



# INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

423/975-2716

**Bid Name / Number** VACUUM LEAF LOADERS / #5645  
**Due Day / Date / Time** Monday / October 22, 2012 / 1:30 PM  
**Bid Location / Mail Address** Johnson City Purchasing Department, Debbie Dillon-Director,  
 209 Water Street (37601), P O Box 2150 (37605), Johnson City, TN  
**Bid Contact / Telephone** Mike Arsenault (423) 975-2707; [marsenault@johnsoncitytn.org](mailto:marsenault@johnsoncitytn.org) or [vharless@johnsoncitytn.org](mailto:vharless@johnsoncitytn.org)  
**Bid Issue Date** October 5, 2012  
**Delivery Location** J C Public Works, C/O City Garage, 209 Water Street, Johnson City, TN 37601  
**FOB** Destination, Johnson City, TN  
**Payment Terms** Net 30

**Bidder is responsible for completing the remaining portion of this bid document**

ITEM NO.	QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
		Vacuum leaf loaders as per attached specifications which are an integral part of this bid.		
1.	1ea	Trailer Mounted Vacuum Leaf Loaders Make/Model proposed: _____		\$ _____
2.	1 ea	Skid Mounted Vacuum Leaf Loaders Make/Model proposed: _____		\$ _____

Two (2) sets of completed checklists and product literature must be included with return bid package.

NOTE: Satisfaction Guarantee on last page.

DELIVERY & ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES ATTACHED

**Cooperative Purchasing Agreement: Vendors are to indicate if it is permissible for other governmental agencies in the State of Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges may be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery costs to other locations. Please indicate your approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.        Yes        No.**

**Bidder's Check List** Place a check mark  by all areas to signify compliance.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bid signed in ink by authorized company representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Bid prices, extensions and total verified as correct |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addenda initialed and returned with bid, if applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> Product literature must be included in bid package   |

By signing this document, the undersigned hereby agrees to the prices and all other terms and conditions, including the attached *Bid/RFP General Terms & Conditions* and the City's *Requirements for Bids, Requests for Proposals, and Contracts Between the City of Johnson City and Other Parties* contained in this bid and associated documents relating to this bid and will furnish items as specified if this bid is accepted.

**SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Place signed bid response in a sealed envelope plainly identified on the outside in the lower left corner with the Bid Name and Number. Vendor responsible for delivery to Johnson City Purchasing Dept., Debbie Dillon-Director, P. O. Box 2150 (37605), 209 Water Street (37601) Johnson City, TN on or before the bid opening date and time.**

**Firm Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**By** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPED & SIGNED**

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRONIC RESPONSES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**

**BID MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID**

**JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC WORKS  
 BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
 TRAILER MOUNTED VACUUM LEAF LOADER**

Aug- 2012

Bidder must complete and return this form for the bid to be considered responsive. A check mark shall be placed in the areas of specification agreement. Variances must be clearly identified and bidder may use a separate sheet if necessary. Failure to comply with any part of the bid specifications will not remove that bid from consideration, but will indicate a variance on which the City alone will determine the importance to the overall performance of the item and suitability for the intended purpose. Any omission from the specifications shall not relieve the bidder from the responsibility of furnishing the unit ready for use.

**These specifications describe a diesel powered, fluid drive, rear loading, forward discharging vacuum leaf loader designed for towing behind a dump truck.** The unit bid shall be the manufacturer's latest design and production model. It shall meet or exceed all OSHA, Federal and State regulations and requirements. Bidders must submit two (2) copies of complete descriptive literature including a list of three (3) user references as an integral part of their bid. The unit shall be delivered to Johnson City fully ready to operate.

City Specification

Bidder's Equipment

Engine

Four (4) cylinder turbo charged diesel engine – minimum 74 HP rated

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12-Volt starter and alternator

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Heavy duty air cleaner

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Heavy Duty muffler

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Externally mounted controls on a separate panel and easily accessible and visible to the operator

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Minimum controls are:

Volt meter

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Fuel gauge

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Oil pressure gauge

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Tachometer w/hour meter

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Water temperature gauge

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Throttle control

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Vacuum Leaf Loader Specifications Continued

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City Specifications

Bidder's Equipment

Automatic safety shutdown for low oil pressure and high temperature shall be provided

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Heavy duty fluid coupler through a 2-1/4" diam. Straight output shaft

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Pressurized "trash" style radiator w/minimum 18" dia. fan and a bottom hinged secondary screen

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Minimum 40 gallon fuel tank equipped with a screen mesh for filtration and a check valve.

