

Tracking No. 17010134

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

**CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
LANCASTER COUNTY,
CITY OF LINCOLN - LANCASTER COUNTY
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**

ANNUAL SUPPLY

**Ice Melt
Bid No. 16-270**

**Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc.
2120 Cornhusker Hwy., Suite C
Lincoln, NE 68521-1475
(402) 560-3650**

**CITY OF LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA and
LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION
CONTRACT TERMS**

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into by and between **Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc., 2120 Cornhusker Hwy., Suite C, Lincoln, NE 68521-1475**, hereinafter called "Contractor", and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, and the County of Lancaster, Nebraska, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission hereinafter called the "Owners".

WHEREAS, the Owners have caused to be prepared, in accordance with law, Specifications, Plans, and other Contract Documents for the Work herein described, and has approved and adopted said documents and has caused to be published an advertisement for and in connection with said Work, to-wit:

Ice Melt, Bid No. 16-270

and,

WHEREAS, the Contractor, in response to such advertisement, has submitted to the Owners, in the manner and at the time specified, a sealed Proposal/Supplier Response in accordance with the terms of said advertisement; and,

WHEREAS, the Owners, in the manner prescribed by law has publicly opened, read aloud, examined, and canvassed the Proposals/Supplier Responses submitted in response to such advertisement, and as a result of such canvass has determined and declared the Contractor to be the lowest responsible bidder for the said Work for the sum or sums named in the Contractor's Proposal/Supplier Responses, a copy thereof being attached to and made a part of this Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sums to be paid to the Contractor and the mutual covenants herein contained, the Contractor and the Owners have agreed and hereby agree as follows:

1. The Contractor agrees to (a) furnish all tools, equipment, supplies, superintendence, transportation, and other accessories, services, and facilities; (b) furnish all materials, supplies, and equipment specified to be incorporated into and form a permanent part of the complete work; (c) provide and perform all necessary labor in a substantial and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents; and (d) execute and complete all Work included in and covered by the Owners' award of this Contract to the Contractor, such award being based on the acceptance by the Owner of the Contractor's Proposal, or part thereof, as follows:

Agreement to Line Items 1, 2, 4 and 5 of Contractor's Proposal

2. The Owners agree to pay to the Contractor for the performance of the Work embraced in this Contract, the Contractor agrees to accept as full compensation therefore, the following sums and prices for all Work covered by and included in the Contract award and designated above, payment thereof to be made in the manner provided by the Owners:

The Owners will pay for products/service, according to the Line Item pricing as listed in Contractors Proposal/Supplier Response, a copy thereof being attached to and made a part of this Contract. The Owners shall order on an as-needed basis for the duration of the contract. The cost of products or services for City Departments shall not exceed \$9,000.00 during the contract term without approval. The cost of products or services for County agencies shall not exceed \$3,500.00 during the contract term without approval by the Board of Commissioners. The cost of products or services for the Public Building Commission shall not exceed \$1,000.00 during the contract term without approval by the Board of the Public Building Commission.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity. In connection with the carrying out of this project, the contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age or marital status. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
4. E-Verify. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108 through 4-114, the contractor agrees to register with and use a federal immigration verification system, to determine the work eligibility status of new employees performing services within the state of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324 a, otherwise known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this section pursuant to the requirements of state law and 8 U.S.C.A 1324b. The contractor shall require any subcontractor to comply with the provisions of this section.
5. Termination. This Contract may be terminated by the following:
 - 5.1) Termination for Convenience. Either party may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party for any reason without penalty.
 - 5.2) Termination for Cause. The Owners may terminate the Contract for cause if the Contractor:
 - 5.2.1) Refuses or fails to supply the proper labor, materials and equipment necessary to provide services and/or commodities.
 - 5.2.2) Disregards Federal, State or local laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions or orders.
 - 5.2.3) Otherwise commits a substantial breach or default of any provision of the Contract Document. In the event of a substantial breach or default the Owners will provide the Contractor written notice of said breach or default and allow the Contractor ten (10) days from the date of the written notice to cure such breach or default. If said breach or default is not cured within ten (10) days from the date of notice, then the contract shall terminate.
6. Independent Contractor. It is the express intent of the parties that this contract shall not create an employer-employee relationship. Employees of the Contractor shall not be deemed to be employees of the Owners and employees of the Owners shall not be deemed to be employees of the Contractor. The Contractor and the Owners shall be responsible to their respective employees for all salary and benefits. Neither the Contractor's employees nor the Owners' employees shall be entitled to any salary, wages, or benefits from the other party, including but not limited to overtime, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation, sick leave or injury leave. Contractor shall also be responsible for maintaining workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance for its employees, and for payment of all federal, state, local and any other payroll taxes with respect to its employees' compensation.
7. Owner Inclusion. It is understood and agreed by all parties that "Owner/s" shall include the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska and Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission. Whenever in the Contract documents, including the instructions to bidders, specifications, insurance requirements, bonds, and terms and conditions or any other documents which are a part of the Contract, a singular entity is referenced (i.e., "the City" or "the County" or "Building Commission") it shall mean the "Owners" encompassing the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and Lincoln-Lancaster County Building Commission.

