

City of Aurora



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DATE: April 28, 2023
TO: Prospective Bidders
FROM: Jolene Coulter, Director of Purchasing
RE: **CITY OF AURORA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 23-39 – Addendum #1
CSO 4 SMOKE TESTING**

This notice forms a part of the Request for Proposal 23-39: CSO 4 Smoke Testing. All other information pertaining to this Request for Proposal shall remain the same.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the City of Aurora: Attn: Purchasing Division, 44 East Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois 60507, until 2:00 pm, CST, Wednesday, April 12, 2023. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to see that their Proposal is received by the due date and time. No Late proposals will be accepted.

Please find clarified information below.

1. Can you please clarify the proposal deliverable requirements? The way we interpret the submittal is one PDF copy of the Proposal (on a flash drive?) in addition to a cost proposal in a separate sealed envelope (paper copy?). Please let us know if this is correct.
 - a. Sealed proposals will be received at the City of Aurora, Attn: Purchasing Division, 44 E Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois 60507 until 2:00 p.m., CST, Friday, May 5, 2023.
 - b. The submittal and Cost proposal shall be put in separate envelopes.
2. The scope mentions that the City will provide, “An ESRI based data collection application” for data collection. Is it a requirement to use this, and, if so, can you please provide a list of fields to be populated during for each defect identified?
 - a. Use of an ESRI application is preferred but not required. Data may be entered via mobile device or web browser. The City may also provide physical maps to aid in field work.
 - b. Field data collection will include, but not be limited to, GPS location, asset ID (if available), type of failure/defect (if applicable), photographs of the failure/defect, and notes/observations.

3. Does the total sewer footage provided (≈128,000 ft) include inlet & catch basin lateral lines in the combined sewer section, or just mainlines? If inlet and catch basin lateral lines are included, can you provide that footage?
 - a. The total footage includes all mainline and lateral lines. The approximate footage of the lateral lines is 3,600 feet.
4. No minimum requirements are listed for the smoke testing procedure. We recommend including the following minimum requirements to ensure you are receiving comparable services for the fees provided.
 - Minimum 3-person teams – this helps to ensure proper traffic control is used and provides more personnel to locate defects.
 - Inspection crew includes a confined space entry team and equipment at all times.
 - Dual blower method – using two blowers (that generate 400+ CFM of air volume) with maximum 600 feet between blowers will maximize the smoke pressure in the sewer and provide the best results – typically 3-4 times more defects are identified as opposed to single-blower smoke testing.
 - a. Proposals shall be evaluated based on firm experience, staff capabilities, schedule/availability, and value of proposed services. Submittals should include all certified staff, equipment, and services as necessary to effectively complete the work.
5. How many copies of the proposal do you require? The RFP states that the submission shall be a single PDF document but the cost proposal should be a separate envelope.
 - a. Please see the response to Question 1.
6. Are you looking for a qualifications proposal PDF (10 pages) to be sent to PurchasingDL@aurora.il.us and a separate hard copy of the cost proposal? Are you looking for a PDF copy on USB thumb drive, one printed copy of firm qualifications (10 pages), and one printed copy of our cost structure in a separate envelope?
 - a. Please see the response to Question 1.