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Bid No. 2094: Supply and Delivery of Anatomical Models

The following response(s) is provided per question(s) submitted by Bidder(s):

1. **Question:** Based on the terms of the bid I am enclosing a term modification for your review.

Please see the enclosed document above pertaining to bid term, preferential pricing, from page 9 #6.

In addition, we would like to clarify that the requested bid security is the same as a bid bond request?

10. **Bid Security.** Each Bid proposal should be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the maximum amount of the Bid proposal, inclusive of any additive Alternate Bid Item(s). Failure of any Bid proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required will render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.

Answer: We are inclined NOT to delete Article 6 of Exhibit A "Preferential Pricing". Intent of the clause is for the awarded bidder to extend to the District the same price offered to other public entities (if offered lower pricing on this Bid). As to the additional question, the Bid Security is the same as the Bid Bond.

2. **Question:** No 10. If Bidder provides a 10% Deposit for the Bid, when will the 10% be returned to Bidder?

Answer: If Bidder is not the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder, any security other than the bid bond will be returned after the awarded party has signed the Agreement with the District.

3. **Question:** Will the 10% be returned with the award of the PO?

Answer: If Bidder is the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder, any security other than the bid bond will be returned after the Bidder has signed the Agreement with the District.

4. **Question:** Will the PO be awarded 30 days after the closing date of the Bid? Or will the 10% deposit be returned after all the products are delivered before the 11- month period?

Answer: PO will be issued after the District board of trustees has approved the agenda for award of Agreement to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. See also items 2 and 3 above.

5. Question: Is the deposit or Bond required for bid?

Answer: Yes. There are three (3) acceptable types of bid security allowed by law; (1) Cash, (2) Cashier's Check/Certified Check and (3) Bid Bond issued by an admitted surety insurer.

6. Question: Will Bidder be disqualified if no 10% deposit or no bond is provided with bid?

Answer: Bidder will be deemed non-responsive if bid proposal is submitted with no bid security.

7. Question: Do you accept partial deliveries within the 11- month period?

Answer: The District has changed the required delivery term. See Addendum No. 1.

8. Question: If Bidder is awarded, will the Bond be due to Rio from Bidder's insurance 30 days after the award?

Answer: If Bidder is deemed lowest responsible and responsive Bidder, the Bid Security will be forfeited IF Bidder will not sign an Agreement with the District.

9. Question: If Bidder's Insurance Bond is not acceptable by Rio, will Bidder be removed from bid without penalty?

Answer: There is no penalty if Bid Security submitted by Bidder is not acceptable to the District BUT the proposal of the Bidder will be deemed non-responsive.

10. Question: No 25: What type of insurance is required?

Answer: Bid Security is not an insurance. See item 5 above.

11. Question: With any forfeiture of Bidder's bond or insurance is not acceptable by Rio, will the 10% deposit or bond be returned to Bidder? If not acceptable, will Rio award to another bidder and return bond or deposit to Bidder?

Answer: See Item 6 above.

12. Question: Exhibit A: Bidder will quote on models in stock that have a higher price.

If models are not in stock, will Rio accept back-order models that are delivered after 11 months?

Somso has a long production period of over 11 months for some models.

Answer: See Question No. 7 above.

13. Question: Will the bid award be given to multiple vendors, with multiple PO. Or will there be one awarded to one vendor with one PO?

Answer: The District recognizes that all Bidders may not be able to submit pricing for all of the items in the Bid Proposal Form for the required delivery term. If such will transpire after bid opening the District will identify lowest price per item, tally the cluster per Bidder and make award starting with the Bidder with the biggest number of items with lowest price.

There is a possibility that the District will make an award to more than one Bidder and if it does happen each Bidder will be issued an Agreement and a PO.

Note: See Addendum No. 1. The District recommends that Bidder only submit prices for those items which can be delivered within the required Delivery Term.

- 14. Question:** Bidder will not charge CA tax on the invoice. Rio will pay tax to CA. Is this acceptable to Rio to pay CA the tax that is due to CA?

Answer: See Question No. 15 below.

- 15. Question:** Invoices: Payment terms is 30 days. Bidder will charge for the models and S&H. Rio will pay CA taxes that are due. Is this invoice from Bidder acceptable to Rio?

Answer: The District pays Sales tax Or Users tax here in California within 30 days from receipt of the undisputed invoice.

- 16. Question:** Models are special order. Once the PO is awarded to Bidder, Rio will not make any cancellations to the PO? Please confirm models will not be cancelled or changed if delivered on time.

Answer: The District opens POs per fiscal year. If the term on the Agreement covers overlapping fiscal years, then POs will be opened and aligned with the required Delivery Term. PO will only be cancelled when the term expires. The District will only pay for delivered item(s) within the term of the Agreement. See Addendum No. 1.

- 17. Question:** Rio only accepts Somso models or is Rio accepting inferior models from another manufacturer?

Answer: The District will only accept Somso Models.

- 18. Question:** As the Owner and President of my Company, may I act as the Surety Person?

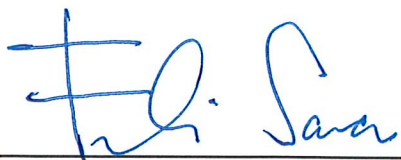
Answer: If your firm will be sending a cashier's check/ certified check (as bid security) and named to Rio Hondo Community College District, your firm can sign on the Appendix B Bid Bond Form. No need for the seal.

- 19. Question:** Are you tax exempt?

Answer: We are not exempt from sales tax.

- 19. Question:** The performance Bond deposit, should we send it with the sealed bid, or we may send it 7 days after the award notice?

Answer: There is no required performance bond. The bid security should be submitted with the bid proposal.



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