8. Audit Provision: The Contractor shall be subject to an audit and shall, upon request, make available to the Public Building Commission or a contract auditor hired by the Public Service Commission, copies of all financial and performance related records and materials related to this Agreement, as allowed by law.
9. Period of Performance. This Contract shall be effective upon execution by all parties. The term of the Contract shall be February 18, 2017 through February 17, 2018, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year terms.
10. The Contract Documents comprise the Contract, and consist of the following:
 1. Contract Terms
 2. Accepted Proposal/Response
 3. Specifications
 4. Special Provisions
 5. Addendums No. 1
 6. Instructions to Bidders
 7. Sales Tax Exemption Form 13
(Note: This form cannot be used for the WATER Division of the City of Lincoln. The WATER Division is taxable per Reg. 066.14A or applicable laws.)

The herein above mentioned Contract Documents form this Contract and are a part of the Contract as if hereto attached. Said documents which are not attached to this document may be viewed at: lincoln.ne.gov - Keyword: Bid - Awarded or Closed bids.

The Contractor and the Owners hereby agree that all the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be binding upon themselves, and their heirs, administrators, executors, legal and personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor and the Owners do hereby execute this contract upon completion of signatures on:

Vendor Signature Page
City of Lincoln Signature Page
Lancaster County Signature Page
City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission Signature Page

Vendor Signature Page

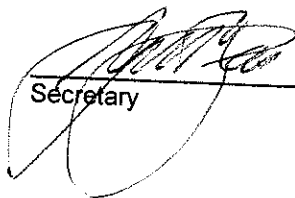
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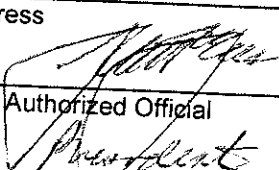
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Bid No. 16-270
City of Lincoln, Lancaster County
City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission
Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc.

EXECUTION BY CONTRACTOR

IF A CORPORATION:

Attest:


Secretary _____ Seal

Nebraska Landscape Solutions
Name of Corporation
2120 Cornhusker Hwy Lincoln, NE
Address
By: 
Duly Authorized Official
President
Legal Title of Official

IF OTHER TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

Name of Organization

Type of Organization

Address
By: _____
Member
By: _____
Member

IF AN INDIVIDUAL:

Name

Address

Signature

Lancaster County Signature Page

**Annual Supply - Ice Melt
Bid No. 16-270
City of Lincoln, Lancaster County
City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission
Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc.**

EXECUTION BY LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Contract Approved as to Form:

The Board of County Commissioners of
Lancaster, Nebraska

Deputy Lancaster County Attorney

dated _____

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County (Lincoln Purchasing) Supplier Response