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Direct drive to blower

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Trailer

Heavy Duty construction formed from one piece of a minimum 1/4" steel

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Maximum overall dimensions

90" long

48" wide

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Running gear rated at minimum 6000 lbs total capacity with electric brakes

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Independent flex type suspension

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ST225 x 75R15 radials mounted on white spoke steel wheels w/taper roller bearings

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Adjustable telescoping draw bar capable of telescoping from 48" to 84"

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Heavy duty top wind trailer jack with steel castor wheel. Include safety chains with hooks

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Vacuum Leaf Loader Specifications Continued

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City Specifications

Bidder's Equipment

Provide large pintle eye hitch which shall be quickly adjustable in height from 24" to 32"

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Full protective fenders

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LED brake and tail lights with turn signals – minimum 25 sq. in. lens area

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License plate bracket

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Lockable battery box

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Rake and tool storage rack

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Amber strobe light

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Impeller

Diameter shall be a minimum of 30" with 32" preferred

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Minimum six (6) gusseted blades constructed of abrasive resistant T-1 steel with Brinell Hardness of 400 or more

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Blade thickness of 3/8" minimum

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Impeller backing plate of at least 1/4" steel plate with tapered hub built in

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Blower

Minimum 10 Gauge steel housing

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Two-piece slip-in replaceable liner made of 1/4" abrasive resistant T-1 steel (no bolts required)

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City Specifications

Bidder's Equipment

Suction inlet shall be center mounted at the rear of machine to allow the suction hose to be used on either side of the machine. It shall be capable of swiveling up to a 240° arc through a 90° swivel intake

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Inspection door with safety kill switch to be located in the lower section

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Minimum rated suction capability shall be 19,000 CFM with 22,000 CFM preferred

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Intake Hose

Intake suction hose shall be 16" diameter by 120" heavy duty wire reinforced flexible rubber hose at least 3/8" thick

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16" fabricated steel curb nozzle with handle constructed out of 12-gauge steel

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Hydraulically assisted hose boom with adjustable chain with controls located on the curb nozzle handle (100% waterproof).

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The intake hose and hydraulic boom shall be capable of vacuuming from both left and right sides of the unit

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The intake hose assembly shall store along either side of the unit and lock into travel position without disconnecting from the housing

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City Specifications

Bidder's Equipment

Exhaust Duct

A gradual 90 degree bolt on duct elbow extend towards the front and centered over the middle of the trailer

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Exhaust ducting shall be minimum 12 gauge steel

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Provide heavy duty 16" diameter X 48" heavy duty wire reinforced flexible rubber hose with a minimum 3/8" wall thickness at discharge end to extend into the leaf container box

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Sheet Metal Enclosure

The power unit, hydraulic pump motor, fuel tank, battery and bearings shall be fully enclosed in a compartment to protect from debris

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Enclosure to be made of 16 gauge metal and shall have hinged hood covers on each side for engine access

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Controls mounted on curb side with emergency kill button located on both sides

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Hinged inspection port for radiator and oil fill

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All manufacturer's standard equipment and features

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Paint

Unit to be fully cleaned, primed and painted with 2 coats of high quality acrylic enamel

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Color to be white

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City Specifications

Bidder's Equipment

Warranty

Provide a minimum one year warranty on the unit and two years on the engine and auto PTO clutch covering all materials and workmanship. A warranty statement shall be included in the bid proposal.

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Satisfaction Guarantee\*\*

The vendor shall provide a 30 day trial period in the form of an unconditional guarantee.

If the Purchaser is not pleased or satisfied in the quality and performance of the supplied unit after 30 days, then the full purchase price will be refunded and the equipment will be picked up by the Vendor at no cost to the Purchaser.

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Signature of Agreement

\*\*Guarantee is desired, but not required. Applicable consideration shall be given to this item.

Complete and return checklists with return bid package

**JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC WORKS  
BID SPECIFICATIONS  
FOR  
SKID MOUNTED VACUUM LEAF LOADER**

Aug, 2012

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**These specifications describe a diesel powered, fluid drive, rear loading vacuum leaf loader designed for mounting on a truck bed.** The unit bid shall be the manufacturer's latest design and production model. It shall meet or exceed all OSHA, Federal and State regulations and requirements. Bidders must submit two (2) copies of complete descriptive literature including a list of three (3) user references as an integral part of their bid. The unit shall be delivered to Johnson City fully ready to operate.

