



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY

Request for Proposal #2024-02

For: Big Creek Dry Hydrant Repair

ISSUING OFFICE:

Charter Township of Chocolay

Lee Gould

Fire Chief

5010 US 41 South

Marquette, MI 49855

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SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

The Charter Township of Chocolay is seeking the repair and/or replacement of an existing dry hydrant utilized for fire protection within the township. The current hydrant is believed to have damage to the piping which has rendered the hydrant mostly unusable for fire protection purposes. The hydrant is located approximately 300 feet west of the intersection of US-41 and County Road 480 located within the Charter Township of Chocolay. The dry hydrant piping extends underwater into Big Creek.

1.2 SUBMITTAL OF QUOTES

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- A.** Quotes are to be addressed to the contracting officer as follows:

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- B.** Quotes must be received by November 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. RFQ must be labeled "BIG CREEK DRY HYDRANT CONTRACT RFQ 2024-02". Late quotes shall be returned to the proposer unopened.
- C.** The bid will be awarded or rejected to all bidding contractors on or before November 13, 2024.
- D.** This RFQ does not commit the Township to award a contract.

- E. The Township will not pay proposers for any costs associated with preparing responses to this RFQ.
- F. Proposer agrees to and acknowledges all RFQ specifications, terms, and conditions and indicates ability to perform by submission of its proposal.
- G. By submitting a proposal, the contractor accepts and agrees to comply with the terms and provisions contained herein.

1.3 COMMUNICATION

All communication, including questions, MUST BE IN WRITING and directed to the Contracting Officer identified in Section 1.2.A of this RFQ. Communication may be made via email or facsimile.

1.4 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PROPOSALS AND MATERIALS THE TOWNSHIP RECEIVES

1. Access to government records, including those held by the Township, is governed by the State of Michigan.
2. Proposal, documents, and material pertaining to this proposal become the property of the Township and shall be open to public inspection.
3. Bidders are advised that **any proposal, documents, and material** they submit to the Township in response to this proposal or in pursuit of a government-funded contract is open to public inspection. This includes, but is not limited to, proposals, documents, and material that the bidder may deem to be confidential or proprietary in nature.
4. Under the State of Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the Township is obligated to provide access to, or copies of, material it has in its possession if and when another party makes a FOIA request. The Township may not be allowed to withhold or redact material that the bidder may find sensitive even if the bidder identifies the material as confidential, propriety, trade secret, etc.
5. Bidders should assume that any and all material they submit to the Township will be shared with the public.
6. The Township will not notify proposers or contractors if and when a FOIA request is made for information it provided to the Township.

SECTION 2 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

Installation Requirements:

- The upper hydrant connection point for hard suction hose shall be located 20 feet to 24 feet North of the guardrail located on the North side of County Road 480. Connection point shall also be located 50 feet to 75 feet directly west of the west edge of Big Creek.
- Contractor is responsible for obtaining any required permits from the State of Michigan and the County of Marquette as well as complying with all applicable laws and regulations as it pertains to the site work.
- The pipe assembly shall be installed so the top of the upper elbow/connection point is 32 inches to 33 inches above final grade where the fire apparatus will park while utilizing the hydrant. This requirement is important as the no portions of the hydrant piping can be above the pump impeller on the fire apparatus to prevent air pockets while in use in the piping which can cause loss of prime.
- Driving surface of this installation shall be topped with 2 inches to 4 inches of gravel that meets the MDOT specifications for 21AA aggregate. The driving surface shall be smooth with a slight pitch to the North to aid in water drainage. Surface shall be properly compacted and left in a condition to provide for ease of snow removal with a pickup truck mounted snowplow.
- Pipe and fittings shall be glued together properly and according to manufacturer recommendations. Any air leak in the hydrant piping will render the hydrant unusable.
- Prior to backfilling the excavation for piping, the contractor shall ensure that the piping is encased on all sides with a minimum of 12 inches of clean fill sand and free of any rocks.
- Piping shall be installed so that all portions below the top of the elbow fitting that is located directly below the uppermost elbow fitting that is above grade is completely filled with water at all times with consideration given to the 50-year drought cycle.
- Lower horizontal run of piping and fittings shall be 8-inch diameter schedule 80 PVC.
- All piping that is not constantly filled with water shall be 6-inch diameter schedule 80 PVC.