Bid Information		Contact Information		Ship to Information
Bid Creator	Sharon Mulder Asst Purchasing Agent	Address	Purchasing 440 S. 8th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	Address
Email	smulder@lincoln.ne.gov	Contact	Sharon Mulder Asst Purchasing Agent	Contact
Phone	(402) 441-7428			
Fax	(402) 441-6513			
Bid Number	16-270 Addendum 1	Department		Department
Title	Annual Supply - Ice Melt	Building		Building
Bid Type	Bid		Suite 200	Floor/Room
Issue Date	11/4/2016 10:00 AM (CT)	Floor/Room		Telephone
Close Date	11/18/2016 12:00:00 PM (CT)	Telephone	(402) 441-7428	Fax
		Fax	(402) 441-6513	Email
		Email	smulder@lincoln.ne.gov	

Supplier Information

Company NEBRASKA LANDSCAPE SOLUTIONS, INC.
 Address 2120 CORNHUSKER HWY
 SUITE C
 LINCOLN, NE 68521-1475
 Contact SCOTT E GOES
 Department
 Building
 Floor/Room
 Telephone (402) 560-3650
 Fax
 Email scott_nls@diodecom.net
 Submitted 11/10/2016 09:50:45 AM (CT)
 Total \$14,773.35

By submitting your response, you certify that you are authorized to represent and bind your company.

Signature Scott E. Goes

Email scott_nls@diodecom.net

Supplier Notes

Bid Notes

Bid Activities

Bid Messages

Bid Attributes

Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Instructions to Bidders	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Instructions to Bidders.	Yes
2	Sample Contract	I acknowledge reading and understanding the sample contract.	Yes
3	Specifications	I acknowledge reading and understanding the specifications.	Yes
4	Delivery	State number of delivery days ARO. FOB to the City/County at the location specified with all transportation charges paid.	1-2 day
5	Bid Documents	I acknowledge and accept that it is my responsibility as a Bidder to promptly notify the Purchasing Department Staff prior to the close of the bid of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which I may discover upon examination of the bid documents including, but not limited to the Specifications.	Yes
6	Contact	Name of person submitting this bid:	Scott E. Goes
7	Renewal is an Option	Contract Extension Renewal is an option.	Yes
8	Special Provision Term Contract Provisions	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Special Provision Term Contract Provisions.	Yes
9	Bid Response Information	I acknowledge reading and understanding the Bid Response Information.	Yes
10	Bid award	I acknowledge and understand that the City, County and/or Public Building Commission reserves the right to award bids item-by-item, with or without alternates/options, by groups, or "lump sum" such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the City, County and/or Public Building Commission. If your pricing is based on an all-or-nothing basis, please indicate so in the Supplier Notes section of your E-Bid response.	Yes
11	Electronic Signature	Please check here for your electronic signature.	Yes
12	Agreement to Addendum No. 1	Respondent hereby certifies that the change set forth in this addendum has been incorporated in their proposal and is part of their bid. Reason: See Bid Attachments section for Addendum information.	Yes

Line Items

#	Qty	UOM	Description	Response
1	450	Bags	Calcium Chloride pellets with corrosion inhibitor ice melt packaged in a water tight 50 lb. corrugated bag. Environmental friendly safe for driveways, sidewalks, porches, patios, parking lots, tile and carpet.	\$11.77

Item Notes: Price shall be per 50 lb. bag each.

Supplier Notes:

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer/Brand	Please provide the Manufacturer/Brand of ice melt bidding.	Compass Minerals / Ice Away "Max"
2	Package Size	Please provide the type of package and it's size bidding. (Ex. lbs. per bag or lbs. per box)	50 lbs. per bag
3	Percentage	What percentage of calcium is in your calcium chloride you are bidding.	100% Calcium Chloride

2	2	Pallets	Option: Pallet Price of Calcium Chloride pellets with corrosion inhibitor ice melt in 40-60 lb. water tight corrugated boxes and/or bags. Environmental friendly safe for driveways, sidewalks	\$564.96
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Item Notes: Pallet deliveries must be shrink wrapped. Price is to be per 50 lb. bag each for a pallet load.