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12-Volt starter and alternator

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Heavy duty air cleaner

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Heavy Duty muffler

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Externally mounted controls on a separate panel and easily accessible and visible to the operator

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City Specifications

Bidder's Equipment

Minimum controls are:

Volt Meter

Fuel gauge

Oil pressure gauge

Tachometer w/hour meter

Water temperature gauge

Throttle control

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Automatic safety shutdown for low oil pressure and high temperature shall be provided

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Heavy duty fluid coupler through a 2-1/4" diam. Straight output shaft

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Pressurized "trash" style radiator w/minimum 18" dia. fan and a bottom hinged secondary screen

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Minimum 40 gallon fuel tank

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Direct drive to blower

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Skid

The skid shall be of one piece 1/4" steel construction formed and properly balanced with the overall dimensions of approx. 89" long by 48" wide. The skid and power unit shall be manufactured to mount and dismount quickly on to any style truck bed or chassis

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The skid is to be equipped with all required lifting points for safe handling

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Impeller

Diameter shall be a minimum of 30" inches with 32" preferred

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Minimum six (6) gusseted blades constructed of abrasive resistant T-1

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steel with Brinell Hardness of 400 or more

Bidder's Equipment

Blade thickness of 3/8" minimum

Impeller backing plate of at least 1/4" steel plate with tapered hub built in

Blower

Minimum 10 Gauge steel housing

Two-piece slip-in replaceable liner made of 1/4" abrasive resistant steel (no bolts required)

Suction inlet shall be center mounted at the rear of machine to allow the suction hose to be used on either side of the machine

Inspection door with safety kill switch to be located in the lower section

Drain hole at housing bottom complete with drain hose to drain

Minimum rated suction capability shall be 17,000 CFM with 22,000 CFM preferred

Intake Hose

Intake suction hose shall be 16" diameter by 120" heavy duty wire reinforced flexible rubber hose at least 3/8" thick

16" fabricated curb nozzle with handle constructed out of 12-gauge steel

Hydraulically assisted hose boom with adjustable chain with controls located on the curb nozzle handle. (100% water proof)

City Specifications

Bidder's Equipment

The intake hose and hydraulic boom shall be capable of vacuuming from both left and right sides of the unit

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The intake hose assembly shall store along either side of the unit and lock into travel position without disconnecting from the housing

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Exhaust Duct

A long radius 17degrees bolt on duct elbow and exhaust shall extend towards the rear and centered over the middle of the unit

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Exhaust ducting shall be minimum 12 gauge steel

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Sheet Metal Enclosure

The power unit, hydraulic pump/motor, fuel tank, battery and bearings shall be fully enclosed in a single compartment to protect from debris

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Enclosure to be made of 16 gauge metal and shall have hinged hood covers on each side for engine access

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Controls mounted on right side with emergency kill button located on both sides

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Hinged inspection port for radiator and oil fill

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City Specifications

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Unit to be fully cleaned, primed and painted with 2 coats of high quality acrylic enamel

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Color to be white

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Provide a minimum one year warranty on the unit and two years on the engine and auto PTO clutch covering all materials and workmanship. A warranty statement shall be included in the bid proposal.

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Satisfaction Guarantee\*\*

The vendor shall provide a 30 day trial period in the form of an unconditional guarantee.

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If the Purchaser is not pleased or satisfied in the quality and performance of the supplied unit after 30 days, then the full purchase price will be refunded and the equipment will be picked up by the Vendor at no cost to the Purchaser.

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Signature of Agreement

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT DELIVERY

The City of Johnson City acknowledges receipt of the following described vehicle or equipment:

Year	Make	Model	VIN	New/Used	Price

Above described property was delivered to 209 Water Street, Johnson City, Tennessee.

The City, by accepting receipt of this vehicle(s) or equipment, does not provide insurance coverage on the vehicle(s) or equipment and further declares that inspection has not been completed to determine compliance with City specifications. The City shall take ownership of and provide insurance on vehicles and equipment only after the City ascertains that the vehicles or equipment comply with City specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any non-conforming tender or delivery of vehicles, goods, or equipment.

