

BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Administration and Finance



Request For Proposal

for the procurement of

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Monitoring and Maintenance

SH-001-22

June 15, 2021

Request for Proposal Timeline	
6/210/2021	Publication of Request for Proposal (RFP) printed in The Boston Globe
6/22/2021	RFP and instructions available online at www.bphc.org at 10:00 AM
7/08/2021	Questions are due in writing by 4:00 PM to mmacdougall@bphc.org Subject: (PV) Monitoring and Maintenance RFP
07/13/2021	Responses to questions will be emailed to all interested parties.
07/15/2021	<p>Bid due by 2:00 PM – Submit (2) original bids (do not bind) and PDF file of bid. Bid documents must be submitted in separate sealed envelope or box addressed to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Boston Public Health Commission Attention: Property Management Department Address</p> <p>Clearly mark each envelope or box:</p> <p>1. Organization Name and Address and PV Maintenance and Monitoring Bid Package Organization Name and Address and Cost Sheets for PV Monitoring and Maintenance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Exceptions to This Deadline</p>
7/30/2021	<p>Notification of Decision</p> <p>Desired date for notification of award to bidder(s) however, BPHC has the discretion to extend this date without notice. BPHC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. BPHC anticipates submitting a Notice of Award to the selected bidder(s) by email or address provided in the RFP responses. The contract(s) will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) meeting all requirements. The lowest responsible and responsive bidder shall mean the bidder that best meets the requirements set forth in this solicitation, and offers the lowest cost. The contract(s) resulting from this RFP shall be in effect when all necessary contract documentation is fully executed by BPHC and awarded vendor(s).</p>

The responsibility for submitting a bid to BPHC on or before the stated time and date will be solely and strictly the responsibility of the bidder. BPHC will in no way be responsible for delays caused by the United States Mail delivery or caused by any other occurrence. In case of delays as a result of weather emergencies, or natural or man-made disaster, bids may be accepted the next available business day.

OVERVIEW

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is the local public health department for the city of Boston. BPHC's mission is to protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly the most vulnerable populations.

BPHC is seeking request for bids from qualified PV Monitoring and Maintenance Companies. Qualified bidders are expected to begin this project promptly and complete the project on schedule to reduce any inconvenience to clients.

BPHC encourages small, local, minority, disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran and/or service-disabled owned business enterprises to participate in all procurement opportunities.

WARRANTY Information

A. Manufacturer's Special Warranty: Manufacturer agrees to repair or replace components of PV modules that fail in materials or workmanship within specified warranty period.

1. Manufacturer's materials and workmanship warranties include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Faulty operation of PV modules.

2. Warranty Period: Five years from date of Substantial Completion.

B. Manufacturer's Special Minimum Power Output Warranty: Manufacturer agrees to repair or replace components of PV modules that fail to exhibit the minimum power output within specified warranty period. Special warranty, applying to modules only, applies to materials only, on a prorated basis, for period specified.

PROPOSED SCOPE OF SERVICE

The Boston Public Health Commission seeks bidders to provide preventative maintenance and monthly monitoring of the solar array located on top of the New Engagement Center located at 26 Atkinson St. Boston, Ma. 02118, construction expected to be completed September 30, 2021

BPHC reserves the right to award one or multiple bidders based upon bid is deemed most favorable to BPHC. The bidder must shall agree that BPHC may add or remove properties and/or services at any time during the term of the contract. BPHC has the discretion to modify the scope as necessary prior to execution of the contract with the selected bidder(s). No services shall commence until all necessary contract documentation is fully executed by BPHC and awarded vendor(s). BPHC will work selected bidder(s) to adjust cost(s) based on any revisions to the scope of service. Bidder(s) shall provide special service requests to BPHC as needed but not limited to the scope herein. BPHC will not be responsible for any transportation fees or costs, included but limited to, mileage or fuel cost.

