



REQUEST FOR BID

January 8, 2024

For
ANNUAL BACKFLOW TESTING

Prepared by
City of Dubuque
Finance Department

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SECTION 1.0 – NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

1.1 Notice of Request for Bid

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received electronically before January 23, 2024 for annual backflow testing as requested by the City of Dubuque Finance Department.

1.2 RFB Timeline

Name of the Bid	Annual Backflow Testing RFB
Date of Issuance	January 8, 2024
Deadline for Bid Submittal	January 23 rd , 2024 before 2:00 CST Bids time stamped 2:01 or after are late
Recommendation for Award	January 23 rd , 2024
Submit Bid to:	https://cityofdubuque.sharefile.com/r-r28e8cc4444b48228
Method of Submittal	Electronic as noted above to: https://cityofdubuque.sharefile.com/r-r28e8cc4444b48228
Contact Person, Title	Dawn March, Purchasing and Safety Coordinator
E-mail Address	dmarch@cityofdubuque.org
Phone	Phone: 563-589-4224

1.3 The City is not responsible for, and will not open, any bid responses that are received on or after the time stated above. Late submittals will be retained in the RFB file. No responsibility will be attached to any person for premature opening of a bid not properly identified.

1.4 Bids will be evaluated promptly after opening. After an award is made, a bid tabulation summary will be sent to all companies who submitted a bid. Bid results will not be given over the telephone or prior to award. Bids may be withdrawn any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids; no bid may be modified or withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days thereafter.

----- End of Section 1.0 -----

SECTION 2.0 – INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

2.1 This Project is not federally funded.

2.2 NOTICE: INSURANCE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT

WORK SHALL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE AND ALL REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS ARE RECEIVED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY.

At all times during the term of the Work and the Contract, and any extensions thereof, the Contractor shall purchase, at its own expense, and maintain with insurance companies in good standing and acceptable to the City. Such insurance will protect the Contractor from liability and claims for injuries and damages which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's operations under the Contract and for which the Contractor may be liable, whether such operations are by the Contractor or by a Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable.

For the protection of the Contractor and the City, but without restricting or waiving any obligations of the Contractor herein contained, the Contractor shall insure the risks associated with the Work and the Contract with minimum coverages and limits as set forth in Attachment B, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

2.3 Whenever used in this RFB the following terms shall have the meaning given as follows: City shall mean the City of Dubuque, Iowa. Contractor shall mean the firm providing Work at the Department. Project Manager shall mean the Manager who is the designated coordinator and administrator for the Work under this project.

2.4 A company representative who is authorized to bind the Company will sign on behalf of the company to indicate to the City that you have read, understand and will comply with the instructions and all terms and conditions stated in this Request for Bid and all attachments.

2.5 Pre-Bid Meeting

There is no Pre-bid meeting for this Project.

2.6 This Request for Bid does not commit the City to make an award, nor will the City pay any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of bids, or costs incurred in preparing necessary studies for the preparation of bids.

2.7 Addenda

Any matter of this bid package that requires explanation or interpretation must be inquired into by the Bidder in writing by **January 19, 2024 by 10:00 am**. E-MAIL all questions to dmarch@cityofdubuque.org. Any and all questions will be responded to in the form of written addenda to all Bidders. All addenda that you receive shall become a part of the Contract Documents and shall be acknowledged and dated on the bottom of the Signature Page Form (Attachment C). All Addenda will be posted on the City's website. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check for addenda. <https://www.cityofdubuque.org/bids.aspx>

2.8 Exceptions to Documents

The Bidder shall clearly state in the submitted bid any exceptions to, or deviations from, the minimum bid requirements, and any exceptions to the terms and conditions of this RFB. Such exceptions or deviations will be considered in evaluating the bids. Bidders are cautioned that exceptions taken to this RFB may cause their bid to be rejected.

2.9 Silence of Specifications

Commercially accepted practices shall apply to any detail not covered in the specification and to any omission of the specification. Any omission or question of interpretation of the specification that affects the performance or integrity of the work being offered shall be addressed in writing and submitted with the Bid.

2.10 Incomplete Information

Failure to complete or provide any of the information requested in this Request for Bid, including references, and/or additional information as indicated, may result in disqualification by reason of "non-responsiveness".

2.11 In the event of conflict, the Special Terms and Conditions shall take precedence over the Standard Terms and Conditions, included herein.

Be advised that any conversations (in reference to this RFB) between bidders and any City employee, City official or City Project Manager, outside of the Finance Department, during the entire competitive bidding process is strictly prohibited. Such actions will result in removal of the Contractor from the vendors list and rejection of the Contractor's bid. **The ONLY official position of the City is that position which is stated in writing and issued by the Finance department.** No other means of communication, whether written or oral, shall be construed as a formal or official response statement.

----- End of Section 2.0 -----

SECTION 3.0 – SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1 Term of Contract

3.1.1 The initial term of the Contract shall commence on the date the City executes the Contract and shall end one-year from that date.

3.1.2 A Contract, prepared by the City and signed by the City Manager, shall become the document that authorizes the Work to begin, assuming the insurance requirements have been met. Each section contained herein, the attachments, and any addenda and the response from the successful Bidder shall also be incorporated by reference into the resulting agreement.