Supplier Notes: 50 lb. bag X 48 bags per each pallet

3	350	Bags	Ice Melting Blends of potassium chloride, sodium chloride and rock salt, solar salt, urea, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride and/or calcium magnesium acetate with corrosion inhibitor packaged in water tight 40 - 60 lb. corrugated bag. Must be pellets! Environmental friendly safe for driveways, sidewalks, porches, patios, parking lots, tile and carpet	\$7.89
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Item Notes: Price shall be per bag. Annual usage is approximately 12-14 pallets or 600 - 700 50 lb. bags.

Supplier Notes: Xcalibur Ice Melt is "roughly" equivalent to a 75% Sodium Chloride + 15% Calcium Chloride + 10% Potassium Chloride blend.

Item Attributes: Please review the following and respond where necessary

#	Name	Note	Response
1	Manufacturer/Brand	Please provide the Manufacturer/Brand of ice melt bidding.	Mears Inc. / Xcalibur
2	Package Size	Please provide the type of package and it's size bidding. (Ex. lbs. per bag or lbs. per box)	50 lbs. per bag

4	13	Pallets	Option: Pallet Price for Ice Melting Blends of potassium chloride, sodium chloride and rock salt, solar salt, urea, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride and/or calcium magnesium acetate with corrosion inhibitor packaged in water tight 40 - 60 lb. bag and/or box. Must be pellets! Environmental Friendly safe for driveways, sidewalks, porches, patios, parking lots, tile and carpet.	\$386.61
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Item Notes: Pallet is based on 50 bags of 50 lbs. ice melt. Annual usage is approximately 12-14 pallets or 600 - 700 50 lb. bags.

Supplier Notes: 50 lb. bag X 49 bags per each pallet

5	1	Pallet	Ice Melt, Magnesium Chloride	\$559.50
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Manufacturer: Safe Step or Accepted Equivalent Manufacturer #: 8300

Item Notes: Estimated quantity is one (1) pallet per year. Areas of new concrete and pavement

Supplier Notes: Compass Minerals / Ice Away Max "Green" 100% Magnesium Chloride; \$11.19 per bag X 50 lb. bag X 50 bags per pallet

Response Total: \$14,773.35

**SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
ANNUAL SUPPLY - ICE MELT**

1. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 1.1 The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County is requesting bids for Ice Melt for various departments in 50 lb. bags and pallet options.
- 1.2 Ice Melt shall be delivered to departments requesting product.
 - 1.2.1 Product will be ordered by department(s) on an as-needed basis.
- 1.3 Vendor must submit their bid and all attachments via the City/County e-bid system.
 - 1.3.1 To submit a bid, Vendor must be registered with the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Purchasing Dept.
 - 1.3.2 To register, go to the City of Lincoln website; lincoln.ne.gov
type e-bid in search box
click on "supplier registration"
follow instructions to completion.
- 1.4 Bidders shall submit bid documents and all supporting material via e-bid.
- 1.5 All inquiries regarding these specifications shall be directed via e-mail or faxed request to Sharon Mulder, Assistant Purchasing Agent (smulder@lincoln.ne.gov) or fax: (402) 441-6513.
 - 1.5.1 These inquiries and/or responses will be distributed to prospective bidders electronically as addenda.
 - 1.5.2 The Purchasing Office shall only reply to written inquiries received within five (5) calendar days of bid opening.
 - 1.5.3 No direct contact is allowed between Vendor and other City staff throughout the bid process.
 - 1.5.3.1 Failure to comply with this directive may result in Vendor bid being rejected.
- 1.6 Please provide manufacturer/brand bidding in the line item Attribute Section.
 - 1.6.1 Included in line item attributes are package size and percentage of calcium in the calcium chloride bidding.
- 1.7 The term of the contract is for one (1) year, December 15, 2016 thru December 14, 2017 with the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year terms.
- 1.8 The main departments for contractual use and contact are as follows:
 - 1.8.1 Lincoln Fire and Rescue, contact is Kendall Warnock
 - 1.8.2 Public Works & Utilities, Solid Waste Operations, contact is Karla Welding
 - 1.8.3 County Engineer Maintenance Shop, contact is Ron Bohaty
 - 1.8.4 County Corrections, contact is David Scharf.
 - 1.8.5 Parking Services Division, contact is Tony Bisesi.
 - 1.8.6 Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department, contact is Chris Myers
 - 1.8.7 Pinnacle Bank Arena, contact is Fred McCoy
 - 1.8.8 Public Works & Utilities, Wastewater, contact is Phil Deschane
- 1.9 Requests are not limited to these departments only.

