



RFP #121024
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Proposal Due Date: December 10, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services to result in a procurement solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than December 10, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Public Notice of RFP Published:	October 22, 2024
Pre-proposal Conference:	November 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	December 2, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
Proposal Due Date:	December 10, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	December 10, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time See RFP Section V.G. "Opening"

I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL

A. SOURCEWELL

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and master agreement award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ participating entities across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with State of Minnesota law and policies, conforms to Canadian trade agreements (including Canadian Free Trade Agreement, Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, as applicable), and results in cooperative purchasing solutions from which Sourcewell's Participating Entities procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative purchasing provides participating entities and suppliers increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and master agreement expanding the reach of awarded suppliers' potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

B. USE OF RESULTING MASTER AGREEMENTS

In the United States, Sourcewell's master agreements are available for use by:

- Federal and state government entities;
- Cities, towns, and counties/parishes;
- Education service cooperatives;
- K-12 and higher education entities;
- Tribal government entities;
- Some nonprofit entities; and
- Other public entities.

In Canada, Sourcewell's master agreements are available for use by current and future members including:

- Federal, provincial, and territorial government departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions, and similar agencies;
- Indigenous self-governing bodies;
- Regional, local, district, and other forms of municipal government, municipal organizations, school boards, and publicly funded academic, health, and social service entities referred to as MASH sector (this should be construed to include but not be

limited to the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Winnipeg), as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities;

- Crown corporations, government enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by these entities through ownership interest; and
- Canoe procurement group of Canada's current and future members. Canoe members include:
 - Federal, provincial and territorial government departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions, and similar agencies;
 - Crown corporations, government enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by these entities through ownership interest;
 - Indigenous self-governing bodies;
 - Airport authorities;
 - Regional, local, district, and other forms of municipal government, municipal organizations, school boards, and publicly funded academic, health, and social service entities referred to as MASH sector (this should be construed to include but not be limited to the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Winnipeg), as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities; and
 - Canoe procurement group of Canada's current and future partner associations, including Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Local Authorities Services/Association of Municipalities Ontario, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities, Municipalities Newfoundland Labrador, Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, Northwest Territories Association of Communities, Association of Yukon Communities, CivicInfo BC, Association and their current and future members.

For a listing of current United States and Canadian Participating Entities visit Sourcewell's website (note: there is a tab for each country): <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/sourcewell-for-vendors/agency-locator>.

Participating Entities typically access master agreements for equipment, products, or services through a purchase order issued directly to the awarded supplier. A Participating Entity may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell master agreements is voluntary and Participating Entities retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Participating Entities' needs, Sourcewell broadly publishes public notice of all solicitation opportunities, including this RFP. In addition, where applicable, other purchasing cooperatives and procurement officials receive notice and are encouraged to re-post the solicitation opportunity.

Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

II. SOLICITATION DETAILS

A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

B. REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

It is expected that proposers will offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, school district, or regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services, including, but not to be limited to:
 - a. Alarm and signal systems;
 - b. Building security automation and integration, motion-controlled lighting, occupancy detection solutions;
 - c. Fire detection, sprinkler and suppression systems;
 - d. Intrusion and breach prevention and detection solutions;
 - e. Glass and window security, armor, and ballistic applications and solutions;
 - f. Closed circuit television (CCTV), surveillance, and recording solutions;
 - g. Facility and parking access control solutions;
 - h. Robotic and Artificial Intelligence (AI) surveillance solutions; and
 - i. Biometric scanning and screening.

Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, and services to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the equipment, products, or services being proposed in 1. a.– i. above including but not limited to training, consultative, monitoring, administrative, maintenance, mobile, remote, and smart access control, technical support services, emergency alert or call solutions, cloud-based security and integrated security management systems and supplies.

2. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include:
 - a. Body-worn or vehicle-mounted cameras;
 - b. Security personnel services;
 - c. Public sector and education software solutions;
 - d. Unmanned and remotely operated vehicles and related technology;
 - e. Fleet management software solutions; or
 - f. General technology and software and services.

Generally, the solutions for Participating Entities are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment-only or products-only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Participating Entities possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation the equipment or products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers suppliers that provide a sole source of responsibility for the equipment, products, and services provided under a resulting master agreement. If proposer is including the equipment, products, and services of its subsidiary entities, the proposer must also identify all included subsidiaries in its proposal. If proposer requires the use of distributors, dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the equipment, products, or services, the proposal must address how the equipment, products or services will be provided to Participating Entities, and describe the network of distributors, dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Participating Entities under a resulting master agreement.

Sourcewell encourages suppliers to offer the broadest possible selection of equipment, products, and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and future Participating Entities.

C. REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities.

1. Safety Requirements. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
2. Deviation from Industry Standard. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.
3. New Equipment and Products. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal.
4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Participating Entity as operational.
5. Warranty. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

D. PROSPECTIVE MASTER AGREEMENT TERM

The term of any resulting master agreement(s) awarded by Sourcewell under this solicitation will be four years. Sourcewell and supplier may agree to up to three additional one-year extensions based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities. Sourcewell

retains the right to consider additional extensions beyond seven years as required under exceptional circumstances.

E. ESTIMATED MASTER AGREEMENT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar master agreements, the estimated annual value of all transactions from master agreements resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$160M; therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the master agreement(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting master agreement are not guaranteed.

F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Participating Entities. The proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Participating Entities, as well as proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that proposer will promote and market any master agreement award.

G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Master agreements will be awarded to proposers able to best meet the need of Participating Entities. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. A proposer may submit only one proposal. If related, affiliated, or subsidiary entities elect to submit separate proposals, rather than a single parent-entity proposal, each such proposal must be prepared independently and without cooperation, collaboration, or collusion.
3. If a proposer works with a consultant on its proposal, the consultant (an individual or company) may not assist any other entity with a proposal for this solicitation.
4. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal, since Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not included in the proposal. Sourcewell reserves the right to verify proposer's information and may request clarification from a proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.
5. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
6. A proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Participating Entities occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell master agreement may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

III. PRICING

A. REQUIREMENTS

All proposed pricing must be:

1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:
 - a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or service. Each line must indicate the proposer's published "List Price," as well as the "Master Agreement Price."
 - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any master agreement resulting from this RFP.
2. The proposer's not to exceed price. A not to exceed price is the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Participating Entity. However, it is permissible for suppliers to sell at a price that is lower than the agreed upon price.
3. Stated in U.S. and Canadian dollars (as applicable).
4. Clearly understandable, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Participating Entity's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the proposer. Additionally, proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the proposal.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Proposers awarded a master agreement are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting master agreements. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Participating Entities for all equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

IV. MASTER AGREEMENT

Proposers awarded a master agreement will be required to execute a master agreement with Sourcewell (see attached template). Only those modifications the proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Master Agreement

reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in the proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To identify any exception, or to request any modification, to Sourcewell's standard master agreement terms, conditions, or specifications, a proposer must submit the proposed exception(s) or requested modification(s) via redline in the Master Agreement Template provided in the "Documents" section of the "Bid Details" page on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal and uploaded as part of its response. Only those exceptions noted at the time of the proposal submission will be considered.

Exceptions must:

1. Clearly identify the affected article and section.
2. Clearly note the requested modification; and as applicable, provide requested alternative language.

Unclear requests will be automatically denied.

Only those exceptions that have been accepted by Sourcewell will be included in the master agreement document provided to the awarded supplier for signature.

If a proposer receives a master agreement award resulting from this solicitation it will have up to 30 days to sign and return the master agreement. After that time, at Sourcewell's sole discretion, the master agreement award may be revoked.

V. RFP PROCESS

A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Sourcewell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted in the Solicitation Schedule for this RFP and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcewell's competitive procurement process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that have registered for this solicitation opportunity through their Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcewell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcewell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

C. ADDENDA

Sourcewell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcewell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential proposers through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Sourcewell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the solicitation due date and time.

If an addendum is issued after a proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The proposer is solely responsible to check the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account periodically after submitting its proposal (and up to the Proposal Due Date). If the proposer's proposal status has changed to INCOMPLETE, the proposer is solely responsible to:

1. make any required adjustments to its proposal;
2. acknowledge the addenda; and
3. ensure the re-submitted proposal is received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time shown in the Solicitation Schedule above.

D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

It is recommended that proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The time and date that a proposal is received by Sourcewell is solely determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to 24 hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the proposer. If the proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at support@bidsandtenders.ca.

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

Within the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all proposals must be digitally acknowledged by an authorized representative of the proposer attesting that the information contained in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential master agreement award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a master agreement award and may subject the proposer to remedies available by law.

E. GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be:

1. In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
2. Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
3. Submitted in English.
4. Valid and irrevocable for 90 days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the proposer.

F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a proposer may withdraw its proposal.

G. OPENING

The Opening of proposals will be conducted in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal immediately following the proposal due date and time. To view the list of proposers resulting from the opening, verify that the Sourcewell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed."

Members of the public may attend the Opening at Sourcewell's office located at 202 12th Street NE, Staples, MN to hear the results.

VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcewell to award one or more master agreements to responsive and responsible proposers offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities. The award(s) will be limited to the number of proposers that Sourcewell determines is necessary to meet the needs of its Participating Entities.