3.1.3 The City reserves the right to make changes to the Work to be provided which are within the Project. No assignment, alteration, change, or modification of the terms of the Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and agreed to by both the City and the Contractor. The Contractor shall not commence any additional Work or change the scope of the Work until authorized in writing by the City. Contractor shall make no claim for additional compensation in the absence of a prior written approval and amendment of the Contract executed by both the Contractor and the City. The Contract may only be amended, supplemented or modified by a written document executed by the Contractor and the City Manager.

3.1.4 In accordance with the provisions and conditions of the Contract, Contractor shall freely enter into the Contract for the purpose of providing Work to the City and to be compensated for the Work.

3.2 Contract Forms

3.2.1 If a Bidder intends to request that the City of Dubuque enter into any agreement form in connection with the award of this project, the form must be submitted with the Bid for review by the City's legal counsel during the evaluation of Bids. If such agreement requires that payments be remitted to other than the Bidder, the Bidder shall indicate the name and address of the firm to whom Bidder would request payments to be made, and the firm's relationship to the Bidder.

3.2.2 Bidders are advised that in the event any such agreement contradicts the City of Dubuque requirements, the bid may be rejected due to the contradiction unless Bidder indicated deletion of such clauses. If agreement form indicated a firm other than the Bidder is Contractor, or payee, the proposed Contractor or payee must also indicate concurrence with the deletion of such clauses.

3.2.3 If no agreement form is included with the bid, no such form will be approved by the City during the evaluation or award processes, or following award of Contract. If the bid does not indicate the proposed Contractor, vendor or payee to be a person or company other than the Bidder, (1) only the Bidder will be considered as Contractor and (2) payments will be made only to the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded.

3.2.4 The City of Dubuque will in no case agree to terms not submitted for review with the bid submittal.

3.3 Payment Terms and Invoice Submittal

3.3.1 Payment terms for Work/ Goods authorized under the contract shall be net thirty (30) days upon receipt of an acceptable original invoice and after Work is performed, inspected and accepted and all required documentation and reports are received in a format acceptable to the City.

3.3.2 As a minimum, the invoice shall include the following information:

Contractor name and address

Date of Work

City PO number

Description of Work/ Goods

The total amount being invoiced

The Project Number / Contract Number/Project Name

3.3.3 Surcharges (i.e. fuel surcharges, restocking) shall NOT be allowed to be added to invoices as an additional line item.

3.3.4 One invoice and supporting documentation shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the Work is completed to the identified department the work is being completed for.

3.3.5 The City may withhold payment for reasons including, but not limited to the following:

Work/Goods that are defective, inaccurate, flawed, unsuitable, nonconforming or incomplete due to negligence of the Contractor;

Damage for which Contractor is liable under the Contract;

Valid liens or claims of lien;

Delay in the progress or completion of the Work;

Inability of Contractor to complete the Work;

Failure of Contractor to properly complete or document any pay request or invoice;

Any other failure of Contractor to perform any of its obligations under the Contract; or

The cost to City, including attorneys' fees and administrative costs, of correcting any of the aforesaid matters or exercising any one or more of City's remedies set forth in the Contract.

3.3.6 Actual travel time to and from the work location is not reimbursable under the Contract.

3.4 Treatment of Documents and Records

3.4.1 Ownership

All Documents and other materials prepared by the Contractor in connection with this project are the City's sole property in which the Contractor has no proprietary or other rights or interests. All reports, documents, information, and any materials or equipment furnished to the Contractor by the City shall remain the sole property of the City. Nothing written in this paragraph, however, will be interpreted to forbid the Contractor from retaining a single copy of information for its files.

3.4.2 Confidentiality

Any individual employed by the Contractor with authorized access to personnel information documents, if any, is given access to use any personnel information in the documents solely for the purpose of performing the Work of the Contract and must not divulge this information to anyone without a need to know. Confidentiality of personnel information contained in the documents shall survive the completion or termination of the Contract subject to applicable state statutes.

3.4.3 Disposal

If at any time during the performance of the Contract or following completion or termination of the Contract, the Contractor chooses to dispose of Documents, disposal of Documents shall:

comply with any retention requirements of the agreement, and be in a manner such that documents or information in the Documents is unable to be read, interpreted, reproduced, copied or duplicated in any fashion.

3.4.4 Access/Retention

During the term of the Contract or following completion or termination of the Contract the Contractor shall maintain all accounting records and other documentation generated in performing the Work under the Contract.

The City or any duly authorized representative of the City shall have access to all such information for the purpose of inspection, audit and copying during normal business hours. All such information shall be retained for five (5) years from the date of final payment and after all other pending matters under the Contract are closed.

This access shall be made available to the City or duly authorized agent and shall be considered incidental to the Scope of Work contained herein. As such, there shall be no additional compensation allowed the Contractor for maintaining this information and allowing the herein described access.

3.5 Amount of Work

The City does not guarantee any minimum or maximum hours of work for the Contractor. There is no guaranteed minimum amount of Work that will be required throughout the contract period.

----- End of Section 3.0 -----

SECTION 4.0 – SCOPE OF WORK, SPECIFICATIONS

Perform annual testing of the identified backflow prevention assemblies approximately two weeks before or after the due date on file with the City of Dubuque.

4.1 Background - The City of Dubuque is seeking bids from qualified Contractors for annual backflow testing and repair as needed as requested by the Finance Department.