2. PRODUCT AND DELIVERY

- 2.1 Bid lines one (1) and two (2) are the same product, just different methods of shipping/delivery.
- 2.2 Same for Bid lines three (3) and four (4).
- 2.3 Departments may either order by bag(s) or pallet(s).
- 2.4 Departments placing an order shall provide the deliver and invoice address and information.

- 2.5 All invoices shall include the date ordered, person and department ordering, contract number of 16-270.
- 2.6 All deliveries shall be signed by a City/County employee to verify quantity matches order and no broken bags are received.
 - 2.6.1 Broken bags shall be replaced at no charge with broken ones picked-up by contractor.
- 2.7 Bid line five (5) is a product to be used on new concrete and pavement where ice melt containing sodium or calcium chloride is not acceptable.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 3.1 Bid will be awarded in accordance with Section 13. **Bid Evaluation and Award** the "Instructions to Bidders" attachment in the e-bid and also with consideration given to the following criteria:
 - 3.1.1 Price indicated in the e-bid line items
 - 3.1.2 Percentage of calcium in calcium chloride

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS
FOR
TERM CONTRACTS**

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
CITY OF LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

1. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

- 1.1 The quantities set forth in the line items and specification document are approximate and represent the estimated requirements for the contract period.
- 1.2 Items listed may or may not be an inclusive requirements for this category.
- 1.3 Category items not listed, but distributed by bidder are to be referred to as kindred items. Kindred items shall receive the same percentage of discount or pricing structure as items listed in the specification document.
- 1.4 The unit prices and the extended total prices shall be used as a basis for the evaluation of bids. The actual quantity of materials necessary may be more or less than the estimates listed in the specification document, but the City/County shall be neither obligated nor limited to any specified amount. If possible, the Owners will restrict increases/decreases to 20% of the estimated quantities listed in the specification document.

2. CONTRACT PERIOD

- 2.1 The material shall be delivered as ordered during the contract period, beginning from the date of contract execution and ending as indicated in the specifications or in the Attribute Section of the bid.
- 2.2 Bidder must indicate in the Bid, if extension renewals are an option.
- 2.3 By mutual consent of both parties it is understood and agreed that the contract may be renewed at the same prices and/or under the same conditions governing the original contract.

3. BID PRICES

- 3.1 Bidders must state in the Attribute Section if the bid prices will remain firm for the full contract period; or if the bid prices will be subject to escalation/de-escalation.
- 3.2 Escalation/De-escalation Clause: In the event that prevailing market conditions warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract, the following escalation/de-escalation clause shall be the only clause applicable or acceptable:
 1. Contractor shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of any proposed changes from contract prices not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of said price changes.
 2. Such notice must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the contractor of price changes.
 3. No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to on the supplier's notice.
 4. Purchasing shall issue a contract Addendum with revised pricing upon receipt and approval. The Addendum will be executed by both parties for the remaining term of the contract.
 5. The approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the contractor after the effective date of such price change.
 6. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.

7. Purchasing reserves the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.

8. The Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interests of the City/County.

9. If in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent any proposed increase is found unacceptable, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to cancel the contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice.

10. Contractors must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Contractor will put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publication so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership will be no cost to the Owners.

4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- 4.1 The Purchasing Division will issue a Contract to all successful bidders. Such contract will incorporate the specifications and all other forms used during the bid process.
- 4.2 Orders for materials will be made as needed by the various Agencies following execution by all parties.
- 4.3 Contractor may be asked to assist the Purchasing Agent with the development of a list of repetitively purchased commodities, to periodically update such list, and to assist in the development of a list of suitable substitutions.
- 4.4 Contractor shall provide technical advice upon request, and assist in the evaluation of new products.
- 4.5 Contractor shall monitor orders to ensure the highest possible fill rate and minimize back-orders.

