

SUBMIT BIDS TO:	CITY OF TUSCALOOSA P.O. BOX 2089 TUSCALOOSA, AL 35403	PURCHASING OFFICE 2201 UNIV. BLVD. TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401	INVITATION TO BID								
BID TITLE New Meter Reading Products			BID NO. 9070-092021-1								
PAGE 1 OF 7 PAGES	BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, 2201 UNIVERSITY BLVD. TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401 AND MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SUCH DATE & TIME.		ISSUE DATE 09/10/2021								
 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAYOR</u> WALT MADDOX</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>MATTHEW WILSON</td> <td>KIP TYNER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RAEVAN HOWARD</td> <td>JOHN FAILE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NORMAN CROW</td> <td>CASSIUS LANIER</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEE BUSBY</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PURCHASING AGENT</u> AMANDA GANN</p>		MATTHEW WILSON	KIP TYNER	RAEVAN HOWARD	JOHN FAILE	NORMAN CROW	CASSIUS LANIER	LEE BUSBY		Vendor Information (SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR) <hr/> Company Name (Please Print) <hr/> Phone Number Fax Number <hr/> Email Address	
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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF INVITATIONS TO BID

1. PREPARATION OF BIDS

Bids will be prepared in accordance with the following:

- (a) Our enclosed Bid forms are to be used in submitting your bid.
- (b) All information required by the Bid form shall be furnished. The bidder shall print or type his name and manually sign the schedule and each continuation sheet on which any entry is made.
- (c) Unit prices shall be shown and where there is an error in extension of price, the unit price shall govern.
- (d) Proposed delivery time must be shown and shall include Sundays and holidays.
- (e) Bidder will not include federal taxes nor State of Alabama sales, excise, and use taxes in bid prices as the City is exempt from payment of such taxes. An exemption certificate will be signed where applicable upon request.
- (f) Bidders shall thoroughly examine the drawings, specifications, schedule, instructions and all other contract documents.
- (g) Bidders shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding plant and facilities for delivery of material and equipment as required by the bid conditions. No plea of ignorance by the bidder of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the City or the compensation to the vendor.
- (h) Bidders are advised that all City Contracts are subject to all legal requirements provided for in the Purchasing ordinance and/or State and Federal Statutes.

2. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES

- (a) Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand name, or catalog numbers used in specifications are for the purpose of describing and establishing general quality levels. SUCH REFERENCES ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE RESTRICTIVE. Bids will be considered for any brand which meets the quality of the specifications listed for any items.
- (b) Bidders are required to state exactly what they intend to furnish, otherwise they shall be required to furnish the items as specified.
- (c) Bidders will submit, with their proposal, data necessary to evaluate and determine the quality of the item(s) they are bidding.

3. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- (a) Bids and changes thereto shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed to Amanda Gann, Purchasing Agent, 2201 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401. The name and address of the bidder, the date and hour of the bid opening and the material or service bid on shall be placed on the outside of the envelope.
- (b) Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished. Telegraphic bids will not be considered.

4. REJECTION OF BIDS

- (a) The City may reject a bid if:
 - 1. The bidder misstates or conceals any material fact in the bid, or if,
 - 2. The bid does not strictly conform to the law or requirement of bid, or if,
 - 3. The bid is conditional, except that the bidder may qualify his bid for acceptance by the City on an "all or none" basis, or a "low item" basis. An "all or none" basis bid must include all items upon which bids are invited.
- (b) The City may, however, reject all bids whenever it is deemed in the best interest of the City. The City may also waive any minor informalities or irregularities in any bid.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