- Strainer located in stream shall be properly anchored to stream bed according to manufacturer recommendations.
- Uppermost elbow above grade shall be adequately supported and secured with consideration given to the weight and forces of a 6-inch diameter hard suction hose attached and flowing a high volume of water as well as vibrations from the fire apparatus through the hose and into the dry hydrant piping.
- Existing concrete barriers are permitted to be reused to provide protection to the above ground hydrant piping from snow removal equipment and vehicles, the permanent installation of bollards will also be considered acceptable.
- All disturbed vegetation shall be restored to prework conditions or better and following Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requirements.
- The minimum number of elbows shall be used with at least two elbows being required.

Material Specifications:

- All pipe and fittings used shall be PVC, Schedule 80, and approved for outdoor use.
- PVC pipe cement shall be rated for the materials and site conditions.
- All gravel used for the driving surfaces shall meet the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requirements for 21AA aggregate.
- All hardware used shall be stainless steel.
- Upper hydrant elbow/fitting shall be a DIXON ADH45F60F and a plug DIXON PLUG600F-C or equivalent.
- Strainer for end of pipe in the stream shall be a EMERGENCY TECHNOLOGY & TACTICS LLC “ETT LLC” 12161-100 “trout stream strainer” or equivalent.

Performance Requirements & Final Inspection & Changes:

- Contractor shall consult with the township fire department for flow testing of hydrant upon completion.
- Hydrant shall be capable of flowing a minimum of 1000 gallons per minute at draft with a fire apparatus.
- The Chocolay Township Fire Chief and/or their designee are the only township representatives authorized to approve any changes to or deviations from the original RFP.

Completion Time:

The desired completion date of this project is as soon as possible but shall be no later than 30 December 2024. Extensions to this deadline will be considered for extenuating circumstances such as extreme weather conditions.

SECTION 3 - INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

3.1 PROPOSAL DEADLINE

- A. Proposals **MUST** be received by the due date and time specified in Section 1.2.B of this RFQ.
- B. The Township assumes no responsibility for errant delivery of proposals, including those relegated to a courier agent who fails to deliver in accordance with the time and receiving point specified.

3.2 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMITTAL

- A. The entire proposal shall contain:
 - 1. One (1) original and one (1) copy of the technical proposal, and
 - 2. One (1) original and one (1) copy of the price proposal.

3.3 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must meet the following requirements:

- A. All-inclusive price proposal. The hourly labor rates and additional prices shall include any items of labor, materials, tools, equipment, overhead, insurance, and all other costs necessary to complete the work to these specifications. Any items omitted from the Township's scope of service, which are clearly necessary for the completion of the project, shall be considered a portion of such work, although not directly specified or called for in these specifications.
- B. It may be required that all proposals meet the Davis Bacon Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

3.4 PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION

The Township reserves the right to:

- A. Reject any or all proposals, in full or in part for sound, documentable, business reasons, or to accept any proposal, in full or in part, or to waive any informality in any proposal deemed to be the best interest of the Township.
- B. Reject proposals which have major and/or unacceptable deviations from the Township's specifications; and accept a proposal that has only minor deviations.
- C. Postpone the proposal due date or cancel the solicitation.
- D. Consider any specific proposal that is conditional or not prepared in accordance with the instructions and requirements of this RFQ to be noncompetitive.
- E. Waive any defects, or minor informalities or irregularities in any proposal that do not materially affect the proposal or prejudice other proposers.
- F. If there is evidence indicating that proposers are in collusion to restrict competition or otherwise engaged in anti-competitive practices, the proposals of all such proposers will be rejected and such evidence may be a cause for disqualification of the participants in future solicitations undertaken by the Township.