4.2 Expectations

The City expects the following results from the contractor:

4.2.1 Properly tested units

4.2.2 Professional workmanship, behavior and appearance.

4.3 Scope of Work

4.3.1 General Information

a. Services shall be performed as needed and within established timeframes unless otherwise agreed upon.

b. Additional services, outside of the Scope of Work described herein, will be requested on an as-needed basis with a City of Dubuque work order and paid upon completion of work and receipt of invoice for such service.

c. Damage: Contractor is liable for any damages incurred during the course of their services. If damage is not repaired; the City will repair and bill Contractor for time and materials.

4.4 Location/Services

See document labeled "Backflow Detail Locations"

----- End of Section 4.0 -----

SECTION 5.0 – BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

5.1 Award - Any award(s) made by the City of Dubuque is subject to prior approval by the City of Dubuque City Manager and/or City Council.

5.1.1 Award shall be made to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid with regard to the specifications set forth herein. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, by groups or lump sum; and to waive technicalities and formalities where it is deemed advisable in protection of the best interests of the City.

5.1.2 If the evaluation team determines that the project should be awarded, the process shall be as follows:

- a) The evaluation team shall determine which responsible Bidder has submitted the lowest responsive bid.
- b) The City Council or City Manager or Designee based on dollar amount award the contract and authorize signature of the Contract
- c) The City Manager executes the Contract.
- d) The City issues a purchase order to the Contractor. The purchase order shall constitute authorization for the Contractor to commence the Work.

5.1.3 If the evaluation team determines that all the bids received should be rejected, the Bidders shall be notified by the Purchasing Services Division accordingly. At that point, the City may, or may not, re-bid the project.

5.2 Award of bid shall be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder(s) meeting the specifications set forth herein. In addition to the quoted price, the following is a partial list of the criteria that may be used in our determination of Contractor responsibility and responsiveness:

- Adherence to specifications;
- Work as specified in these bid documents;
- Company's reputation and financial status;
- Company's ability to meet the City's Insurance Requirements;
- Current lead-time quoted;
- Length of time committed for firm pricing;
- Guarantees and warranties;
- Independent laboratory and consumer reports;
- Satisfactory demonstration of equipment;
- Past experience and service provided by Bidder;
- Strength of Bidder's hiring and training program;
- Ability and/or willingness to work with the City on disposition of material no longer required or otherwise defective;
- Favorable references from firms with projects of similar scopes that indicate that the Bidder has the ability to carry out the Work and provide the products specified;
- Strength of company's safety program and history.

- 5.3 The City of Dubuque reserves the right to use both primary and secondary suppliers or to otherwise use multiple sources to protect the City's overall interests.
- 5.4 The Company must not have any unresolved performance issues with the City of Dubuque. The Company's performance as a prime Contractor in previous City contracts shall be taken into account when evaluating the Company's submittal for this Request for Bid. The City may survey other local agencies during the bid evaluation period to make sure the Company does not have any unresolved or unsatisfactory performance issues. The City reserves the right to reject the Company's submittal based on its assessment of the Company's prior performance.
- 5.5 In case of tie bids, the City will make the award based on the priority factors as outlined in the City of Dubuque Purchasing Policy.
- 5.6 Local Preference

As required by Iowa Code § 23A.3, it shall be City policy to consider purchasing equipment, materials, supplies and services from locally owned businesses located within the City of Dubuque when the cost and other considerations are relatively equal.

The City allows locally owned-businesses located within the City of Dubuque corporate limits a ten (10) percent preference on purchases up to \$500, and a five (5) percent preference on purchases of \$500 or more.

Purchases which are made through the formal bid process (i.e., public improvement projects) must be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as required by Iowa Code chapter 26.

If the purchase is subject to federal, state or county grant requirements, the applicable provisions of the grant supersede the City's local purchasing preference.

----- End of Section 5.0 -----

SECTION 6.0 – SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS BID

1. Bid Signature Page - Attachment
2. Bid Pricing Submittal Form - Attachment
3. General Company Information Form - Attachment
5. Certificate of Insurance - Requirements are listed on Attachment
(Any endorsements will be required upon award)

----- End of Section 6.0 -----

ATTACHMENT A – STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCELERATED PAY DISCOUNTS - Accelerated discounts should be so stated on the bid submittal page. If quick pay discounts are offered, the City reserves the right to include that discount as part of the award criteria. Prices bid must, however, be based upon payment in net thirty (30) days after receipt, inspection and acceptance. In all cases, quick pay discounts will be calculated from the date of the invoice or the date of acceptance, whichever is later.

ADA COMPLIANCE

1. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and applicable Federal regulations under the Act.
2. Bids for design, construction, programs, policies and concessions of any type shall comply with the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, the ADA title II regulation, Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, and similar statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability.
3. The Contractor shall ensure that its websites and all online services, including those websites or online services provided by third parties upon which Dubuque relies to provide services or content, comply with, at minimum, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines - WCAG 2.0 AA.

ASSIGNMENT - The City and the Contractor each is hereby bound and the partners, successors, executors, administrators and legal representatives of the City and the Contractor are hereby bound to the other Party to the Contract and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and legal representatives (and said assigns) of such other Party, in respect of all covenants, agreements and obligations of the Contract. Any assignment or attempt at assignment made without prior written consent of the City shall be void.