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**Motor Transport Representative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Vendor**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Vendor Representative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT DELIVERY & ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

ACCEPTANCE - DELIVERY DOES NOT MEAN ACCEPTANCE. ALL VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION TO ESTABLISH CONFORMITY TO SPECIFICATIONS PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE.

1. Prior to delivery:
  - Tires are to be inspected to insure proper inflation levels.
  - All fluid levels to be checked and corrected as needed.
  - Remove any unnecessary manufacturer's tape, stickers, decals, labels or other items except for the itemized window sticker with e.p.a. fuel economy estimates.
  - Vehicle is to be test driven and all features are to be checked to insure proper operation.
  - Any final assembly or installation of features, equipment or any options must be completed prior to delivery.
  - All necessary repairs and/or adjustments must be made prior to delivery.
2. Vendor must give Motor Transport 24-hour notice prior to delivery (423) 975-2751.
3. Delivery shall be made during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.
4. Vehicle or equipment will not be accepted if delivered to the wrong address.
5. Vendor must bring original specification sheets with vehicle delivery and **MUST** provide certificate of origin when vehicle is delivered.
6. Vendor must agree to sign the Acknowledgement of Receipt form (*sample form attached*) at time of vehicle/equipment delivery.
7. City has 48 hours (excluding weekends, Holidays, vacation leave) to inspect vehicle/equipment for specification compliance.



## CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

### BID/PROPOSAL GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Read Carefully)

#### 1. PREPARATION OF BIDS/RFP'S

Only bids submitted on forms furnished by the city will be considered. Bids on company letterhead or quotation sheets will be judged non-responsive. TELEPHONE OR FACSIMILE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Electronic receipt of bids/proposals is acceptable for those posted at: <https://purchasing.johnsoncitytn.org/bsa>. Paper bids shall be sealed in an envelope. No bid received after closing time shall be considered. The official time for paper bids will be that of the date and time clock in the Purchasing Department. For electronic bids the official time is that posted on the website. Late bids will not be accepted. The City of Johnson City shall not be responsible for technical difficulties experienced by vendors trying to register or submit their bid/rfp response electronically less than one hour prior to the bid/rfp opening time. If not offering a bid/proposal response, the vendor is encouraged to complete the "Statement of Decline" form and return prior to solicitation opening.

#### 2. SIGNATURE ON BIDS

When submitting a bid, other than electronically, the bid form must contain the full name and address of the company and be signed in ink by a person authorized to bind that company to a contract. Submission of an electronic solicitation constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions. Unsigned paper bids will not be considered, read or tabulated. They may not be signed during or after the bid opening, even if a representative is present.

#### 3. PRICING

All pricing must appear in the spaces provided on the city's form (if applicable) and be in ink or typed. Changes or corrections by the bidder/proposer must be initialed in ink by the person signing. No corrections may be made in pencil. Unit prices will prevail in case of an extension error. The City will correct math computation errors (unit price & totals). No bid may be altered or amended after bid opening time. Obvious mistakes will be given special consideration upon receipt of written request and full disclosure or evidence regarding pricing error.

#### 4. BID/RFP OPENINGS

Bids/RFP's (paper & electronic) will be read aloud at the specified date and time as stated in the document. All openings are public meetings. All bidders/proposers and interested persons are invited to attend. The City reserves the right to postpone any bid/rfp opening under circumstances warranting such action, including but not limited to instances when the City receives fewer than two responses.

#### 5. EXAMINATION OF BIDS/RFP'S

Bids/RFP's and associated documents may be examined at the opening. They are closed for review and inspection during the evaluation period prior to award.

#### 6. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING:

Bidders/Proposers are to indicate whether it is permissible for other governments in Tennessee to purchase these items or services at the same price. Freight charges can be adjusted to reflect differences in delivery costs.

#### 7. BID TABULATIONS/RFP RESPONSES

Bid tabulations and RFP respondent's lists will be posted and available the next business day on our website: <http://www.johnsoncitytn.org> then select Purchasing Department, Current Bid/Notices.

#### 8. MULTIPLE ITEM BIDS

The City will determine the successful bidder(s) either on the basis of the individual line items or the total of all items. ALL OR NONE bids must be clearly identified on the bid form and will be considered only if in the City's best interest.

#### 9. BID/RFP EVALUATION

Bids/RFP's will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in the document with the degree of importance determined by the City.