3.5 PROPOSAL AS A CONTRACT

- A. Each proposal will be submitted with the understanding that acceptance in writing by the Township of the offer to furnish the products or services described shall bind the proposer to furnish and deliver at the proposed price and in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions, and other requirements detailed in the RFP or subsequent addendum.
- B. The proposal does not become a contract unless and until the Township executes the contract in the form of a signed agreement between the two parties. No other act by either party shall constitute a contract award.

SECTION 4 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS

4.1 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

All parts of the contract documents are intended to be correlated so that any work called for in one part and not mentioned in the other, or vice versa, is to be executed the same as if mentioned in all said documents. Wherever conflicting, contradictory, or redundant statements exist between the scope of services and the other sections of the RFQ document, the other sections of the RFQ take precedence.

4.2 MODIFICATION TO CONTRACT

A. Written Change Orders

Oral change orders are not permitted. No change to the contract shall be made unless the Township gives prior written approval. The Contractor shall be liable for all costs resulting from, and/or for satisfactorily correcting, any specification changes not properly ordered by written modification to the contract signed by the Township. A properly executed change order takes precedence over previously executed contract provisions.

B. Change Order Procedure

Within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the written change order to modify the contract, the Contractor shall submit to the Township a detailed price and schedule proposal for the work to be performed. This proposal shall be accepted or modified by negotiations between the contractor and the Township. At this time, a detailed modification shall be executed in writing by both parties.

SECTION 5 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPERATED INTO CONTRACT UPON AWARD TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

5.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Those terms and conditions contained within Section 5.0 of this Request for Quotes shall be incorporated into any subsequent contract between the parties following the Township's acceptance of the contractor's proposal.

5.1 TERMINATION

A. Termination for Convenience or Default

The Township may terminate this contract in whole or in part, for its' convenience or because of the failure of the contractor to fulfill the contract obligations. The Township shall terminate by delivering to the contractor a notice of termination specifying the nature, extent, and effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of the notice, the contractor shall (1) immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver to the contracting officer all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and other information and materials accumulated in performing this contract, whether completed or in process.

If the termination is for the convenience of the Township, the contracting officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the contract price but shall allow no anticipated payment on unperformed services.

If the termination is for failure of the contractor to fulfill the contract obligations, the Township may complete the work by contract or otherwise and the contractor shall be liable for any additional cost incurred by the Township.

If, after termination for failure to fulfill contract obligations, it is determined that the contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Township.

B. Opportunity to Cure

The Township in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the contractor within ten (10) calendar days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions.

If contractor fails to remedy to the Township's satisfaction the breach or default, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt by contractor of written notice from the Township, the Township shall have the right to terminate the contract without any further obligation to the contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude the Township from also pursuing all available remedies against the contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

C. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach

In the event that the Township elects to waive its remedies for any breach by contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this contract, such waiver by the Township shall not limit the Township's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this contract.

5.2 BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Disputes arising in the performance of this contract, which are not resolved by agreement of the parties, shall be decided in writing by the Township's Manager. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) calendar days from the date of receipt of its copy of the decision, the contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Township Board in accordance with the notice delivery provisions of this agreement. In connection with any such appeal, the contractor shall be afforded further opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its

position. The decision of the Township Board shall be binding upon the contractor and the contractor shall abide by the decision.

- B. Unless otherwise directed by the Township, contractor shall continue performance under this contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.
- C. The contractor and Township shall participate in this administrative dispute resolution and appeals process in good faith prior to pursuing litigation or other formal dispute resolution procedures described herein.
- D. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties, disputes involving the Township and contractor and which arise from any aspect of this contract including, but not limited to, interpretation of the contract, performance, default, or enforcement shall be decided by litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Marquette County, Michigan. The court shall take into consideration the findings and decision of the Township Board in acceptance of the applicable law involving such disputes.