5. QUARTERLY REPORT

- 5.1 Upon request, the contractor shall provide to the Purchasing Agent a quarterly report, showing all purchases made under the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 5.2 Such quarterly report shall itemize the following information:
 1. Each ordering department.
 2. Items and quantities purchased by department.
 3. Total dollar amount of purchases by department.

**Addendum #1
for
Annual Supply - Ice Melt
Bid No. 16-270**

Addenda are instruments issued by the City prior to the date for receipt of offers which will modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.

Please acknowledge receipt of this addendum in the space provided in the Attribute Section.

Be advised of the following changes and clarifications to the City's specification and bidding documents:

1. Would you please supply me the previous bid award for the Annual Supply of Ice Melt?

Line	Qty	UOM	Description	Award Response
1.0	30		EA50 lb. bag of Near Zero Melt Down De-Icing Material for use on walkways. Near Zero is smallest granule that has been ran through a grinder.	\$9.65
2.0	15		Pallets1 pallet of 50 - 50 lb. bags of Near Zero Melt Down De-Icing Material	\$442.50
3.0	1		TonBulk Ice Slicer RS 1 Ton Tote Double Lined Bags Delivered on a Pallet. Product has been inspected by the State of Nebraska for roads.	\$207.50
4.0	1		Ton Bulk Ice Slicer NZ 1 Ton Tote Double Lined Bag Delivered on a Pallet	\$223.50
5.0	1	Ton for truckload	Bulk Ice Slicer RS average 25- 27 tons.	\$174.90

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Dated this 10th day of November 2016.

Sharon Mulder,
Assistant Purchasing Agent

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
City of Lincoln, Nebraska, County of Lancaster
E-Bid

1. BIDDING PROCEDURE

- 1.1 Sealed bid, formal and informal, subject to Instructions and General Conditions and any special conditions set forth herein, will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division, 440 So. 8th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, until the bid closing date and time indicated for furnishing the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, hereafter referred to as "Owners" the materials, supplies, equipment or services shown in the electronic bid request.
- 1.2 Bidders shall use the electronic bid system for submitting bids and must complete all required fields. If you do not care to bid, please respond to the bid request and note your reason.
- 1.3 Identify the item you will furnish by brand or manufacturer's name and catalog numbers. Also furnish specifications and descriptive literature if not bidding the specific manufacturer or model as listed in the specifications.
- 1.4 Any person submitting a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.5 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.
- 1.6 The Bidders and public are invited, but not required, to attend the formal opening of bids. At the opening, prices will be displayed electronically and/or read aloud to the public. The pricing is also available for immediate viewing on-line. No decisions related to an award of a contract or purchase order will be made at the opening.
- 1.7 If bidding on a construction contract, the City's Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction 2011 shall apply.
 - 1.7.1 Bidders may obtain this document from the City's Design Engineering Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department for a small fee.
 - 1.7.2 Said document can be reviewed at Design Engineering or the office of the Purchasing Division.
 - 1.7.3 Said document is available on the web site.
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/dconst/standard/stnds-spec/index.htm>

2. BID SECURITY

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated on the bid.
 - 2.1.1 Bid security, if required, shall be in the amount specified on the bid. The bid security must be scanned and attached to the "Response Attachments" section of your response or it can be faxed to the Purchasing Office at 402-441-6513. The original bid security should then be sent or delivered to the office of the Purchasing Division, 440 S. 8th St., Ste. 200, Lincoln, NE 68508 to be received within three (3) days of bid closing.
 - 2.1.2 If bid security is not received in the Office of the Purchasing Division as stated above, the vendor may be determined to be non-responsive.
- 2.2 If alternates are submitted, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful Bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful Bidder(s) as follows:
 - 2.4.1 For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the Owners.
 - 2.4.2 For all other contracts: upon approval by the Owners of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 Owners shall have the right to retain the bid security of Bidders to whom an award is being considered until either:
 - 2.5.1 A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.
 - 2.5.2 The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
 - 2.5.3 All bids have been rejected.
- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the Owners as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:
 - 2.6.1 If the Bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the Owners, and/or if the Bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

3. BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 3.1 Each Bidder by electronic signature and submitting a bid, represents that the Bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 3.2 Each Bidder for services further represents that the Bidder has examined and is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

4. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents.
- 4.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents for formal bids shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least five (5) calendar days prior to the date and time for receipt of formal bids.
- 4.3 Changes made to the specification documents will be issued electronically. All vendors registered for that bid will be notified of the addendum. Subsequent Bidders will only receive the bid with the addendum included.
- 4.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the bidding documents made in any manner other than written form will not be binding on the Owners; and Bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

5. ADDENDA

- 5.1 Addenda are instruments issued by the Owners prior to the date for receipt of bids which modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.
- 5.2 Addenda notification will be made available to all registered vendors immediately via e-mail for inspection on-line.
- 5.3 No formal bid addendums will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of formal bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.

6. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- 6.1 By signing and submitting this bid, the Bidder certifies that the prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Bidder or with any competitor; unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder prior to bid opening directly or indirectly to any other Bidder or to any competitor; no attempt has been made, or will be made, by the Bidder to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

7. ANTI-LOBBYING PROVISION

- 7.1 During the period between the bid advertisement date and the contract award, Bidders, including their agents and representatives, shall not lobby or promote their bid with any member of the City or County staff or officers except in the course of Owner sponsored inquiries, briefings, interviews, or presentations, unless requested by the Owners.

8. BRAND NAMES

- 8.1 Wherever in the specifications or bid that brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.
- 8.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the Owners that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 8.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate space on the e-bid form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, Bidder MUST attach to its bid document on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation.
- 8.4 The Bidder must indicate any variances by item number from the specification document no matter how slight.
- 8.5 If variations are not stated in the bid, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the Owners' bidding documents.

9. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES

- 9.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the Owners.
- 9.2 Such demonstration can be at the Owners delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 9.3 If items are small and malleable, the Bidder is proposing an alternate product, the Bidder shall supply a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at Bidder's expense after receipt by the Owners of acceptable goods. The Bidder must indicate how samples are to be returned.

10. DELIVERY (Non-Construction)

- 10.1 Each Bidder shall state on the bid the date upon which it can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise.
- 10.2 The Owners reserve the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the bid.
- 10.3 All bids shall be based upon **inside** delivery of the equipment/ merchandise F.O.B. the Owners at the location specified by the Owners, with all transportation charges paid.
- 10.4 At the time of delivery, a designated Owner employee will sign the invoice/packing slip. The signature will only indicate that the order has been received and the items actually delivered agree with the delivery invoice. This signature does not indicate all items met specifications, were received in good condition and/or that there is not possible hidden damage or shortages.

11. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE

- 11.1 Copies of the following documents, if requested, shall accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid::
11.1.1 Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
11.1.2 Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 11.2 As a minimum requirement of the Owners, the Bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the Owners. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the Owners. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the Bidder shall be paid by the Bidder.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

- 12.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 12.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the Bidder until:
12.2.1 A physical inspection and actual usage of the material is made and found to be acceptable to the Owners; and
12.2.2 Material is determined to be in full compliance with the bidding documents and accepted proposal.
- 12.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, the Owners reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the Bidder and return materials to the Bidder at Bidder's expense.
- 12.4 Awarded Bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the Owner, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 12.5 Awarded Bidder's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forgings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

13. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 13.1 The electronic signature shall be considered an offer on the part of the Bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the Owners of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 13.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each Bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.
- 13.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 13.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder whose bid will be most advantageous to the Owners, and as the Owners deem will best serve the requirements and interests of the Owners.
- 13.5 The Owners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, with or without alternates, by groups, or "lump sum"; to waive minor irregularities in bids; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the Owners.
- 13.6 In order to determine if the Bidder has the experience, qualifications, resources and necessary attributes to provide the quality workmanship, materials and management required by the plans and specifications, the Bidder may be required to complete and submit additional information as deemed necessary by the Owners. Failure to provide the information requested to make this determination may be grounds for a declaration of non-responsive with respect to the Bidder.
- 13.7 The Owners reserves the right to reject irregular bids that contain unauthorized additions, conditions, alternate bids, or irregularities that make the Bid Proposal incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous.
- 13.8 Any governmental agency may piggyback on any contract entered into from this bid.

