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TITLE: ERDF Steel Liner Waste Containers

10/06/2021

Dear Prospective Offeror:

Request for Proposal No: 353907 – ERDF Steel Liner Waste Containers

Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCCo) is interested in receiving proposals for the fabrication of steel liners for use in waste containers in support of the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility (ERDF) Project, Richland, Washington, under Prime Contract 89303320DEM000030 with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Information regarding the product or services required and instructions for the preparation and submission of proposals are contained in the attached Request for Proposal (RFP).

The anticipated schedule for this RFP activity is as follows:

Notification of Intent to Propose Due	5:00 p.m.	October 14, 2021
Questions Due:		October 14, 2021
Technical Proposals Due:	5:00 p.m.	October 21, 2021
eSource Event	1:00 p.m	October 26,2021
Pricing Proposals Due:	4:30 p.m.	October 26, 2021
Anticipated Contract Award:		November 1, 2021

Sincerely,

Austin Armstrong, Contract Specialist
Procurement



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Acronyms

BTR	Buyer's Technical Representative
DOE	Department of Energy
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
QA	Quality Assurance
RFP	Request for Proposal
SOW	Statement of Work
CPCC	Central Plateau Cleanup Company



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SECTION A – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCC) acting under its contract with the Department of Energy, requests Offerors to submit a proposal for a firm-fixed price type of contract to provide steel liners for waste containers at the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility. This Section A describes the basis of award, proposal submittal requirements, proposal instructions, and notices to Offerors. Section B contains Representations and Certifications and other documents, which Offerors may be required to complete, sign and return with their proposal, as well as a Draft 4-Part Contract which contains;

- Part I – Statement of Work
- Part II - Financial Terms
- Part III – General Terms and Attachments
- Part IV – Special Provisions

CPCCo may determine that any proposal not submitted in accordance with this Request for Proposal (RFP) is non-responsive and reject the proposal.

This Solicitation requires all technically acceptable Offerors submitting proposals to access the Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC) eSourcing Tool to input pricing. Upon receipt of Offerors' technical proposals, CPCCo will evaluate and make determinations of technical acceptability. For those Offerors deemed technically acceptable, CPCCo will provide each Offeror an email notification with a link to the SCMC eSourcing event including access instructions. Offeror will be afforded the opportunity to preview the application and place pricing information prior to the commencement of an event. This preview phase is called the pre-bid period. At the conclusion of the pre-bid period, the eSourcing event will commence and continue until its expiration. Events typically last 15-30 minutes.

This action will be conducted as an electronic bidding process with the ability to decrement bid. Upon the Offeror's submittal of their initial price and after commencement of the event, the Offeror will be assigned a number that corresponds to the rank of their price relative to the pricing submitted by other participants. The lowest priced submittal is ranked number one, the second lowest price is ranked number two, the third lowest price is ranked number three, and so on. An Offeror may revise and submit lower pricing until the event expires. Pricing cannot be increased. The tool will not disclose the Offeror's proposed price to other Offerors nor will it disclose the lowest proposed price.



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2.0 BASIS OF AWARD

Award shall be made to the Offeror submitting the lowest evaluated price among offers that meet all requirements of the RFP. Contract award may be made on the initial offers received, without discussions. Therefore, initial proposals should contain the Offeror's best price and technical terms.

2.1 Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

CPCCo reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal with or without prior discussion with the Offeror. CPCCo may:

- award a contract on the basis of proposals received without discussions with Offerors (therefore, initial proposals should be submitted with the most favorable technical and price terms);
- select one or more Offerors to negotiate with;
- reject any or all proposals received;
- issue a request for new proposals; or
- cancel the RFP without awarding a contract.

2.2 Responsiveness Determination

CPCCo will determine if the offeror is responsive to CPCCo requirements and eligible for award. This evaluation may include (but is not limited to information gathered from other sources, including safety performance, financial stability and past performance for CPCCo or other customers. The determination may be made at any time by CPCCo without additional questions or revision. CPCCo may waive minor informalities and irregularities in offers received.

2.3 Proposal Costs

CPCCo is under no obligation to pay proposal preparation costs.

2.4 Award Notification

CPCCo will notify all of the Offerors after CPCCo selects an Offeror for award. There will be no public opening of proposals.

3.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Step One – Technical Proposal and Quality Assurance Manual

- 1) Step One consists of the request for submission, evaluation and (if necessary) discussion of technical proposals. No pricing is involved. CPCCo's objective is to determine the acceptability of the product/services offered. Technical proposals should be prepared simply

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and economically, and provide a straightforward, concise delineation of the information required to be furnished. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity. Elaborate brochures or other presentations are neither required nor desired.