BID CURRENCY/LANGUAGE - All bid prices shall be shown in US Dollars (\$). All prices must remain firm for the duration of the contract regardless of the exchange rate. All bid responses must be submitted in English.

BID FORM - Each Bidder must submit an original bid and additional copies as required on the forms attached. The Bidder shall correctly sign the bid, and the bid may be rejected if it shows any omissions, alterations of the form, additions not called for in the bid, or any irregularities of any kind. In case of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended price, the unit price shall prevail.

BID INFORMATION IS PUBLIC – The bid and all documents submitted with any bid shall become public documents subject to Iowa Code Chapter 22, which is otherwise known as the “Iowa Open Records Law”. By submitting the bid any document to the City of Dubuque in connection with a bid, the submitting party recognizes this and waives any claim against the City of Dubuque and any of its officers and employees relating to the release of any document or information submitted. Each submitting party shall hold the City of Dubuque and its officers and employees harmless from any claims arising from the release of any document or information made available to the City of Dubuque arising from any opportunity. Bid information requested by the public or other bidders will be provided in an alternative format if the requestor is a person with a disability and requires an alternative form for comprehension.

BID REJECTION OR PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE - The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof. The City further reserves the right to waive technicalities and formalities in bids, as well as to accept in whole or in part such bids where it is deemed advisable in protection of the best interests of the City.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Contractor represents, warrants, and covenants that no relationship exists or will exist during the Contract period between the Contractor and the City that is a conflict of interest. No employee, officer or agent of the Contractor shall participate in the selection or in the award if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, exists. The provisions of Iowa Code ch. 68B shall apply to the Contract. If a conflict of interest is proven to the City, the City may terminate the Contract, and Contractor shall be liable for any excess costs to the City as a result of the conflict of interest. The Contractor shall establish safeguards to prevent employees, consultants, or members of governing bodies from using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by the desire for private gain for themselves or others with whom they have family, business, or other ties. The Contractor shall report any potential, real, or apparent conflict of interest to the City.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS – The Contract Documents are this Contract, the Request for Bids, the Contractor’s Bids, and the following additional documents, if any:

In the event of a dispute with respect to any term or condition in the Contract Documents, they shall be interpreted in the following order: this Contract, the Request for Bids, the Contractor’s Bids, and the following additional documents, if any:

DISPUTES - Should any disputes arise with respect to the Contract; the Parties agree to act immediately to resolve such disputes. Time is of the essence in the resolution of disputes. The Contractor agrees that, the existence of a dispute notwithstanding, it will continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute and the City shall continue to make payment for all work properly performed. Should the Contractor fail to continue to perform its responsibilities regarding all non-disputed work, without delay, any additional costs incurred by the City or the Contractor as a result of such failure to proceed shall be borne by the Contractor. The unintentional delayed payment by the City to the Contractor of one or more invoices not in dispute in accordance with the terms of the Contract will not be cause for Contractor to stop or delay Work.

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FOB POINT AND FREIGHT/DELIVERY CHARGES - The FOB point, in terms of loss or damage, as well as where title to the goods is passed, shall be FOB-Destination. Freight/delivery charges are to be included in the quoted price of the goods, rather than as a separate line item.

FORCE MAJEURE - Force majeure shall be any of the following events: acts of God or the public enemy; compliance with any order, rule, regulation, decree, or request of any governmental authority or agency or person purporting to act therefore; acts of war, public disorder, rebellion, terrorism, or sabotage; floods, hurricanes, or other storms; strikes or labor disputes; or any other cause, whether or not of the class or kind specifically named or referred to herein, not within the reasonable control of the Party affected. A delay in or failure of performance of either Party shall not constitute a default hereunder nor be the basis for, or give rise to, any claim for damages, if and to the extent such delay or failure is caused by force majeure. The Party who is prevented from performing by force majeure shall be obligated, within a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days after the occurrence or detection of any such event, to give notice to the other Party setting forth in reasonable detail the nature thereof and the anticipated extent of the delay, and shall remedy such cause as soon as reasonably possible, as mutually agreed between the Parties.

INDEMNIFICATION - To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Contract, provided that such claim, damages, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor or anyone for whose acts the Contractor may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS - The Contract shall be governed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with all applicable federal, State of Iowa, and local laws, ordinances, licenses and regulations and shall apply to the Contract throughout, as the case may be. The Contractor certifies that in performing the Contract it will comply with all applicable provisions of the federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, licenses and regulations. Venue for any action arising out of this Contract shall be the Iowa District Court for Dubuque County, Iowa.

METHOD OF AWARDING - The City reserves the right to make awards based on the entire bid or on an item by item basis. However if Contractor's bid is based on an "all or none" condition, the City may consider its bid non-responsive and reject the entire bid.

NO GIFT STANDARD - The City of Dubuque is committed to upholding the highest ethical standards in all of its business practices. This standard recognizes the need to avoid even the perception of improper gifts or favors to employees. Therefore, all suppliers have been asked to abide by the City's "No Gift" standard. The "No Gift" standard also applies to all offers of discounts or free items at any place of business targeted toward a City employee and not available to the general public, regardless of the value. Please reference City AP 4.10.