REQUIREMENTS

The following are minimum qualifications and licensing requirements that the bidder must meet to be eligible to submit a bid. Bidders must demonstrate compliance to minimum qualifications. BPHC reserves the right, but is not obligated, to obtain clarification from the bidder if compliance to the minimum qualifications is not clear in the bid. Those that are not clearly responsive to these minimum qualifications shall be rejected by the BPHC without further consideration.

Bidder must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in PV Monitoring and Maintenance with a minimum of 3 or more contracts of comparable property size and scope as detailed in herein.

Vendor(s) selected to perform the services must agree to the following:

BPHC as the local board of health for the city of Boston, is the holder of private medical information. This service may expose the vendor employees to such information therefore, BPHC requires the vendor to sign the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) - Business Associate Agreement to protect the privacy of BPHC clients.

The vendor must comply with the City of Boston Living Wage Ordinance and Prevailing Wage.

Vendor is solely responsible for informing BPHC if vendor is or has been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, excluded or disqualified under the non-procurement common rule, or otherwise declared ineligible from receiving Federal contracts, subcontracts, and Federal assistance and benefits in any amount. BPHC will ensure that no party found on Systems for Award Management (SAM) list is awarded a contract.

The vendor must immediately report any discovered damaged property or inoperative items to BPHC so as not to be held accountable. In addition, vendor must report any incidents that involve vendor on BPHC property.

Vendor must assign a supervisor to each location. All services must be performed by employees of the vendor. The vendor agrees to assume responsibility for the actions and conduct of any of its employees. Vendor's

employees who violate any rules shall immediately be removed and banned from all BPHC premise. The vendor must provide a list of employees under the contract if requested by BPHC.

Invoice Requirements

The vendor must assign an accounting / financial representative for invoicing and all fiscal responsibilities and correspondence. The following is required for invoice and payments:

Vendors must submit a typed or printed invoice; hand written invoices are not acceptable.

Monthly invoices for cleaning or special service must be submitted and identified with property location, department name, date and description of service.

A valid Purchase Order Number must be obtained prior to preparing invoices. Purchase Orders must be typed or printed on each invoice.

All invoices must have a unique invoice number.

Invoices without the required information or documentation, will not be processed. The vendor will be informed in writing to revise and resubmit the invoice.

Invoice payments will be released within 30 days of the invoice date after approval by the authorized BPHC personnel.

Special service provided shall be billed on a separate invoice in accordance to the quotation.

TERMS OF SERVICE

BPHC may cancel the RFP or reject all bids at any time prior to award, if BPHC determines its best interest will be served by such action. Written notice of the cancellation will be made to bidders. A bidder's failure satisfactorily furnish required contract documents within BPHC's Procurement Office request time may result in the bidder forfeiting its award. BPHC reserves the right to select the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder of this RFP.

Services are expected to be performed by the vendor on or about from October 1, 2021 until October 1, 2023 ("Initial Term") No services shall commence until all necessary contract documentation is fully executed by BPHC and awarded vendor(s).

The contract may be terminated with written notification by either party with or without cause in less than ninety (90) days by mutual agreement or in the event of substantial failure to perform in accordance with the terms set forth in the contract. BPHC has the discretion to select the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder under this RFP. Written notice of termination or cancellation shall be given to the vendor through the contact listed in the contract by BPHC. Vendor shall have no right to recover other amounts, including but not limited to amounts for lost profits, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages.

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Bidder must review the specifications of this RFP, and prepare and submit all bidding documents in the order listed below.