- a. CPCCo will evaluate technical proposals for adherence to the technical requirements outlined herein under the section entitled “Proposal Format”.
 - i. For those technical proposals found unacceptable. CPCCo will forward to the Offeror a notice of unacceptability upon completion of the technical proposal evaluation.
 - ii. Offerors may make multiple technical proposals presenting different basic approaches (i.e., key personnel). Each technical proposal will be separately evaluated.
 - iii. Offerors should submit proposals that are acceptable without additional explanation or information. CPCCo may make a final determination regarding a proposal’s acceptability solely on the basis of the proposal as submitted and may proceed to Step Two without discussions.
 - iv. CPCCo reserves the right to limit the number of acceptable Offerors (at least two) to compete in Step Two.
- b. If necessary, technical discussions and clarifications will take place shortly after receipt of technical proposals. During this phase, CPCCo may require Offerors to submit additional clarifying or supplemental information to support the Offeror’s technical proposal.
- c. Prior to the submission of technical proposals. Offerors may request additional information regarding CPCCo’s technical requirements outlined herein.
- d. Each technical proposal submitted should include a statement of acceptance of the enclosed Statement of Work. The Offeror must identify and describe all exceptions to this solicitation in their technical proposal in accordance with Section 3.8.
- e. **Step One Technical Proposals must be marked appropriately and be received by the proposal due date as indicated in Section 4.3.**

See Section 3.4 for instructions on the content the technical proposal.

3.2 Step Two – Request for Price Proposals

Step Two involves the submission of bids by those who submitted acceptable technical

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proposals in Step One.

- a. The due date for Step Two proposals will be determined at the conclusion of technical proposal evaluations and/or discussions. CPCCo anticipates a two-day turnaround for Step Two proposals.
- b. This Solicitation requires all Offerors submitting proposals to access the Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC) eSourcing Tool for Step Two of the solicitation. The SCMC eSourcing Tool is designed to efficiently collect proposal information in a central location. It also provides the Offeror a short timeframe to revise pricing information prior to final acceptance by CPCCo.
- c. Upon determination of acceptance of the Offeror's technical approach, CPCCo will provide the Offeror an email notification with a link to the SCMC eSourcing event including access instructions. Offerors will be afforded the opportunity to preview the application and place pricing information prior to the commencement of an event. This preview phase is called the pre-bid period. At the conclusion of the pre-bid period, the eSourcing event will commence and the Offeror should review their submitted price to ensure it is compliant with requirements. Events typically last for 15 to 30 minutes. The eSourcing Tool will designate a ranking of the Offeror's price when compared against the lowest price received. During this time, the Offeror may review (decrement) their pricing downward. If the Offeror's price is revised to the lowest received price within the last two minutes of an event, the event will automatically extend for two minutes to allow other Offerors to consider further adjustments to their pricing. The tool will not disclose the Offeror's proposed price to other Offerors nor will it disclose the lowest proposed price. A ranking is all that is provided.
- d. This Solicitation and resultant award is considered a negotiated procurement. Submitting the lowest priced proposal does not guarantee award. CPCCo must complete a full technical evaluation prior to making an award determination.
- e. CPCCo reserves the right to conduct negotiations prior to award or to award a contract based upon initial offers and without further discussions.
- f. In the unlikely event of a discrepancy among any of the Offeror's documents or information submitted through the eSourcing website, the information received and confirmed by CPCCo shall govern.

Within three (3) hours of the completion of the event, Offerors shall submit their electronic Business and Pricing Proposal in-full via e-mail. Note: CPCCo may require additional technical information be submitted with Offeror's Business and Pricing Proposal. Identify the name of the



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Procurement Specialist and the Solicitation number to which the Offeror is responding on the e-mail transmittal document.

Organize the proposal as described in the following sections.

3.3 Proposal Content

Offeror's proposal must contain information sufficient to demonstrate an understanding of the requirements and offeror's ability to perform successfully as proposed. Offerors who submit proposals which are unclear or incomplete may be judged non-responsive and dropped from further consideration for this award. Simply repeating the statement of work requirements or merely offering to perform the work may result in a lower evaluation or the offer being judged non-responsive to the requirements and dropped from further consideration

Proposals shall be organized in the manner listed in Sections 3.4-3.6 below. Each volume of the proposal shall be separate and complete. Omit all cost or pricing details from the technical proposal. Where estimated labor hours will provide clarity, propose them as hours only with no indication of price in the technical proposal.

3.4 Volume I – Technical Proposal (Step One)

Volume I shall consist of the Offeror's discussion that addresses the required qualifications and technical evaluation criteria, the Offeror's capabilities, and what the Offeror will do to satisfy the requirements of the solicitation. The Offeror shall provide one (1) electronic copy of this volume.