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Signature _____

- (a) Bids may not be withdrawn after the time set for the bid opening for a period of time as specified.
- (b) Bids may be withdrawn prior to the time set for the bid opening.
- 6. LATE BIDS OR MODIFICATIONS**
- (a) Bids and modifications received after the time set for the bid opening will not be considered.
- (b) Modifications in writing received prior to the time set for the bid opening will be accepted.
- 7. CLARIFICATIONS OR OBJECTION TO BID SPECIFICATIONS**
- If any person contemplating submitting a bid for this contract is in doubt as to the true meaning of the specifications or other bid documents of any part thereof, he may submit to the Purchasing Agent on or before five (5) days prior to scheduled opening a request for clarification. All such requests for information shall be made in writing and the person submitting the request will be responsible for its prompt delivery. Any objection to the specifications and requirements as set forth in this bid must be filed in writing with the Purchasing Agent on or before five (5) days prior to scheduled opening.
- 8. DISCOUNTS**
- (a) Bidders may offer a cash discount for prompt payment; however, such discounts shall NOT be considered in determining the lowest net cost for bid evaluation purposes. Bidders are encouraged to reflect cash discounts in the unit prices quoted.
- (b) In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of receipt of supplies or services or from the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is the later date. Payment is deemed to be made on the date of mailing of the check.
- 9. SAMPLES**
- Samples, when required, must be submitted within the time specified at no expense to the City of Tuscaloosa. If not destroyed or used up during testing, samples will be returned upon request at the bidder's expense, unless stated otherwise in Special Conditions or Specifications. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name and manufacturer's brand name and number.
- 10. AWARD OF CONTRACT**
- (a) The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder based upon the following factors: quality; conformity with specifications; purpose for which required; terms of delivery; transportation charges; dates of delivery.
- (b) The city reserves the right to accept and award item by item, and/or by group, or in the aggregate, unless the bidder qualifies his bid by specified limitations. Re Par.4(a)3.
- (c) If two or more bids received are for the same total amount or unit price, quality and service being equal, the contract shall be awarded to a local bidder.
- (d) Prices quoted must be FOB Destination to Tuscaloosa with all transportation charges prepaid unless otherwise specified in the Invitation to Bid.
- (e) A written award of acceptance (Purchase Order), mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder shall result in a binding contract.
- 11. DELIVERY**
- (a) Deliveries are to be FOB Destination unless otherwise specified in the Invitation to Bids.
- (b) Deliveries are to be made during regular business hours.
- 12. CONDITION OF MATERIALS AND PACKAGING**
- All items furnished must be new and free from defects. No others will be accepted under the terms and intent of this bid. All containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and price bid shall include standard commercial packaging.
- 13. CLAIMS**
- Successful bidder(s) will be responsible for making any and all claims against carriers for missing or damaged items.
- 14. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**
- Bidders shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders and laws as applicable to this bid and subsequent contract(s).
- 15. PROVISION FOR OTHER AGENCIES**
- Unless otherwise stipulated by the bidder, the bidder agrees when submitting his bid to make available to all City agencies, departments, and in-city municipalities the bid prices he submits, in accordance with the bid terms and conditions, should any said department, agency, or municipality wish to buy under this proposal.
- 16. COLLUSION**
- The bidder, by affixing his signature to this proposal, agrees to the following: "Bidder certifies that his bid is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation making a bid for the same items and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action".
- 17. VARIANCE IN CONDITIONS**
- Any and all special conditions and specifications attached hereto which vary from General Conditions shall have precedence.
- 18. MINORITY / DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**
- The City of Tuscaloosa has voluntarily adopted a Minority / Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("MBE/DBE/WBE") Program called Tuscaloosa Builds, which is designed to encourage the participation and development of minority and disadvantaged business enterprises and to promote equal business opportunities to the fullest extent allowed by state and federal law. To learn more about this program, visit the City's website at www.tuscaloosa.com.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The General Conditions of Invitations to Bid and any Special Conditions stated shall be considered as part of the specifications of the bid.

Reference to brand names and numbers is descriptive, but not restrictive, unless otherwise specified. Bids on equivalent items meeting the standards of quality thereby indicated will be considered, providing the bid clearly describes the article offered and indicates how it differs from the referenced brands. **Descriptive literature and manufacturer's specifications plus any supplemental information necessary for comparison purposes must be submitted with the bid or the bid on that item will be rejected.** Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid or on file with the Division of Purchasing will not satisfy this requirement. **The burden is on the bidder to demonstrate that the item bid is equivalent to the item specified in the ITB.** Any exceptions taken to any item(s) must be fully explained in written detail on bidders' letterhead and attached to the bid when submitted.