5.3 PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT

The parties to the contract are the Procuring Agency (“the Township i.e. the Owner) and the Proposer (“Contractor”, “Proposer” or “Offeror”) as set out in the accepted offer.

5.4 ASSIGNMENT/ SUCCESSION

Any contract issued pursuant to this acceptance of contractor’s proposal and the monies which may become due, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the Township. Any required consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The contract will be binding on the parties, their successors, and assigns, if any, except that nothing contained in this clause shall be construed to permit any attempted assignment which would be unauthorized or void pursuant to any other provision of this contract.

5.5 INDEMNIFICATION

- A. The contractor shall, to the extent permitted by law (1) protect, indemnify and save the Township and its officers, employees and agents, including consultants, harmless from and against any and all liabilities, damages, claims, demands, liens, encumbrances, judgments, awards, losses, costs, expenses, and suits or actions or proceedings, including reasonable expenses, costs and attorneys’ fees incurred by the Township and its officers, employees and agents, including consultants, in the defense, settlement or satisfaction thereof, for any injury, death, loss or damage to persons or property of any kind whatsoever, arising out of, or resulting from, the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Contractor, including negligent acts, errors

or omissions of its officers, employees, servants, agents, subcontractors and suppliers; (2) upon receipt of notice and if given authority, shall settle at its own expense or undertake at its own expense the defense of any such suit, action or proceeding, including appeals, against the Township and its officers, employees and agents, including consultants, relating to such injury, death, loss or damage. Each party shall promptly notify the other in writing of the notice or assertion of any claim, demand, lien, encumbrance, judgment, award, suit, action or other proceeding hereunder. The contractor shall have sole charge and direction of the defense of such suit, action or proceeding. The Township shall, at the request of the contractor, furnish to the contractor all reasonable assistance that may be necessary for the purpose of defending such suit, action or proceeding, and shall be repaid all reasonable costs incurred in doing so. The Township shall have the right to be represented therein by an advisory council of its own selection at its own expense.

- B. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to waive the Township's immunities or liability limits provided under applicable state or federal law.

5.6 PROHIBITED INTEREST

No member, officer, or employee of the Township or of a local public body during their tenure or one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

5.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. The Contractor, by entering into the contract with the Township, has thereby covenanted that it has no direct or indirect pecuniary or proprietary interest, and that it shall not acquire any interest, which conflicts in any manner or degree with the work, services, or materials required to be performed or provided under the contract and that it shall not employ any person or agent having such interests. If the contractor or its agents, employees, or representatives hereafter acquires such a conflict of interest, it shall immediately disclose such interest to the Township and take action immediately to eliminate the conflict or to withdraw from this contract, as the Township may require.
- B. The contractor also certifies that to the best of its knowledge, no board member or employee, or employee or officer of any agency interested in the Township contract has a pecuniary interest in the business of the contractor or with the contract and that no person associated with the contractor has any interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the contract.

- C. By entering into a contract upon acceptance of contractor's Request for Proposals, the contractor and the Township further covenants: 1) that no person or selling agency except bona fide employees or designated agents or representatives of the contractor has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract with an agreement or understanding that a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee would be paid; and 2) that no gratuities were offered or given by the contractor or any of its agents, employees or representatives, to any official, member, or employee of the Township or other governmental agency with a view toward securing the contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determination with respect to the performance of this service.

5.8 LAWS GOVERNING CONTRACT

This proposal and the resulting contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan. The parties stipulate that this contract was entered into in the County of Marquette, in the State of Michigan. The parties further stipulate that the County of Marquette is the only appropriate forum for any litigation resulting from a breach hereof or any questions arising here from. All parties to this proposal and any resulting contract agreed that the venue shall be within the County of Marquette, Michigan. Each party will perform its obligations hereunder in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations now or hereafter in effect.