- Complete all bidding documents in Arial or Calibri font and size 12 point.
- Complete all bidding documents; do not leave any questions or requests as blank (unanswered); include "N/A" for any areas not applicable.
- All documents requiring signature must be signed in ink.
- Do not alter any RFP forms. Additional forms requested may be submitted per the company's format.
- Questions and responses and/or addendums must be signed by the bidder and submitted with bidding documents.
- Bidding documents and bid cost must be submitted in separate envelope or box clearly marked with
 1. Organization Name and Address and Bid Documents for PV Monitoring and Maintenance Bid
 2. Organization Name and Address and Bid Cost Sheets for PV Monitoring and Maintenance Bid (Insert Service) Bid

Submit all required bidding documents in the following order:

1. Cover Form
2. Business Profile
3. Quality Justification
4. Scope of Service
5. Reference Form
6. Non-Collusion Form & Tax Compliance Form
7. Certifications (if applicable)
8. Certificate of Liability Insurance
9. W-9 Form
10. Questions & Responses and/or Addendums (if applicable)
11. Covid Plan

Submit all required bid cost sheets in the following order:

1. Cover Form
2. Property Hours of Service
3. Property Location and Facilities
4. Company / Entity Cost Sheet of Itemized Services

Bids will be rejected if required documentation in specified order as indicated is not submitted.

Bids may be withdrawn in writing by mail or email to BPHC prior to date and time of RFP opening. Withdrawn bids may be resubmitted until the date and time of bid opening.

- Email Request: shall have letter attached on company letterhead with the bidder contact's signature and submitted two (2) business day before the date of RFP opening to mmacdougal@bphc.org
- Mail Request: shall be in writing on company letterhead and postmarked five (5) business days before the date of RFP opening to:

Boston Public Health Commission
Property Management Office c/o Michelle MacDougall
785 Albany St
Boston, MA 02118

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Property Hours of Service

New Engagement Center	
# Atkinson St. Boston, Ma. 02118	TBD

DEFINITIONS

A. CEC: California Energy Commission.

B. ETFE: Ethylene tetrafluoroethylene.

C. FEP: Fluorinated ethylene propylene.

D. IP Code: Required ingress protection to comply with IEC 60529.

E. MPPT: Maximum power point tracking.

F. PTC: PVUSA Test Condition. Commonly regarded as a "real-world" measure of PV output. See

below for definition of "PVUSA."

G. PV: Photovoltaic.

H. PVUSA: Photovoltaics for Utility Systems Applications.

I. STC: Standard Test Conditions defined in IEC 61215.

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Cover Form

Request for Proposal: PV Monitoring and Maintenance Service

Date Released: 6/22/2021

Completion and submission of the cover form of the Request for Proposal and information below indicates the intention of the bidder to comply with specifications, requirements, and terms of the Boston Public Health Commission's request of services.

This form serves as the cover page for bid documents and bid cost submissions. Bids will be rejected without Cover Form.

Addendum Received: _____ out of _____

Company / Entity Information

Company or Entity Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Taxpayer Identification #: _____

Business Classification:

Check appropriate item(s) and submit certification(s) in the bidding documents.

- _____ Small Business Enterprise
- _____ Local Business Enterprise
- _____ Minority Owned Business Enterprise
- _____ Woman Owned Business Enterprise
- _____ Veteran Owned Business Enterprise
- _____ Service-Disabled Owned Business Enterprise

Bidder Contact

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



Reference Form

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Bidder Company Name:

Bidder Contact:

Telephone Number:

List three (3) jobs of comparable size and scope within the past five (5) years.

Business Reference 1

Company or Entity: _____

Contact Name & Telephone #: _____

Brief Description of Work: _____

Amount of Contract: _____

Contract Start / End Date: _____

Business Reference 2

Company or Entity: _____

Contact Name & Telephone #: _____

Brief Description of Work: _____

Amount of Contract: _____

Contract Start / End Date: _____

Business Reference 3

Company or Entity: _____

Contact Name & Telephone #: _____

Brief Description of Work: _____

Amount of Contract: _____

Contract Start / End Date: _____



Non-Collusion Form & Tax Compliance Form

Certificate of Non-Collusion

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Signature of Individual submitting bid or proposal

Printed Name Individual submitting bid or proposal

Company or Entity Name

Tax Compliance Certification

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62C, §49A, I certify under the penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Signature of Individual submitting bid or proposal

Printed Name Individual submitting bid or proposal

Company or Entity Name