14. INDEMNIFICATION

- 14.1 The Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owners from and against all losses, claims, damages, and expenses, including, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract that results in bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom and is caused in whole or in part by the Bidder, any subcontractor, any directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. This section will not require the Bidder to indemnify or hold harmless the Owners for any losses, claims damages, and expenses arising out of or resulting from the sole negligence of the Owners.
- 14.2 In any and all claims against the Owners or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the Bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 14.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Bidder or any subcontractor under worker's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

15. TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 15.1 Unless stated otherwise, the Owners will begin processing payment within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

16. LAWS

- 16.1 The laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the parties under this proposal and any contract reached as a result of this process.
- 16.2 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.

17. EQUIPMENT TAX ASSESSMENT

- 17.1 Any bid for public improvement shall comply with Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 77-1323 and 77-1324. Indicating; every person, partnership, limited liability company, association or corporation furnishing labor or material in the repair, alteration, improvement, erection, or construction of any public improvement shall sign a certified statement which will accompany the contract. The certified statement shall state that all equipment to be used on the project, except that acquired since the assessment date, has been assessed for taxation for the current year, giving the county where assessed.

18. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

- 18.1 The City of Lincoln-Lancaster County provides equal opportunity for all Bidders and encourages minority businesses, women's businesses and locally owned business enterprises to participate in our bidding process.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 All Bidders shall take special notice of the insurance provisions required for all City/County contracts (see *Insurance Requirements*).

20. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

- 20.1 Depending on the type of service or commodity provided, one of the following methods will be employed. The method applicable to this contract will be checked below:
 - a. **PURCHASE ORDER**, unless otherwise noted.
 - 1. The contract shall consist of a City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Purchase Order.
 - 2. A copy of the Bidder's bid response (or referenced bid number) attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the contract between the parties hereto: that both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents.
 - b. **CONTRACT**, unless otherwise noted.
 - 1. City and County will furnish copies of the Contract to the successful Bidder who shall prepare attachments as required. Insurance as evidenced by a Certificate of Insurance (as required), surety bonds properly executed (as required), and Contract signed with the dated.
 - 2. The prepared documents shall be returned to the Purchasing Office within 10 days (unless otherwise noted).
 - 3. The City and County will sign and date the Contract.
 - 4. Upon approval and signature, the City and County, will return one copy to the successful Bidder.

21. TAXES AND TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

- 21.1 The Owners are generally exempt from any taxes imposed by the state or federal government. A Tax Exemption Certificate will be provided as applicable.

22. CITY AUDIT ADVISORY BOARD

- 22.1 All parties of any City agreement shall be subject to audit pursuant to Chapter 4.66 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and shall make available to a contract auditor, as defined therein, copies of all financial and performance related records and materials germane to the contract/order, as allowed by law.
- 22.2 The Water Division of the City of Lincoln is taxable per Reg. 066.14A and no exemption certificate will be issued.

23. E-VERIFY

- 23.1 In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 4-108 through 4-114, the contractor agrees to register with and use a federal immigration verification system, to determine the work eligibility status of new employees performing services within the state of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324 a, otherwise known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this section pursuant to the requirements of state law and 8 U.S.C.A 1324b. The contractor shall require any subcontractor to comply with the provisions of this section. For information on the E-Verify Program, go to www.uscis.gov/everify.

**Advertise 2 times
Friday, November 4, 2016 and
Friday, November 11, 2016**

**City of Lincoln/Lancaster County
Purchasing Division
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska **BY ELECTRONIC BID PROCESS** until: **12:00 p.m., Friday, November 18, 2016** for providing the following:

**Annual Supply – Ice Melt
Bid No. 16-270**

Bidders must be registered on the City/County's E-Bid site in order to respond to the above Bid. To Register go to: lincoln.ne.gov (type: e-bid - in search box, then click "Supplier Registration")

Questions concerning this bid process may be directed to City/County Purchasing at (402) 441-8103 or purchasing@lincoln.ne.gov