A. Technical and Management Approach

Offerors are to provide a technical discussion demonstrating how they will perform the work and meet the requirements of the Statement of Work. This shall include a discussion that demonstrates that the workforce planned to execute this work is trained and qualified as required by the Statement of Work.

B. Prior Experience, Performance History

The Offeror shall furnish three (3) references for previous (dating back to 3 years) and current projects of similar scope, magnitude, requirements consisting of similar codes and standards, and quality requirements. References shall include the following current and up-to-date information for each specific reference. Note: Information gained elsewhere by CPCCo can also be used as part of the evaluation.

- Client Name and Address
- Client Technical Point of Contact and phone number
- Contract Number



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- Brief Description of Work Scope
- Contract Type
- Period of Performance
- Original Contract Value \$<<insert value>>
- Final Contract Value \$<<insert value>>

If these latter two amounts are different, provide a brief explanation for the difference.

C. Schedule

The Offeror shall provide a preliminary fabrication and delivery schedule that complies with the schedule requirements of the RFP. Schedule shall be realistic and reliably based on a sound understanding of the design requirements listed in the Statement of Work and associated drawing(s).

3.5 Volume II – Cost/Price and Contractual Proposal (Step Two)

Volume II shall consist of the Offeror's proposed pricing as instructed in the RFP pricing instructions. A price sheet is included in the RFP as an attachment, the Offeror must complete the sheet as formatted, ensuring that the excel spreadsheet formulas that derive the total price are correct. All pricing assumptions shall be clearly stated to allow a reviewer to assess the potential cost risks associated with the proposed design. Include a signed Representations and Certifications (SP-16) with the proposal. This form will be sent out as an attachment to the RFP package. The Offeror shall provide on (1) electronic copy of this volume to the Contract Specialist.

3.6 Volume III – Quality Assurance Manual (Step One)

Volume III shall consist of one (1) copy of Offeror's Quality Assurance Manual as required by the statement of work. The Offeror shall address how their quality assurance program meets the requirements included the RFP. Additionally, if the Offeror's Quality Assurance Manual has been previously submitted and approved by CPCCo, the Offeror shall include a statement indicating prior approval and whether any changes have since occurred. In the event that changes have occurred, submit a statement detailing the changes.

3.7 Offeror's Acceptance

The contract, if any, resulting from this RFP will be substantially the same as the draft contract that is contained in the accompanying file. Unless otherwise noted by the Offeror in its proposal, Offeror's submission of a proposal signifies the Offeror's unqualified acceptance of all of the technical requirements and other terms and conditions that are contained and referenced in this RFP and the accompanying draft contract file. Interpretations established by the Offeror to any part of this RFP may be considered an exception, and may render the proposal being considered non-responsive and dropped from evaluation and award considerations.



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3.8 Exceptions to Technical Requirements and Other Terms and Conditions

The Offeror shall describe any exceptions to the technical requirements and other terms and conditions of the sample contract on which the Offeror's proposal is based. Offerors are notified that CPCCo considers the Offeror's compliance with the technical requirements and terms and conditions of the accompanying draft contract to be essential. In case of doubt, Offeror should request clarification from CPCCo. If the Offeror takes any exceptions to the requirements of the RFP, the pricing shall be based on the requirements of the RFP and the exception(s) priced as alternates. If the Offeror's proposal is based only on the proposed exceptions, CPCCo may determine that the proposal is non-responsive.

3.9 Proposal Validity Period

A proposal shall remain firm for 60 days after the proposal due date.

4.0 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DIRECTIONS

4.1 Notification of Intent to Propose

CPCCo requests that a prospective Offeror notify CPCCo in writing by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2021, indicating that the Offeror intends to submit a proposal in response to this RFP. The Offeror may transmit the notification to the Contract Specialist via e-mail or fax.

4.2 eSourcing Event

The eSource event will take place at 1 p.m. on October 26, 2021. This event is a Reverse Auction.

4.3 Deadline

Technical Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2021. CPCCo reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline.

4.4 Submittal Address

Identify the package containing the proposal as "Proposal in Response to RFP 353907".

The preferred method for receiving proposals is via e-mail. Offerors shall submit proposals to CPCCo Contract Specialist Austin Armstrong at Austin_C_Armstrong@rl.gov.



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4.5 Withdrawal

Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received by the Contract Specialist at any time prior to award.

4.6 Questions and Comments Regarding the RFP

The Offeror shall submit any comments or questions regarding the RFP to the Contract Specialist in writing no later than October 14, 2021. The Offeror may transmit questions and comments via fax or e-mail. CPCCo will answer all questions in writing and provide a copy of all questions and answers to all Offerors. If the RFP requires an amendment to resolve issues regarding the RFP, CPCCo will issue an amendment to those Offerors who have not declined to participate in time for them to consider the amendment(s) before finalizing and submitting their proposals.

4.7 RFP Amendments

If this RFP is amended, unless otherwise stated, all terms and conditions that are not modified will remain unchanged. The Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments by stating in the proposal that the Offeror has received the amendment(s) and has considered it/them in formulating the proposal.

5.0 NOTICES TO OFFERORS

5.1 Anticipated Award Date

The anticipated award date for this RFP is November 1, 2021.

5.2 Precedence of Requirements

In the event of a conflict among the provisions, the RFP instructions, the RFP correspondence, other documents and the resulting contract, the terms of the contract shall govern.

5.3 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code and Size Standard

CPCCo has determined that North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 332439 applies to this acquisition. Therefore, the size standard for determining whether an Offeror is a small business in regard to this acquisition is 500 employees.

5.4 Identification of Proprietary Data

If the Offeror submits any data as part of their Proposal, which is considered by the Offeror to be "proprietary data", the document transmitting the data or which contains the data, shall be boldly marked indicating that the data included are considered to be proprietary. To the extent that the



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restrictive marking prevents CPCCo from distributing the documents for evaluation or use, the marking may render the proposal non-responsive.

5.5 Certified Cost or Pricing Data

The Offeror is not required to provide certified cost or pricing data. However, CPCCo may require the Offeror to provide certified and/or non-certified cost or pricing data prior to award if CPCCo cannot determine that the acquisition is exempt from the requirements of PL 87-653 (10 USC Sec. 2306a).

5.6 Financial Capability Determination Information

CPCCo reserves the right, prior to award, to require the Offeror to submit information that CPCCo will use to make a determination whether the Offeror has the financial capability to successfully perform the contemplated contract in accordance with the contract terms. Such information may include, but not be limited to: annual reports; lines of credit with financial institutions and suppliers; SEC Form 10K, and any other information that may be required by CPCCo.

5.7 Subcontracting

Contractor may **not** subcontract any significant portion of this contract without first obtaining concurrence of CPCCo to the proposed subcontract scope and subcontractor(s).

Contractor is responsible to incorporate and flow down all appropriate provisions and requirements of this contract to all lower-tier contractors and subcontractors.

Contractor shall furnish CPCCo a list of all proposed lower-tier subcontractors who will be performing work on the Hanford site and those proposed subcontractors who will be performing a significant portion of the off-site work. The list must be furnished prior to award and updated with changes during contract performance. Use the Subcontracting form and instructions located on this [webpage](#).

CPCCo reserves the right to:

- reject any proposed subcontract or subcontractor as incomplete or unsuitable
- require submittal of the proposed subcontract before contract award or prior to performance of any work on site
- require the replacement, at contractor's expense, of any subcontractor who fails to adhere to all of the applicable provisions and requirements of this contract.



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5.8 Small Business Set Aside

Proposals made under this solicitation shall be from small business concerns, including; Disadvantaged, Women Owned, Veteran Owned, Service Disabled Veteran Owned and HUBZone small businesses. Proposals received from concerns that are not small businesses shall not be considered for this solicitation. Disadvantaged, Women Owned, Veteran Owned and service Disabled Veteran Owned may self-certify to these categories as defined by the Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov). HUBZone businesses must be certified by the Small Business Administration.

5.9 Buy American Act

In accordance with the Buy American Act (BAA, FAR part 25) domestic end products as defined in the BAA shall be afforded an evaluation preference in this action. Products of foreign origin may not be supplied unless evaluated and agreed to by CPCCo prior to contract award. Contractor certifies that all other products, supplied on this contract are Domestic products as defined in the BAA.

FAR -- Part 25 Foreign Acquisition



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SECTION B – RFP ATTACHMENTS

1.0 ATTACHMENT 1 – PRICE SHEET

See Attachment 1 – Price Sheet

2.0 ATTACHMENT 2 – ENGINEERING DRAWINGS

See Attachment 2.1 – ECR-19-001330 Rev 00

See Attachment 2.2 – CEES-12-351-M-017_with center bar

3.0 ATTACHMENT 3 – DRAFT 4-PART CONTRACT

See Attachment 3.1 – SOW

See Attachment 3.2 – Draft 4 Part Contract

4.0 ATTACHMENT 4 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS –

A fully completed and signed Representations and Certifications (SP-16) form must accompany the proposal. Section 21 NAICS code must match the NAICS code specified in this solicitation and the offeror's registered small business size standard.

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