#### 10. ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION AND POSTPONEMENT

Issuance of a bid/rfp does not commit the City to make an award. The City reserves the right to postpone or reject any or all bids/rfp's, to waive informalities and to accept the bid/rfp judged to be in the best interest of the City.

#### 11. AWARD

An award, if made, shall be to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder(s) or best proposal meeting quality and performance standards as described in the solicitation documents and whose bid/rfp is determined to be in the best interest of the City.

#### 12. AWARD PERIOD

The City shall have 60 days to issue a contract. Any contract past that period must be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

#### 13. FOB POINT

All prices quoted shall be FOB delivered to the using department, City of Johnson City, TN unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. Risk of loss and/or damage shall be upon the Seller until such time as the goods have been physically delivered and accepted by the City.

#### 14. DISCOUNT AND PAYMENT

Payment terms are Net 30 following receipt of the material or service and a correct invoice unless otherwise stated in the solicitation document. Discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in the bid evaluation for award. Partial payment will be allowed only if addressed in the solicitation.

#### 15. TAXES

The City is exempt from Federal excise tax, State, and city sales tax. Contractors are not exempt from the use tax on materials and supplies used in the production of an item or in the performance of a repair or construction contract. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

#### 16. TERM OF CONTRACT

Unless otherwise stated, the City reserves the right to purchase like items at the same contract price for a period of one year from the award date subject to agreement of both parties. The City may cancel any contract for cause following written notification of intent.

#### 17. ORAL INSTRUCTIONS

No oral interpretations or instructions given by any city employee or any other person shall apply. Changes relative to any solicitation will be in writing to all known interested parties and posted on the City's website. These addendums will originate either from the Purchasing Department or the issuing Architect.

#### 18. DELIVERY

Delivery/completion schedule must be clearly identified and realistically stated, as this may be a determining factor in the award.

#### 19. SAFETY STANDARDS

All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of OSHA and any related standards thereto.

## **20. BRAND NAMES**

By referencing a brand name or equal, the City intends to establish a minimum level of quality by which alternate offers can be judged. If an alternate is offered, the vendor must include complete descriptive literature and specifications that clearly describe the item and how it differs from the referenced item. Vendor reference to literature previously submitted will not satisfy this provision. Unless specified otherwise, it is understood that the referenced product will be furnished. The City alone will determine whether an alternate is equivalent and meets the standards of quality and performance for the City's use. A sample or demonstration may be required at the expense of the vendor.

## **21. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

It is the policy of the City of Johnson City to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21; related statutes and regulations to that end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or any other funding source on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry. By virtue of submitting a response to this solicitation, vendors agree to comply with the same non-discrimination policy.

## **22. SAMPLES**

Samples will be furnished at no charge to the City. They will remain in the Purchasing Department for testing and evaluation until an award is made. Vendors are responsible for picking up their samples within two (2) weeks after the award. Samples not collected after that time shall become the property of the City. Samples from the successful vendor will be held until delivery is received and accepted as being equal to the sample.

## **23. CONDITION STANDARDS**

It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this solicitation shall be new and unused and the manufacturer's latest model unless otherwise called for in the solicitation.

## **24. INSPECTION**

All supplies or materials purchased as a result of this solicitation are subject to inspection and rejection by the City. Rejected materials will be returned at the vendor's expense.

## **25. PARTS AND SERVICE**

The successful vendor must be able to provide adequate parts and service for all items awarded. Service location and ability to perform may be a consideration in the award.

## **26. WARRANTY**

Unless otherwise specified by the City, all items shall be guaranteed for a minimum period of one (1) year against defects in material and workmanship.

## **27. LICENSES, FEES, PERMITS**

The contractor is responsible for furnishing the proper licenses, fees, and permits required by law to do business with the City of Johnson City in completion of the project. All work shall be done in accordance with the latest building codes, state and federal laws relative to public works contracts.

## **28. INSURANCE**

The contractor shall maintain, at his expense, such insurance as will protect him from claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from claims of damages because of bodily injury, including death and damage to the property of others and claims for damages which may arise during operations under this contract whether such operations be by himself or by any subcontractor of anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them. Any required insurances shall be maintained for the term of the contract.

