualified vendors to provide [Insert product/commodity description] for the [Insert Requesting Department].

2. CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Rodney E. Dority, Procurement Officer by e-mail rodney.dority@fultoncountyga.gov or Fax (404) 893-1734 only, with any procedural or technical questions. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing contact person via email only. No phone calls will be accepted. Any responses made by the County will be provided in writing to all Bidders by addendum. No verbal responses shall be authoritative.

3. TERM OF AGREEMENT

I. INTENT: Fulton County is soliciting bids from qualified vendors to provide **Smoke Alarm**. All bidders are required to be authorized distributors and regularly engaged in the sale or distribution of the types of goods, materials, equipment or services for which bidder is submitting a bid response. All items bid must be new. These specifications are intended to describe for the Fulton County Fire Department. The details contained in the following specifications are not designed to exclude any manufacturer/vendor from bidding, but are offered as a means of describing the needs of the Fulton County Fire Department. All specifications are minimum requirements unless otherwise stated as "NO EXCEPTIONS". Sub-headings followed by a **"Compliant and Exception"** area must be completed for the bid to be acceptable. Any deviations from the stated specifications must be described in detail.

II. CONTRACT PERIOD: From **Date of Award** through **December 31, 2015**.
Bidder extends to Fulton County the option to renew the contract for an additional 12 months, under the same price(s), terms and conditions, provided option is exercised no later than sixty days prior to expiration of contract.

The contract will be an "Indefinite Quantity" type with Fulton County requirements to be satisfied on an "as needed" basis.

_____Compliant _____Exception

III. DELIVERY: Delivery is required within 60 calendar day(s) after receipt of individual orders. However, alternate delivery time will be considered provided it is so stated.

_____Compliant _____Exception

Deliveries must be made between the hours of 8:30 A.M and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, unless otherwise requested.

F.O.B. LOCATION: Fulton County Fire Department
5890 Plummer Road, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30336

IV. General Terms and Conditions, (Continued)

V. EXCHANGES: Items that do not fit, do not meet minimum specifications in workmanship, or other issues that prevents the employee from using the item or items will not be accepted by Fulton County. Any corrections necessary due to incorrect fitting or defects must have a maximum two (2) week turnaround at no additional cost to Fulton County. "NO EXCEPTIONS".

VI.

Fulton County Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree St. SW Suite 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303-3459

All samples shall be marked with Company Name, Request for Quotation Number, and Item Name. It will be the responsibility of each bidder to remove samples/property at their expense within thirty (30) days of completion of the bidding process and awarding of the contract. Any samples/property remaining past the thirty (30) days period will be considered abandoned and Fulton County shall have the right to dispose of such property.

VII. STOCKING REQUIREMENTS: Bidder shall keep a stock of "like". In addition, dealer must have a local facility within the Metropolitan Atlanta area. "NO EXCEPTION".

VIII. ORDER TRACKING: The successful bidder is required to provide an accurate tracking system per assignment, per individual and per order, as ordered and delivered.

IX. AWARDS: Award of this bid shall be to one vendor. Determination of the lowest responsive bidder shall be based on the price of each item, compliance with specifications the most expedient delivery; or whatever Fulton County deems to be in its best interest.

X. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of this specification and any supplemental specifications concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials of first quality, correct type, size, and design are to be used. All workmanship is to be first quality. All interpretations of this specification shall be made upon the basis of this statement with Fulton County interpretation to prevail. "NO EXCEPTION"

XI. LITERATURE: Each bidder is required to furnish, with bid, literature describing in detail the item(s) being offered. Failure to furnish this literature may result in the bid being unconsidered. "NO EXCEPTION".

XII. FOREIGN PRODUCTS: Fulton County prefers to buy items produced and/or manufactured in the United States of America. However, foreign products may be considered provided it is so stated. Bidder certifies that item(s) offered on this bid is/are manufactured/produced in the United States.

_____Compliant _____Exception

4. One Time Procurement

5. PRODUCT/SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Smoke Alarm

Examples of pricing sheets are provided below:

Unit Pricing – for goods and commodities only, example office supplies, tires, equipment parts, etc.

Equipment: Smoke Alarm
Model Number# 0915E
Battery only Smoke Alarm, including 9/V battery, mounting bracket
Qty: 75 cases, Price: $

6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS/INSTRUCTIONS