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT - Neither the Contractor, nor anyone in the employment of the Contractor, has employed any person to solicit or procure the Contract nor will the Contractor make any payment or agreement for payment of any compensation in connection with the Contract. There is no contract, agreement or arrangement, either oral or written, expressed or implied, contemplating any division of compensation for Work rendered under the Contract or participation therein, directly or indirectly, by any other person, firm or corporation, except as documented in the Contract. Neither the Contractor, nor anyone in the employment of the Contractor, has either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive procurement in connection with the Contract.

NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - All Contractors that engage in contracts with the City of Dubuque, Iowa agree as follows: The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, creed, ancestry, national origin, marital status, Familia status, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status with regard to public assistance, status as a veteran or any classification protected by federal, state,

or local law, (Protected Classes) except where age and sex are essential bona fide occupational requirements, or where disability is a bona fide occupational disqualification. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following; (a) Employment, (b) Upgrading, (c) Demotion or transfer, (d) Recruitment and advertising, (e) Layoff or termination, (f) Rate of pay or other forms of compensation, and (g) Selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor further assures that managers and employees comply with both the spirit and intent of federal, state, and local legislation, government regulation, and executive orders in providing affirmative action as well as equal opportunity without regard to the protected classes, as stated above. The Contractor will include, or incorporate by reference, the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause in every contract or subcontract unless exempt by the rules, regulations or orders of the City's Affirmative Action Program and will provide in every contract or subcontract that said provision will be binding upon each Contractor.

REGULATORY AGENCY COMPLIANCE - Compliance with laws and regulations set forth by regulatory agencies is required. These agencies include, but are not limited to, OSHA – Occupational Safety & Health Agency, EPA – Environmental Protection Agency, ICC – Interstate Commerce Commission, DNR – Department of Natural Resources, and DOT – Department of Transportation. The City of Dubuque expects that Contractors will offer expertise on conformance of regulations applying to the products they sell and the work they perform.

RIGHT TO PROTEST - Anyone wishing to file a protest concerning (1) the specifications, (2) the bid procedure or (3) the award of the contract must do so in writing in accordance with the City's Protest by Bidders which is found in the City's purchasing policy

SAFETY DATA SHEETS - The Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) requires chemical manufacturers, distributors, and importers to ensure that each container of hazardous chemicals leaving the workplace is labeled, tagged, or marked and to provide Safety Data Sheets (SDS) to communicate the hazards of hazardous chemical products. It is the chemical supplier's responsibility to determine which products are covered and to provide SDS with the initial shipment. It is also the chemical supplier's responsibility to provide any updated or revised SDS, as they become available for any products sold and delivered to the City of Dubuque. City of Dubuque employees shall not accept a shipment of any chemical that does not have a SDS attached or currently on file. Safety Data Sheets shall be available in alternative formats if the requestor is a person with a disability and requires an alternative format for comprehension.

SUBCONTRACTING - All Subcontractors shall be listed in the Contract or in a written amendment to the Contract.

SPECIFICATIONS - Unless otherwise specified, every item provided in response to bid document shall be new, unused, and the current model under standard production by the manufacturer. Items shall be furnished complete with standard equipment and accessories as listed in the manufacturer's printed literature. Remanufactured, used, demonstrator models or refurbished items will not be accepted unless specified and approved.

SUSPENSIONS AND DEBARMENT - The Contractor hereby certifies, pursuant to 2 CFR pt. 180 and 2 CFR pt. 3000, that neither it nor its principles are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in the Contract by any federal agency. The Contractor further certifies that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in any contracts with the City of Dubuque or the State of Iowa.

TAXES - The City of Dubuque is exempt from sales tax and certain other use taxes. Any charges for taxes from which the City is exempt will be deducted from invoices before payment is made.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT - The City may terminate the Contract at any time for any reason with or without cause. In that event, all finished or unfinished Work, reports, materials(s) prepared or furnished by the Contractor under the Contract shall, at the option of the City, become its property. If the Contract is terminated by the City as provided herein, the Contractor shall be paid for all Work which has been authorized, provided, and approved up to the effective date of termination. The City will not be subject to any termination fees from the Contractor.

WARRANTIES - GOODS - The Contractor warrants that all articles, materials and goods shall be consistent with manufacturer's specifications and will be free from defects. Without limitation of any rights which the City may have by reason of any breach of warranty, goods which are not as warranted may be returned at Contractor's expense within thirty (30) days after delivery, for either credit or replacement, as the City may direct without additional charge to the City.

WARRANTIES - WORK - The Contractor shall perform Work for the City pertaining to the Project as set forth in the Contract.

Contractor represents that the Work and all of its components shall be free of defects; shall be performed in a manner consistent with other Contractors in a similar industry and application; and shall conform to the requirements of the Contract.

Contractor shall be responsible for the quality, technical accuracy, completeness and coordination of all Work performed under the Contract. Contractor shall, promptly and without charge, provide all corrective Work necessary as a result of Contractor's acts, errors, or omissions with respect to the quality and accuracy of the Work.

Contractor shall be responsible for any and all damages to property or persons as a result of Contractor's acts, errors, or omissions, and for any losses or costs to repair or remedy any Work undertaken by City based upon the Work as a result of any such acts, errors, or omissions.