## **29. INDEMNIFICATION**

The vendor shall guarantee and certify by submitting a response to this solicitation that if successful, they shall indemnify and defend the City against any and all claims or legal actions arising as a result of their performance of the contract, whether or not such claims relate to damages or alleged damages sustained by physical injury to contractors personnel, subcontractors, city employees or other persons, or against any lawsuits arising from alleged or actual patent infringements, and shall hold the City, its various departments, employees, and any and all persons or entities acting on its behalf harmless from the same.

## **30. DEFAULT**

In case of contractor default or failure to provide material or service according to the solicitations, the City may cancel this contract and acquire from another source and may recover any excess cost by (1) invoice; (2) deduction from an unpaid balance due; (3) collection against the bid and/or performance bond; or (4) a combination of the aforementioned remedies or other remedies provided by law. All costs associated with default will be borne by the contractor. The City reserves the right to remove a company in default from the active vendor list for a time period to be determined by the Director of Purchasing.

## **31. PENALTIES**

Vendors may be removed from our active vendor system for any of the following:

- ◆ Failure to respond to three consecutive solicitations
- ◆ Failure to meet delivery requirements
- ◆ Failure to furnish items as a result of a solicitation
- ◆ Failure to provide service or material as a result of the award
- ◆ Offers of gratuities or favors to any City employee

## **32. NON-COLLUSION AGREEMENT**

By submitting this solicitation, the agent representing all officers, partners, owners, representatives, employees or interested parties of the vendor's firm certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief this bid/proposal to the City of Johnson City, Tennessee has not been prepared in collusion with any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services. The agent also certifies that the prices, terms and conditions of said bid/proposal have been arrived at independently and have not been communicated by the submitter, nor by any of the aforementioned firm associate to any other seller, proprietor, or manufacturer of similar products or services and will not be communicated prior to the official opening of said solicitation. The agent further states that no official or employee of the City of Johnson City has promised any personal, financial or other beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in order to influence award of this solicitation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDS, REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, AND CONTRACTS  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY  
AND OTHER PARTIES

The City of Johnson City has established the following requirements for use in all bids and contracts between the City and any other person or entity. The following list is mandatory and modifies any bid, contract, or request for proposal, or conditions applicable to, signed by, or let by the City, notwithstanding anything contained in any particular conditions, contract, request for proposal, or bid to the contrary.

In general, the following provisions apply to all such contracts, bids, requests for proposals, contracts requiring bids, and bids containing contracts:

1. The City of Johnson City shall not answer to any contracting party for the furnishing of public records to a person requesting such in accordance with Tennessee law.
2. The City, while it may designate in writing a representative on a particular project, shall only be bound by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners or by the limited authority delegated to the City Manager pursuant to City Ordinance. No personal representative of the City assigned to a particular project may bind it in excess of the dollar amounts granted to the City Manager by Ordinance, and no personal representative assigned to a particular project may bind the City for an amount equal to or less than the dollar amounts granted to the City Manager by Ordinance without the City Manager's approval.
3. The City shall not in any event waive any claims for damages including but not limited to consequential damages in any contract for any reason or purpose.
4. No decision of an architect, engineer, or personal representative of the City shall be final and binding on the City, unless the City so agrees in any dispute with any party including but not limited to an architect, a contractor, a subcontractor, an engineer, etc. If the City agrees to be bound pertaining to a dispute, then the monetary limits contained in the City's ordinances regarding the authority of the City Manager shall prevail, and any amounts exceeding the authority of the City Manager shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.
5. The City shall not participate in any mediation or arbitration regarding any agreement to which it is a party, and all matters left unresolved between the City and any other party, person, or entity shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction in either Washington County, Tennessee, or in Federal District Court in Greeneville, Tennessee.
6. No party or other entity shall file a lien of any nature whatsoever against City property, real, personal, or mixed, no matter where that property is located. Should a party or entity contracting with the City or acting as a subcontractor or subsubcontractor file a lien against any property, real, personal, or mixed, owned by the City, then that party or entity shall take immediate steps at its own cost and expense to remove said lien, or the City shall take such steps as it deems necessary and hold the other party or entity liable for any costs and attorneys' fees associated with the lifting of said lien.
7. The City shall exercise its sole discretion before agreeing to any assignments of any contracts or subcontracts regarding any project in which the City is involved. No contract with the City shall be assignable without the City's sole, discretionary, absolute consent.
8. The City shall not be required to supply any information regarding its title to any property in which it has an interest for any purposes regarding the filing of liens.
9. The City shall not waive any claims it has in the making of final payment in any project in which it is involved. The City shall have the right to terminate any agreement to which this document is attached at any time in its sole discretion without cause. In the event the City terminates without cause any agreement to which this document is attached, then in such event the City shall be liable only for the actual work and costs that have accrued at or before the date of the City's termination. In no event shall the City be liable for lost profits, consequential damages or incidental damages in the event it terminates a contract without cause.
10. Except to the extent allowed by law, the City shall not indemnify and hold harmless any other party, entity, person, their agents, employees, or anyone else in the world for any reason whatsoever.
11. The City shall not waive the rights of subrogation of its insurers or itself for any purpose whatsoever, and the City shall not cause any such endorsements to be placed on any policies to which it is a party.
12. Unless the City elects otherwise, the City shall not provide any "builders' risk" or an "all-risk" or equivalent policy for any reason whatsoever for any project in which the City has an interest, and the contractor or other such party shall assume this responsibility. That builder's risk policy provided by the contractor or other such interested party shall name the City as an additional insured. The City shall not provide boiler and machinery insurance, but shall require such insurance as applicable, depending on the parameters of whatever project is involved. The cost of boiler and machinery insurance shall be borne by the appropriate contractor, subcontractor, or other interested party. The City shall not insure the interests of any other person or entity, nor shall the City add any other person or entity as an additional insured to any of its policies.