Factors to be considered in determining the number of master agreements to be awarded in any category may include the following:

1. Total evaluation scores (giving consideration to natural breaks in the scoring of responsive proposals);
2. The number and geographic location of highest-scoring proposers that offer:
 - a. A comprehensive selection of the requested equipment, products, or services;
 - b. A sales and service network ensuring availability and coverage for Participating Entities' use; and
 - c. Other attributes of the proposer or contents of its proposal that assist Participating Entities in achieving environmental and social requirements, and goals.

Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcewell has any knowledge about a specific supplier or product.

B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the highest-scoring proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcewell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (a copy is available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	Pass/Fail
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	50
Ability to Sell and Deliver Solutions	150
Marketing Plan	100
Value Added Attributes	100
Depth and Breadth of Offered Solutions	200
Pricing	400
TOTAL POINTS	1000

C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcewell's Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcewell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. All documents that comprise the complete protest package must be received, and time stamped at the Sourcewell office by 4:30 p.m., Central Time, no later than 10 calendar days following Sourcewell's notice of master agreement award(s) or non-award. A protest must allege a procedural, technical, or legal defect, with supporting documentation. A protest that merely requests a re-evaluation of a proposal's content will not be entertained.

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the alleged procedural, technical, or legal defect;
- Analysis of the basis for the protest;
- Any additional supporting documentation;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000 (except where prohibited by law or treaty).

Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

D. RIGHTS RESERVED

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any master agreement, and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for master agreements or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;
- Independently verify any information provided in a proposal;
- Disqualify any proposer that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, is debarred or suspended by the United States or Canada, State of Minnesota, Participating Entity's state or province; has an officer, or other key personnel, who have been charged with a serious crime; or is bankrupt, insolvent, or where bankruptcy or insolvency are a reasonable prospect;

- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Clarify any part of a proposal and discuss any aspect of the proposal with any proposer; and negotiate with more than one proposer;
- Award a master agreement if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities; and
- Award a master agreement to one or more proposers if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities.

E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell considers that negotiations are complete upon execution of a resulting master agreement. It is the proposer's responsibility to clearly identify any data submitted that it considers to be protected. Proposer must also include a justification for the classification citing the applicable Minnesota law. Sourcewell may reject proposals that are marked confidential or nonpublic, either substantially or in their entirety.

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the proposer to be confidential, proprietary, or trade secret materials. Financial information, including financial statements, provided by a proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.



10/25/2024

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Does this bid require an 'MSA'? [sic]

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP section IV. Master Agreement.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 10/25/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/1/2024

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following amendment to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents.

Line Item 76 is amended as follows:

Provide a detailed description of all the Solutions offered, including used **Solutions** offered **if applicable**, in the proposal.

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Line Item 76 has an error in this question, it doesn't read correctly: Provide a detailed description of all the Solutions offered, including used, offered in the proposal. ('Including Used') needs more context. [sic]

Answer 1:

Refer to amendment above.

Question 2:

The new RFP 121024 that we've been discussing does cover a lot of Canada interests... However, we noticed this other RFP, APC Reference # AB-2024-08990 for Canoe, which does seem to reference 121024. Does our submission to this 121024 cover the Canoe

APC RFP also? Just ensuring that we do not need to respond to that APC RFP. Thank you.
[sic]

Answer 2:

Refer to RFP Section I., Article B. It appears as if the Sourcewell Request for Proposals has been reposted. Please refer to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal for complete RFP information.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/1/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/01/2024

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is Lighting include in the proposition as equipment (off-Grid Lighting) [sic]

Answer 1:

The Sourcewell RFP is an open and competitive solicitation process. Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in the RFP. Only those products within the scope of the RFP will be included in any contract awarded by Sourcewell as a result of the solicitation and each Proposal will be evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/01/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/07/2024

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

With the bid being public, can any information provided be submitted as confidential? For example, when providing references, can we submit under a separate cover that would be marked confidential and not be published to maintain client privacy.

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section VI. E. - Disposition of Proposals, for guidance on materials submitted in response to the RFP and applicable public data laws.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/07/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/08/2024

Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

What is my CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM)?

Answer 1:

A CAGE or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) code is not required to be considered for or awarded a Sourcewell contract. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria as stated in the RFP. Refer to the General Instructions above Questionnaire Table 1. Respond "N/A" if a question does not apply (preferably with an explanation).

Question 2:

What is my NAICS code applicable to Solutions proposed?

Answer 2:

Sourcewell utilizes the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) within the Sourcewell Procurement Portal to allow prospective vendors the ability to broadly identify the types of equipment, products, or services applicable to them at the time of account creation. Prospective vendors who select one or more commodity codes receive system-generated notifications by email of new Sourcewell opportunities matching their commodity code selection.

For this RFP (and all cooperative purchasing contract opportunities), Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications or finite quantities. A proposer can propose its entire line of equipment, products, or services falling within the requested equipment, products, or services as described in RFP Section II. B.