Awards shall be made or contracts entered into with the lowest responsible bidder(s) meeting all specifications and terms and conditions established by the Division of Purchasing. The Division of Purchasing reserves the right to determine the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of an individual item or group of items. Delivery dates may be a factor in awards. Local Bidder Preference may be used in bid evaluation in accordance with State of Alabama Bid Law Section 41-16-50(a).

The issuance of a City of Tuscaloosa Purchase Order or Purchasing Card is required to constitute a contract between the vendor and the City of Tuscaloosa, which shall bind the vendor to furnish and deliver the commodities and/or services ordered at the prices, terms, and conditions quoted.

Questions concerning the bid process should be directed to Amanda Gann at (205) 248-5173 or agann@tuscaloosa.com (e-mail is preferred). Questions concerning Specifications should be directed to Hunter McJenkin at (205) 248-5953 or hmcjenkin@tuscaloosa.com.

Any addendums issued for this bid will be posted on the City Of Tuscaloosa website at <http://www.tuscaloosa.com/bids>. It is the responsibility of the bidder to check this page for any addendums before submitting their bid.

Vendor to submit the following:

1. Completed bid submission via the fillable PDF provided or typed text.
 - a. Signed and completed General Condition pages
 - b. Signed Special Conditions page
 - c. Signed Contract Information page
 - d. Signed COVID-19 Information page
 - e. Completed and signed Bid Submissions Work Sheets
 - f. Completed and signed Bidder's Response Form
 - g. When applicable, completed and signed Addendums
2. Any necessary descriptive literature and/or specifications information as outlined above and/or elsewhere in this document
3. Provide certified W9, which can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>
4. Vendor must submit an original bid and one complete copy or the bid may be rejected.

NOTE: Sheet(s) submitted without Company Name & Signature WILL NOT be considered for bid award.

Bid submissions shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Amanda Gann, Purchasing Agent, 2201 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

The name and address of the bidder, the date and hour of the bid opening and the Bid Title shall be placed on the outside of the envelope. Failure to properly address and label sealed envelope may result in bid rejection.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION**Electronic Submissions**

Submission of completed bid documents as .pdf documents can now be done at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions about the electronic bid document submission process, please contact City of Tuscaloosa Purchasing or Central Bidding at 225-810-4814 or support@centralbidding.com.

Submitting Bids by Mail/Package Carrier

Bidders who submit bids by mail or package carriers are encouraged to do the following:

1. Correctly label the outer envelope as instructed on page 3-4 of this bid document to insure proper identification and delivery to Purchasing.
2. Use a shipping method that includes tracking information and an estimated delivery time. USPS standard mailing without tracking is not recommended.
3. Don't wait until the last minute. Allow at least a day's cushion in case deliveries are delayed unexpectedly.

Note: Keep in mind that the City is not responsible for deliveries from mail/package carriers that are delivered after the bid deadline.

Submitting Bids by Hand

Bidders submitting bids by hand must enter at the City Hall complex entrance located on the 4th level of the City's Intermodal Facility parking deck; the entrance to the deck is located on 7th Street beside Government Plaza. Bidders are to turn in bids to the security guard on duty at the desk. Security will notify Purchasing that a bid has been turned in.

Note: Masks/face coverings may be required for entry into certain areas inside City Hall.

Bid Opening & Potential Date Change

If bidders choose to attend the bid opening, only one representative per bidder will be allowed to attend. All attendees shall be healthy and display no symptoms of sickness. Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained. Face coverings that fully cover the nose and mouth may be required while in certain areas of all City-owned/operated facilities.

Circumstances related to COVID-19 may warrant a change to the bid opening date. Any such date change will be published in an addendum and posted on our City's website at <https://www.tuscaloosa.com/bids>. Bidders are advised to check this web page for any addendums prior to submitting their bids.

Bid results will be posted on the Bids page of the City's website within 24 hours of bid opening. Link: <https://www.tuscaloosa.com/bids>

CONTRACT INFORMATION

The term of contracts resulting from this bid award shall be from October 1, 2021, or date of award if after that date, through September 30, 2022.

Bid items are grouped into schedules by product group/type. It is the City’s intention to award this bid by schedule. In order to be considered for award of a schedule, bidder should submit a bid for all items in that schedule. However, the City reserves the right to make award by item or group of items if it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

The parts/supplies listed in the bid are the ones most commonly purchased by the City. If awarded a schedule, bidder(s) must agree to extend similar pricing/discounts for those same product types in sizes/models not specifically listed. For example, if awarded the schedule for Tap Sleeves, awarded bidder will sell Tap Sleeves in sizes not listed in the bid at the same price/discount levels as the sizes listed in the bid.

