

ADDENDUM NO 1

10/21/2024

TOWN OF LA CONNER 2024 FIRE BOAT

RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM VENDORS:

1. The bid package calls for a Fire / TAC radio. I can't find any good information on this, any insight as to what you are looking for here would be helpful.

RESPONSE: The Town will install a radio after taking delivery of the vessel. The dash should allow space to install the radio, with access for an antenna. A radio is not to be provided by the vendor.

2. The boat calls for a rescue davit, but doesn't specify any rigging. Should we include winch, hook, cable, etc into that or just a base davit to be rigged at a later date? And if you want it rigged, any specs you are looking for would be helpful.

RESPONSE: A davit arm without rigging is to be provided by the vendor. Rigging shall be added by the Town after delivery of the vessel.

3. The bid calls for 2 options. One as a base boat, and one with the fire pump package. The base bid calls for the boat excluding fire pump, piping related to the pump, and monitors. It also calls for the base bid vessel to be engineered to accept a fire pump at a later date. I could use some clarity here as the intake and piping work is traditionally welded below deck before the decks go down. To add it in later, you would have to cut the deck out which is extremely inefficient. So should I include at least the base piping infrastructure in place in the base bid? Or just completely leave it out?

RESPONSE: The base bid should include all piping for suction and discharge, with the piping capped off and watertight; only the monitors are omitted. The option should include all piping and monitors.

4. What sort of payment schedule does the town work with? Do we get paid upon successful acceptance of the vessel, or can we have progress payments along the way?

RESPONSE: Progress payments will be made based on progress as follows: 30% after the first third of the project is completed, 30% after two thirds of the project is completed, and 30% when the vessel is completed, with the final 10% after successful completion of sea trials.

5. Do we need to account for prevailing wage in our bid? Some local municipality jobs call for it in the bid package, I want to make sure I am factoring it in if needed.

RESPONSE: No.

6. Is tax included in the bid, or is there an exemption?

RESPONSE: The bid shall include sales tax. The point of delivery is La Conner.

7. Under the quality and workmanship category, it specifies that the manufacturer is required to have an American Welding Society certified inspector in-plant during working hours to monitor weld quality, and that employees must be tested every three years. In all my time building boats, which has included many government vessels at many different shops, I have never had to take a certified weld test or have a certified inspection of any work done. There has always been a shop lead present to sign off on all work, but that has been it. The one exception being coast guard certified passenger vessels. All my guys are very experienced in this line of work and hold ourselves to a very high standard, I want to make sure this isn't something I need to be looking into or would disqualify us.

RESPONSE: The Quality and Workmanship section is modified to read as follows:

QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP

All steel welding shall follow American welding Society D1.1-2004 recommendations for structural steel welding. All aluminum welding shall follow American welding Society and ANSI D1.2-2003 requirements for structural welding of aluminum. All sheet metal welding shall follow American Welding Society B2.1-2000 requirements for structural welding of sheet metal. Flux core arc welding to use alloy rods, type 7000, American welding Society standards A5.20- E70T1. ~~Employees classified as welders are tested and certified to meet the American Welding Society codes upon hire and every three (3) years thereafter. The manufacturer shall be required to have an American welding Society certified welding inspector in plant during working hours to monitor weld quality.~~

8. The bid states the sea trial shall be conducted with the vessel fully loaded with fuel. Should we include the cost of this in the proposed bid? Also, same with transport and haul in and haul out?

RESPONSE: Vendor shall include the cost of transport, haul in/out, and fuel for sea trials in the bid.

9. It specifies that each bid shall be accompanied with a set of manufacturers specifications with description of vessel, construction methods, and equipment proposed. The first two we have covered, I was wondering about the equipment proposed. Is it sufficient to send our parts breakdown excel spreadsheet that lists everything we are proposing? Or do you want more of a PDF of all individual parts from the manufacturer. There are lots of parts on a boat and it would be a big packet, but we are happy to do it if necessary. Just don't want to go too overkill.

RESPONSE: An excel spreadsheet with a list of products is sufficient. Further documentation shall be available upon request.