Question 3:

Is there anything preventing me from bidding?

Answer 3:

Refer to RFP Section V. E. for Sourcewell General Proposal Requirements. Sourcewell Participating Entities (Higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada) may also have their own requirements.

Question 4:

I may have a few other vendors who would actually provide the services, bidding for this. What do I/they need to know regarding this bid?

Answer 4:

All pertinent information can be found in the RFP document and under Resource Materials on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal homepage.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/08/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/14/2024

Addendum No. 6

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Can you please provide the call information or meeting link for the pre-bid proposal on 11/19/2024? Thank you [sic]

Answer 1:

Login instructions will be posted to the "Documents" section and available to registered suppliers two business days prior to the web conference.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/14/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/18/2024

Addendum No. 7

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is this for Suppliers only or integrators as well?

Answer 1:

The Sourcewell RFP is an open and competitive solicitation process. Each proposer, in its discretion, will determine the method in which to propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/18/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/20/2024

Addendum No. 8

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Clarify on page limits:

In Step #1: Tell our Story. Did we understand that there can be up to 10 Microsoft pages per box? What is minimum font size? What is recommend font type? [sic]

Answer 1:

There is sufficient space for the proposer to provide a brief but thorough response to each question. The platform designer indicates the character limit of a text field is 32,000. The text boxes do not support the insertion of images or graphics, or different font types and sizes.

Question 2:

What is the maximum pages or size (Gigabytes) a proposal can be? [sic]

Answer 2:

Refer to the instructions for Step 2 – Documents within the Portal, “Maximum file upload size is 500 MB.”

Question 3:

Where is this RFP based/located out of? We are a California based company applying for this RFP. We want to make sure that we will be able to provide services if granted the bid. [sic]

Answer 3:

Sourcewell is seeking solutions to serve the largest possible cross-section of current and potential Sourcewell participating entities or members. Refer to the RFP Article on Participating Entities and Use of the Resulting Contracts for details.

Question 4:

Do we have to bid nationally and Canada up front or can we limit to certain states or geography? [sic]

Answer 4:

A proposer is not required to cover every geographic region to be considered for award. Each proposal is evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 5:

Can you limit your own participation to a certain part of the country (ex. a single state, cluster of states like the PNW) [sic]

Answer 5:

Refer to answer four.

Question 6:

In many states this line of work is licensed profession. Do we need to include licenses in our submission?

Answer 6:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell participating entities. Proposers are responsible for attaining any applicable or required business licenses for any locations they intend to offer their solutions. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/20/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/21/2024

Addendum No. 9

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Can the bid submission questions be downloaded in order to work on them collaboratively, then once I have the answers, I can transpose them into the system, or can multiple users access the bid submission at the same time?

Answer 1:

Each account within the Portal can have up to ten contacts, with each contact identified by a discrete email address. Each contact is able to edit the questionnaire table responses. However, only one contact may edit any one table at a time. Multiple representatives may edit questionnaire tables simultaneously, provided that each user is editing a different questionnaire table.

After selecting "Start Submission," a proposer may navigate to Step 4 – "Preview Bid" and select "Preview My Bid in PDF," if a downloadable PDF of the questionnaire tables is desired.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/21/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/25/2024

Addendum No. 10

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

For Table 6A: Pricing, Question 64, is it required to provide a detailed price list for every part number covered in this proposal, or would providing a document detailing a standard product-category discount or flat rate suffice?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP section III. Pricing. Each proposer, in its discretion, will determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with its business methods and satisfies all the requirements of the RFP Article on Pricing.

Question 2:

For Table 6A: Pricing, Question 64, if a detailed price list for every part number is required, how should this document be sufficiently marked in order to maintain confidentiality? Much of our pricing from vendors is direct-to-dealer and the information considered proprietary-- the public disclosure of which could affect our vendor relationship integrity and business operations.

Answer 2:

Refer to RFP Section VI. E. – Disposition of Proposals related to the treatment of materials submitted in response to the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/25/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/26/2024

Addendum No. 11

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

How do you want us to treat confidentiality regarding our customers' names and phone numbers? Can we redact contact information (e.g., Table 4)? [sic]

Answer 1:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information or documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell participating entities and satisfy all the requirements included in the questionnaire tables.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/26/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/03/2024

Addendum No. 12

Solicitation Number: RFP 121024

Solicitation Name: Facility Security Systems, Equipment, and Software with Related Services

Consider the following Question(s) and Answer(s) to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

May a parent company submit a proposal under a single FEIN, but allow brands that fall under it (different FEINs) to utilize the contract? If so, would purchase orders and bids need to reflect the parent company name only?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. So, it is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell participating entities and that they are willing to include. The solicitation is a competitive process, and proposals are evaluated on the content submitted.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121024 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/03/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.