5.9 COMPLETE AGREEMENT

Any contract resulting upon acceptance of contractor's Request for Quotes shall expressly incorporate the terms and provisions of Section 5 of the Township's Request for Quotes by reference as if restated therein in its entirety. The terms of the Request for Quotes and any contract resulting upon the acceptance shall be construed to be consistent with each other to the greatest extent possible. In the event of any irreconcilable conflict between the resulting contract and the provisions within Section 5 of the Request for Quotes, Section 5 of the Request for Quotes shall prevail and take precedence. In the event of irreconcilable conflict between other provisions of the Request for Quotes and the resulting contract upon acceptance of the contractor's proposal, the resulting contract shall prevail and take precedence. The validity in whole or in part of any term or condition of the contract shall not affect the validity of other terms or conditions. The Township's failure to insist in any one or more instances upon the contractor's performance of any term or condition of the contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the Township's right to such performance, or to future performance, of such term or condition by the contractor, and contractor's obligation for performance of that term or condition shall continue in full force and effect.

5.10 SEVERABILITY

If any provisions or portion of any provision of this contract are held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, they shall be severed from the contract and the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

SECTION 6 - INSURANCE

6.1 CONTRACTOR’S LIABILITY INSURANCE

A. The contractor shall purchase and maintain, throughout the term of the contract, insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan that will protect contractors, subcontractors, and the owner from all liability claims under the contract. The insurance must state the Township as additionally covered. The amount of insurance shall not be less than the following:

1. Workers’ Compensation, disability benefit and other similar employee benefit acts in the amount required under State of Michigan law. A nonresident Contractor shall have insurance for benefits payable under Michigan’s Workers’ Compensation law for any employee resident of and hired in Michigan. The Contractor shall maintain coverage for employees of other states as mandated.
2. Comprehensive General Liability: \$1,000,000
Bodily injury and property damage combined single limit including personal injury and completed operations.
3. Automobile Insurance for Vehicles: \$1,000,000
Liability, including standard no-fault.
4. Professional Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000
Proof of insurance coverage for professional errors and omissions with a \$1,000,000 limit for each occurrence must be provided to the Township as a condition for award of this contract.

B. The contractor may not start work until evidence of all required insurance has been submitted and approved by the Township. The contractor must cease work if any of the required insurance is canceled or expires. One copy of the certificate of insurance shall be submitted to and approved by the Township prior to the execution of the contract.

- C. All policies providing contractor's insurance shall be endorsed to provide thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or non-renewal to the Township.
- D. The limits of liability may be provided by a single policy of insurance or by a combination of primary, excess or umbrella policies. But in no event shall the total limits of liability available for any one occurrence or accident be less than the amount required.
- E. All policies of insurance presented as proof of compliance shall be on forms and with insurance companies approved by the Township. All such insurance policies shall be provided by insurance companies having Best's ratings of A or greater and VII or greater (A/VII) as shown in the most current issue of Best's Key Rating Guide. Policies of insurance insured by insurance companies not rated by Best's or having Best's ratings lower than A/VII will not be accepted as complying with the insurance requirements of the contract unless such insurance companies were approved in writing prior to award of the contract.

Contractor (Company) Name: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

**VENDOR CERTIFICATION
 THAT IT IS NOT AN
 “IRAN LINKED BUSINESS”**

Pursuant to Michigan law, (the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, 2012 PA 517, MCL 129.311 et seq.), before accepting any bid or proposal, or entering into any contract for goods or services with any prospective Vendor, the Vendor must first certify that it is not an “IRAN LINKED BUSINESS, as defined by law.

Vendor	
Legal Name	
Street Address	
City	
State, Zip	
Corporate I.D. Number / State	
Taxpayer I.D. #	

The undersigned, with: 1) full knowledge of all of Vendors business activities, 2) full knowledge of the requirements and possible penalties under the law MCL 129.311 et seq. and 3) the full and complete authority to make this certification on behalf of the Vendor, by his/her signature below, certifies that: the Vendor is NOT an “IRAN LINKED BUSINESS” as required by MCL 129.311 et seq.,

Signature of Vendor’s

Authorized Agent:

Printed Name of Vendor’s

Authorized Agent:

Witness Signature:

Printed Name of Witness:
