

Washington State APWA GSPs for Supplemental Criteria

1-02 BID PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS

1-02.1 Prequalification of Bidders

Delete this Section and replace it with the following:

1-02.1 Qualifications of Bidder

(January 24, 2011 APWA GSP)

Before award of a public works contract, a bidder must meet at least the minimum qualifications of RCW 39.04.350(1) to be considered a responsible bidder and qualified to be awarded a public works project.

Add the following new section:

1-02.1(1) Supplemental Qualifications Criteria

(March 25, 2009 APWA GSP; may not be used on FHWA-funded projects)

In addition, the Contracting Agency has established Contracting Agency-specific and/or project-specific supplemental criteria, in accordance with RCW 39.04.350(2), for determining Bidder responsibility, including the basis for evaluation and the deadline for appealing a determination that a Bidder is not responsible. These criteria are contained in the \$\$\$1\$\$.

1-02.13 Irregular Proposals

(March 25, 2009 APWA GSP)

Revise item 1 to read:

1. A proposal will be considered irregular and will be rejected if:
 - a. The Bidder is not prequalified when so required;
 - b. The authorized proposal form furnished by the Contracting Agency is not used or is altered;
 - c. The completed proposal form contains any unauthorized additions, deletions, alternate Bids, or conditions;
 - d. The Bidder adds provisions reserving the right to reject or accept the award, or enter into the Contract;
 - e. A price per unit cannot be determined from the Bid Proposal;
 - f. The Proposal form is not properly executed;
 - g. The Bidder fails to submit or properly complete a Subcontractor list, if applicable, as required in Section 1-02.6;
 - h. The Bidder fails to submit or properly complete a Disadvantaged, Minority or Women's Business Enterprise Certification, if applicable, as required in Section 1-02.6;
 - i. The Bid Proposal does not constitute a definite and unqualified offer to meet the material terms of the Bid invitation; or
 - j. More than one proposal is submitted for the same project from a Bidder under the same or different names.

1-02.14 Disqualification of Bidders

(March 25, 2009 APWA GSP, Option A; may not be used on FHWA-funded projects)

Delete this Section and replace it with the following:

A Bidder will be deemed not responsible if the Bidder does not meet the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria in RCW 39.04.350(1), as amended.

As evidence that the Bidder meets the bidder responsibility criteria above, the apparent two lowest Bidders must submit to the Contracting Agency within 24 hours of the bid submittal deadline, documentation (sufficient in the sole judgment of the Contracting Agency) demonstrating compliance with all responsibility criteria. The Contracting Agency reserves the right to request such documentation from other Bidders as well, and to request further documentation as needed to assess bidder responsibility.

If the Contracting Agency determines the Bidder does not meet the bidder responsibility criteria above and is therefore not a responsible Bidder, the Contracting Agency shall notify the Bidder in writing, with the reasons for its determination. If the Bidder disagrees with this determination, it may appeal the determination within 24 hours of receipt of the Contracting Agency's determination by presenting its appeal to the Contracting Agency. The Contracting Agency will consider the appeal before issuing its final determination. If the final determination affirms that the Bidder is not responsible, the Contracting Agency will not execute a contract with any other Bidder until at least two business days after the Bidder determined to be not responsible has received the final determination.

1-02.14 Disqualification of Bidders

(March 25, 2009 APWA GSP, Option B)

Delete this Section and replace it with the following:

A Bidder will be deemed not responsible if:

1. the Bidder does not meet the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria in RCW 39.04.350(1), as amended; or
2. evidence of collusion exists with any other Bidder or potential Bidder. Participants in collusion will be restricted from submitting further bids; or
3. the Bidder, in the opinion of the Contracting Agency, is not qualified for the work or to the full extent of the bid, or to the extent that the bid exceeds the authorized prequalification amount as may have been determined by a prequalification of the Bidder; or
4. an unsatisfactory performance record exists based on past or current Contracting Agency work or for work done for others, as judged from the standpoint of conduct of the work; workmanship; or progress; affirmative action; equal employment opportunity practices; termination for cause; or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise, or Women's Business Enterprise utilization; or
5. there is uncompleted work (Contracting Agency or otherwise), which in the opinion of the Contracting Agency might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of the work bid upon; or
6. the Bidder failed to settle bills for labor or materials on past or current contracts, unless there are extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Contracting Agency; or

7. the Bidder has failed to complete a written public contract or has been convicted of a crime arising from a previous public contract, unless there are extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Contracting Agency; or
8. the Bidder is unable, financially or otherwise, to perform the work, in the opinion of the Contracting Agency; or
9. there are any other reasons deemed proper by the Contracting Agency.

As evidence that the Bidder meets the bidder responsibility criteria above, the apparent two lowest Bidders must submit to the Contracting Agency within 24 hours of the bid submittal deadline, documentation (sufficient in the sole judgment of the Contracting Agency) demonstrating compliance with all applicable responsibility criteria, including all documentation specifically listed in the supplemental criteria. The Contracting Agency reserves the right to request such documentation from other Bidders as well, and to request further documentation as needed to assess bidder responsibility.

The basis for evaluation of Bidder compliance with these supplemental criteria shall be any documents or facts obtained by Contracting Agency (whether from the Bidder or third parties) which any reasonable owner would rely on for determining such compliance, including but not limited to: (i) financial, historical, or operational data from the Bidder; (ii) information obtained directly by the Contracting Agency from owners for whom the Bidder has worked, or other public agencies or private enterprises; and (iii) any additional information obtained by the Contracting Agency which is believed to be relevant to the matter.

If the Contracting Agency determines the Bidder does not meet the bidder responsibility criteria above and is therefore not a responsible Bidder, the Contracting Agency shall notify the Bidder in writing, with the reasons for its determination. If the Bidder disagrees with this determination, it may appeal the determination within 24 hours of receipt of the Contracting Agency's determination by presenting its appeal to the Contracting Agency. The Contracting Agency will consider the appeal before issuing its final determination. If the final determination affirms that the Bidder is not responsible, the Contracting Agency will not execute a contract with any other Bidder until at least two business days after the Bidder determined to be not responsible has received the final determination.

-02.14 Disqualification of Bidders

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work; workmanship; or progress; affirmative action; equal employment opportunity practices; termination for cause; or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise, or Women's Business Enterprise utilization; or

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7. the Bidder has failed to complete a written public contract or has been convicted of a crime arising from a previous public contract, unless there are extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Contracting Agency; or

8. the Bidder is unable, financially or otherwise, to perform the work, in the opinion of the Contracting Agency; or

9. there are any other reasons deemed proper by the Contracting Agency; or

10. the Bidder fails to meet the Project-specific supplemental bidder responsibility criteria listed in the \$\$\$1\$\$.

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