Contractor's obligations shall exist without regard to, and shall not be construed to be waived by, the availability or unavailability of any insurance, either of City or Contractor.

WARRANTIES - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - Contractor represents and warrants that all the materials, goods and work produced, or provided to the City pursuant to the terms of the Contract shall be wholly original with the Contractor or that the Contractor has secured all applicable interests, rights, licenses, permits or other intellectual property rights in such materials, goods and work. The Contractor represents and warrants that the materials, goods and work, and the City's use of same, and the exercise by the City of the rights granted by the Contract shall not infringe upon any other work or violate the rights of publicity or privacy of, or constitute a libel or slander against, any person, firm, or corporation. Contractor further represents and warrants that the materials and works do not infringe upon the copyright, trademark, trade name, trade dress patent, statutory, common law or any other rights of any person, firm or corporation or other entity. The Contractor represents and warrants that it is the owner of or otherwise has the right to use and distribute the goods and work contemplated by the Contract.

----- End of Attachment A -----

ATTACHMENT B – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section I - Basic Insurance Requirements

Contractor, at its own expense, shall procure and maintain during the life of this Contract, the attached insurance schedule to cover all risk which shall arise directly or indirectly from Contractor's obligations and activities. Failure on the part of the Contractor to maintain this insurance in full effect will be treated as a failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with these requirements and be considered sufficient cause to suspend the work, withhold payment(s), and/or be disqualified in the future.

Section II - Conditions of Contract

The Contractor is required to purchase and maintain insurance coverage to protect the Contractor and City of Dubuque throughout the duration of this Contract as enumerated above in the minimum limits above written and the requirement shall be a part of the Contract.

Section III - Contract Approval

A Certificate of Insurance is required evidencing all required insurance coverage as provided above with any required endorsements attached so as to evidence their inclusion in the coverage. The Certificate of Insurance is due before the Contract can be approved. The following format is required:

List Annual Backflow Testing as the Scope of Work the certificate covers in the Description of Operations section.

The following address must appear in the Certificate Holder section:

City of Dubuque
Finance Department
50 West 13th Street
Dubuque IA 52001

The Producer's contact person's name, phone number and e-mail address is required.

The Endorsements, as required in the schedule, shall be included with the Certificate of Insurance to evidence that the policy has been endorsed.

Certificate may be sent by e-mail dmarch@cityofdubuque.org, mail or delivery to the attention of Dawn March, 50 West 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 .

INSURANCE SCHEDULE F

Class A:

Asbestos Removal	Fiber Optics	Sanitary Sewers
Asphalt Paving	Fire Protection	Sheet Metal
Concrete	Fireproofing	Site Utilities
Construction Managers	General Contractors	Shoring
Cranes	HVAC	Special construction
Culverts	Mechanical	Steel
Decking	Paving & Surfacing	Storm sewers
Demolition	Piles & Caissons	Structural Steel
Deconstruction	Plumbing	Trails
Earthwork	Retaining Walls	Tunneling
Electrical	Reinforcement	Water main
Elevators	Roofing	

Class B:

Chemical Spraying	Masonry	Tank Coating
Doors, Window &	Vehicular Snow Removal	Tree Removal
Glazing	Painting & Wall Covering	Tree Trimming
Drywall Systems	Pest Control	Tuckpointing
Fertilizer Application	Scaffolding	Waterproofing
Geotech Boring	Sidewalks	Well Drilling
Insulation	Plastering	
Finish Carpentry	Rough Carpentry	
Landscaping	Stump Grinding	

Class C:

Carpet Cleaning
Carpet & Resilient
Flooring
Caulking & Sealants
Acoustical Ceiling
Filter Cleaning
General Cleaning
Grass Cutting
Janitorial
Non Vehicular Snow &
Ice Removal
Office Furnishings
Power Washing
Tile & Terrazzo Flooring
Window Washing

INSURANCE SCHEDULE F (continued)

1. Contractor shall furnish a signed certificate of insurance to the department responsible for the contract for the coverage required in Exhibit I prior to commencing work and at the end of the project if the term of work is longer than 60 days. Contractors presenting annual certificates shall present a certificate at the end of each project with the final billing. Each certificate shall be prepared on the most current ACORD form approved by the Iowa Department of Insurance or an equivalent approved by the Director of Finance and Budget or Designee. The certificate must clearly indicate the project number, project name, or project description for which it is being provided Eg: Project # _____ Project name: _____ or Project Location at _____ or construction of _____.
2. All policies of insurance required hereunder shall be with an insurer authorized to do business in Iowa and all insurers shall have a rating of A or better in the current A.M. Best's Rating Guide.
3. Each Certificate required shall be furnished to the _____ Department of the City of Dubuque.
4. Failure to provide the coverages described in this Insurance Schedule shall not be deemed a waiver of these requirements by the City of Dubuque. Failure to obtain or maintain the required insurance shall be considered a material breach of this contract.
5. Contractor shall require all subcontractors and sub-subcontractors to obtain and maintain during the performance of work insurance for the coverages described in this Insurance Schedule and shall obtain certificates of insurance from all such subcontractors and sub-subcontractors. Contractor agrees that it shall be liable for the failure of a subcontractor and sub-subcontractor to obtain and maintain such coverage. The City may request a copy of such certificates from the Contractor.
6. All required endorsements to various policies shall be attached to the certificate of insurance.
7. Whenever an ISO form is referenced the current edition must be provided.
8. Contractor shall be required to carry the minimum coverage/limit, or greater if required by law or other legal agreement, in Exhibit I - Insurance Schedule F. If the contractor's limits of liability are higher than the required minimum limit, then the contractor's limits shall be this agreement's required limits.
9. Contractor shall be responsible for deductibles and self-insured retention for payment of all policy premiums and other cost associated with the insurance policies required below.
10. All certificates of insurance must include agents name, phone number, and email address.
11. The City of Dubuque reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements, required by this Schedule at any time.
12. The City of Dubuque reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on changes in the risk or other special circumstances during the term of the contract, subject to mutual agreement of the parties.