13. The City shall not waive any rights regarding the loss of use of the City's property.
14. As to acts or failures to act or any causes of action by any party to a contract, whether that party be the architect, owner, contractor, City, etc., a cause of action shall accrue according to Tennessee law. No contract provision shall shorten the statutes of limitations, statutes of repose, or the accrual of any causes of action which the City might have against another party or entity. No contract provision shall waive any warranties, express or implied, nor shall any contract limit the standard of care for any particular service or undertaking to that of the locality where those services or undertakings are performed.
15. Any interest to be paid by the City of Johnson City for late payments shall be at the rate of interest at which the City pays on its most recently issued bonds.
16. The City reserves to itself the right to approve the use of any tests, including but not limited to any borings, test pits, geotechnical work, environmental tests, and the like in its own sole discretion. All design professionals, consultants, subcontractors, or the like shall be duly licensed in the State of Tennessee, if licensure in the State of Tennessee is required for the work to be performed by such design professional, consultants, or subcontractors.
17. Notwithstanding any applicable choice of law or conflict of law provisions or decisions, the law of the State of Tennessee shall govern all contracts to which this document is attached.
18. The City of Johnson City shall not provide any legal advice, legal services, surveys, or procure the same for any other party.
19. Upon payment for services as rendered, all design documents and all instruments of service created by design professionals, including but not limited to architects, landscape architects, engineers, etc., shall become the property of the City of Johnson City, Tennessee. The City of Johnson City shall be allowed to use all design documents and instruments of service, **including** but not limited to bid drawings, shop drawings, reports, specifications, cost estimates, schematic designs, construction designs, and the like for future additions or alterations to the current project or for use in other projects. Any use of the aforementioned designs and construction documents shall be at the City's sole risk and without liability to the design professional. The design professional's name and seal will be removed from all such design documents prior to the City's use thereof.
20. No person or entity shall respond to a request for bid or request for proposal with any terms or conditions that might change, alter, amend, or differ with the specifications, terms, or conditions originally provided by the City in its initial request for bids or proposals.

October 5, 2009



## STATEMENT OF BID/RFP DECLINE City of Johnson City, Tennessee

**NOTE:** If you do not intend to respond to this solicitation, complete and return this form on or before the stated deadline to Purchasing Department, P. O. Box 2150, Johnson City, TN 37605 or via facsimile 423/975-2712.

We value your feedback and ask that you complete the following:

Bid/RFP No. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Bid/RFP Name \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned, decline to submit on the above bid/proposal for the following reason(s):

- \_\_\_\_\_ Insufficient time to adequately prepare a response
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our company does not offer this product or service. Remove us from the vendor list
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our schedule will not permit us to perform in a timely manner
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to meet bond requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to meet insurance requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to offer comparable product or service
- \_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to meet specifications (explain below)  
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We understand that if this statement is not completed and returned, our company may be deleted from the City's solicitation list for this commodity or service.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_