The City intends to award this bid to Primary Bidder(s). The City may also choose to make an award to a Secondary Bidder to be used in the event the Primary Bidder is unable to provide an item within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the City. The Secondary Bidder (if applicable) shall be obligated to all applicable terms and conditions contained herein. By submitting a bid, all bidders agree to become Secondary Bidder if determined as such by the City.

Awarded bidders not honoring bid prices for the entire contract period will have their bid award rescinded for the remainder of the awarded contract period.

The successful bidder shall guarantee full delivery within 30 days of receipt of order. If deliveries are not made at the time agreed upon, the City reserves the right to cancel and purchase from Secondary Bidder or the next lowest bidder, if applicable. Consistent failure to meet delivery times will constitute grounds for the termination of the awarded section of the contract. This declaration may result in the rejection of any future bids submitted by the vendor.

Bidders must include with their bid any descriptive literature and specifications information necessary for product evaluation. Determination as to whether an item submitted for bid meets specifications shall be the sole responsibility of City personnel. Failure to include this information will subject a bid to rejection.

All items will be ordered on an as needed basis. There are no minimum order guarantees and no estimates for expected annual purchases.

UNBALANCED BIDDING: The City will reject any bid that is unbalanced if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. A bid will be considered unbalanced when, in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent, the bid allocates a disproportionate share of costs to the price of one or more bid items in order to reduce the costs to the price of another bid item or items, and if there is a reasonable possibility that the bid will not result in the lowest overall cost to the City.

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Schedule 18

METER READING PRODUCTS

100W Water Communication ERT Module – ERW-1300-403

- Two “A” cell lithium batteries warranted for 20 years
- Maximum meter register pulse frequency: 4 Hertz
- Compatible with Sensus iPERL and Omni

100W Through the Lid Mount Kit – CFG-1300-004

- Compatible with the ERW-1300-403
- Compatible with a 2” hole through meter box lid

100W+ Through the Lid Antenna – CFG-0900-003

- TTL antenna American Disabilities Act compliant
- Compatible with the ERW-1300-403

Itron Splice Kit – OEM-0034-002

- Qty. 3 wire connectors
- 1 Gel Tube

5’ Cable with In-Line Connector with .167” Protective Coating – CFG-0151-010

- Itron connection X bare end wires (3 wires inside protective coating)

BID SUBMISSIONS WORK SHEETS

Line Item	Part Description	City Part ID	Unit	Bid Price
	Schedule 18	New Meter Reading Products		
1.	ENCODER WITH INTEGRAL CONNECTOR AND LEAK SENSOR ERW-1300-403	WD4106	EACH	
2.	100W THROUGH THE LID MOUNT KIT CFG-1300-004	WD4107	EACH	
3.	THROUGH THE LID REMOTE MOUNT ANTENNA KIT CFG-0900-003	TBD	EACH	
4.	ITRON SPLICE KIT OEM-0034-002	WD4108	EACH	
5.	5' CABLE WITH IN-LINE CONNECTOR WITH .167" PROTECTIVE COVER CFG-0151-010	WD4109	EACH	

BIDDER'S RESPONSE FORM

MESSAGE TO BIDDERS: Please review your bid documents for accuracy, completeness, required documentation, and necessary signatures before submitting. Please label the outer mailing/shipping package with the bid information as directed.

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

COPIES SUBMITTED:

_____ **VENDOR MUST SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL BID AND ONE COMPLETE COPY OR THE BID MAY BE REJECTED.**

Awarded bidder(s) may be required to obtain a City of Tuscaloosa business license in order to provide goods and/or services in response to this bid and subsequent contract(s). Inquiries regarding business license requirements should be directed to the City's Revenue & Financial Services Division at (205) 248-5200. Failure to obtain and maintain required city business license(s) may result in rescinding of bid award and contract termination.

Note: By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE ALL OF THE ABOVE WITH AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE MAY SUBJECT BID TO REJECTION.