INSURANCE SCHEDULE F (continued)

EXHIBIT I

A) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

General Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage Limit (any one occurrence)	\$50,000
Medical Payments	\$5,000

- 1) Coverage shall be written on an occurrence, not claims made, form. The general liability coverage shall be written in accord with ISO form CG 00 01 or business owners form BP 00 02. All deviations from the standard ISO commercial general liability form CG 00 01 or business owners form BP 00 02 shall be clearly identified.
- 2) Include ISO endorsement form CG 25 04 "Designated Location(s) General Aggregate Limit" or CG 25 03 "Designated Construction Project(s) General Aggregate Limit" as appropriate.
- 3) Include endorsement indicating that coverage is primary and non-contributory.
- 4) Include Preservation of Governmental Immunities Endorsement. (Sample attached).
- 5) Include additional insured endorsement for:
The City of Dubuque, including all its elected and appointed officials, all its employees and volunteers, all its boards, commissions and/or authorities and their board members, employees and volunteers. Use ISO form CG 20 10 (Ongoing operations).
- 6) The additional insured endorsement shall include completed operations under ISO form CG 20 37 during the project term and for a period of two years after the completion of the project.
- 7) Policy shall include Waiver of Right to Recover from Others endorsement.

B) WORKERS' COMPENSATION & EMPLOYERS LIABILITY

Statutory Benefits covering all employees injured on the job by accident or disease as prescribed by Iowa Code Chapter 85.

Coverage A	Statutory—State of Iowa
Coverage B	Employers Liability
	Each Accident \$100,000
	Each Employee-Disease \$100,000
	Policy Limit-Disease \$500,000

Policy shall include Waiver of Right to Recover from Others endorsement.

Coverage B limits shall be greater if required by the umbrella/excess insurer.

OR

If, by Iowa Code Section 85.1A, the Contractor is not required to purchase Workers' Compensation Insurance, the Contractor shall have a copy of the State's Nonelection of Workers' Compensation or Employers' Liability Coverage form on file with the Iowa

INSURANCE SCHEDULE F (continued)

Workers' Compensation Insurance Commissioner, as required by Iowa Code Section 87.22. Completed form must be attached.

C) AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000
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Coverage shall include all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles. If the Contractor's business does not own any vehicles, coverage is required on non-owned and hired vehicles.

- 1) Policy shall include Waiver of Right to Recover from Others endorsement.

D) UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY

The General Liability, Automobile Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance requirements may be satisfied with a combination of primary and Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance. If the Umbrella or Excess Insurance policy does not follow the form of the primary policies, it shall include the same endorsements as required of the primary policies including Waiver of Subrogation and Primary and Non-contributory in favor of the City.

All Class A contractors with contract values in excess of \$10,000,000 must have umbrella/excess liability coverage of \$10,000,000.

All Class A and Class B contractors with contract values between \$500,000 and \$10,000,000 must have umbrella/excess liability coverage of \$3,000,000.

All Class A and B contractors with contract values less than \$500,000 must have umbrella/excess liability coverage of \$1,000,000.

All Class C contractors are not required to have umbrella/excess liability coverage.

All contractors performing earth work must have a minimum of \$3,000,000 umbrella regardless of the contract value.

E) POLLUTION LIABILITY

Coverage required: Yes No

Pollution liability coverage shall be required if project involves any pollution exposure for hazardous or contaminated materials including, but not limited to, the removal of lead, asbestos, or PCB's. Pollution product and complete operations coverage shall also be covered.

Each Occurrence	\$2,000,000
Policy Aggregate	\$4,000,000

- 1) Policy to include job site and transportation coverage.

INSURANCE SCHEDULE F (continued)

- 2) Include additional insured for:
The City of Dubuque, including all its elected and appointed officials, all its employees and volunteers, all its boards, commissions and/or authorities and their board members, employees and volunteers. Use ISO form CG 20 10. (Ongoing operations) or its equivalent and CG 20 37 (completed operations) or its equivalent.
- 3) Include Preservation of Governmental Immunities Endorsement.
- 4) Provide evidence of coverage for 5 years after completion of project.

F) RAILROAD PROTECTIVE LIABILITY

Coverage required: Yes No

Any contract for construction or demolition work on or within fifty feet (50') from the edge of the tracks of a railroad and affecting any railroad bridge, trestle, tracks, roadbeds, tunnel, underpass, or crossing, for which an easement, license or indemnification of the railroad is required, shall require evidence of the following additional coverages.

Railroad Protective Liability:

\$_____ each occurrence (per limits required by Railroad)

\$_____ policy aggregate (per limits required by Railroad)

OR

An endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy equal to ISO CG 24 17 (Contractual Liability-Railroads). A copy of this endorsement shall be attached to the certificate of insurance.

PRESERVATION OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITIES ENDORSEMENT

1. Nonwaiver of Governmental Immunity. The insurer expressly agrees and states that the purchase of this policy and the including of the City of Dubuque, Iowa as an Additional Insured does not waive any of the defenses of governmental immunity available to the City of Dubuque, Iowa under Code of Iowa Section 670.4 as it is now exists and as it may be amended from time to time.
2. Claims Coverage. The insurer further agrees that this policy of insurance shall cover only those claims not subject to the defense of governmental immunity under the Code of Iowa Section 670.4 as it now exists and as it may be amended from time to time. Those claims not subject to Code of Iowa Section 670.4 shall be covered by the terms and conditions of this insurance policy.
3. Assertion of Government Immunity. The City of Dubuque, Iowa shall be responsible for asserting any defense of governmental immunity, and may do so at any time and shall do so upon the timely written request of the insurer.
4. Non-Denial of Coverage. The insurer shall not deny coverage under this policy and the insurer shall not deny any of the rights and benefits accruing to the City of Dubuque, Iowa under this policy for reasons of governmental immunity unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction has ruled in favor of the defense(s) of governmental immunity asserted by the City of Dubuque, Iowa.

No Other Change in Policy. The above preservation of governmental immunities shall not otherwise change or alter the coverage available under the policy.

SPECIMEN

(DEPARTMENT MANAGER: FILL IN ALL BLANKS AND CHECK BOXES)

----- End of Attachment B -----

ATTACHMENT C

BID SUBMITTAL FORMS

For

ANNUAL BACKFLOW TESTING

FORM NAME

General Company Information Form
Bid Pricing Submittal Form
Signature Page Form

GENERAL COMPANY INFORMATION FORM

Company Name _____

Company Address _____

General Description of the Company: _____

Type of Organization (franchise, corporation, partnership, etc.) _____

Number of years in business: _____

References

List three (3) customers who are current or have been served by your company within the last three (3) years with projects of similar scopes. (Name of firm, address, contact person, phone number)

Reference #1 - Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

Date & Description of Job: _____

Contract Value: _____

Reference #2 - Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

Date & Description of Job: _____

Contract Value: _____

Reference #3 - Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

Date & Description of Job: _____

Contract Value: _____

Personnel

Name and title of person overseeing the City account: _____

Office Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Names, titles and years of experience of persons expected to service the City account:

Safety Record

Has your company received an OSHA violation in the past five (5) years?

Yes

No

If yes, please attach copies of the citations and an explanation of how they have been resolved.

BID PRICING SUBMITTAL FORM

The Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide, perform and complete in the manner described and specified in this Request for Bid all necessary work, labor, services, transportation, equipment, materials, apparatus, information, data, freight and other items necessary to accomplish the Project as defined below, in accordance with the Scope of Work as described in Section 4.0. The Work will also include procuring and furnishing all approvals and authorizations, permits, and certificates and policies of insurance as specified herein necessary to complete the Project.

Perform annual testing of the following backflow prevention assemblies approximately one year after the last test date (two weeks before or after). Work shall be scheduled with the appropriate contact person.

Size	Bid Amount
0 to 2.0"	\$ _____
2.0" to 4.0"	\$ _____
5.0" or Greater	\$ _____

If repairs are needed after testing, the City of Dubuque will pay the cost of materials and time at the following hourly rate: \$ _____

CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION: -

The City of Dubuque reserves the right to renew this contract for up to two additional contract periods, if agreeable to both the City and the contractor at renewal time. Prices are to remain firm throughout each contract period. Renewal periods are further subject to approval by the City Manager. Bidders shall indicate any proposed price increase or percentage increase for the optional renewal periods.

<u>Contract Period</u>	<u>Price Increase</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>
1/23/24 – 1/23/25	\$ _____	or	_____ %
1/23/25 – 1/23/26	\$ _____	or	_____ %

An approved signed contract and purchase order will be the documents that authorize work to begin.

Name of Company: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

SIGNATURE PAGE FORM

The undersigned, having examined these documents and having full knowledge of the condition under which the Work described herein must be performed, hereby proposes fulfillment of the obligations contained herein in accordance with all insurance documents, instructions, terms, conditions, and specifications set forth; and that all required Work be furnished and that all incidental costs be paid in strict conformity with these documents, for the stated prices as payment in full.

Submitting Firm: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Authorized Representative (print): _____ Title: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone # () _____ Fax # () _____

FIRM PRICING

Offered pricing shall remain firm for a minimum of sixty (60) days after the due date of this solicitation unless indicated otherwise. Accepted pricing shall remain firm for the duration of the contract.

ADDENDA {It is the Bidder's responsibility to check for issuance of any addenda}

The above-signed hereby acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addenda Number: _____ Date: _____ Addenda Number: _____ Date: _____

Addenda Number: _____ Date: _____ Addenda Number: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Do you accept a credit card for payment of purchases? Yes No

QUICK PAY DISCOUNT

If you provide a discount for quick payment, please state the discount and terms: _____ % _____ days

Does this discount apply to payments made by Visa? Yes No