

THE CITY OF WALTHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

SNOW PLOWING REMOVAL SERVICE 2013-2014
PER INCH CONTRACT

ADDENDUM NO. 1

September 3, 2013

CHANGES, CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The attention of bidders submitting proposals for the above subject project is called to the following addendum to the specifications. The items set forth herein, whether of omission, addition, substitution or clarification are all to be included in and form a part of the proposal submitted.

THE NUMBER OF THIS ADDENDUM (NO. 1) MUST BE RECOGNIZED TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY IN THE COVER LETTER OF THE BID RESPONSE

ITEM 1. **Deletions**

1. On pg 21 delete section 5.6.3
2. On pg 24 delete section 8.4 paragraph 2

ITEM 2. **Additions**

Add the following

- 5.6.3 A Route will not be considered by the City to be satisfactorily completed unless it meets the standards set forth in the contract, as witnessed and acknowledged by a City Snow Inspector at the sign off.
- 5.6.4 If, after the Director or Assistant Director has determined that the CONTRACTOR(S) has successfully and satisfactorily completed the plowing operation and approves sign-off, it is determined that additional plowing is needed due to melting or snow being returned to the street which impedes vehicular traffic or safety, the CONTRACTOR(S) may return with the appropriate operators and equipment to perform this work. The Director or Asst. Director will determine the appropriate equipment. The work will meet the conditions set forth in the contract. The CONTRACTOR(s) will

be paid for this work at an hourly rate based upon the City of Waltham 2013-2014 Snow Plow Rates for Equipment and Operator. Copy is attached

ITEM 3. **Delete and Replace**

Delete

"It is expected that at a minimum, **4** pieces of equipment per Route on average will execute the plowing of each Route in this contract"

Replace with

"It is expected that at a minimum, **8** pieces of equipment per Route on average will execute the plowing of each Route in this contract"

ITEM 4. **Answers to posed questions from the pre bid meeting.**

1. How long does the City hold the 5% retainage?

Response: Retainage will be held until June 15th in order to allow any reports of sprinkler damage. See section 5.7.3 of the contract.

2. If a storm is only predicted at 0-2 inches will the City be doing the tandems?

Response: The City will be plowing 0-2 inch storms with City equipment, but may call out hourly salt and sand help.

3. Is there a guaranteed minimum?

Response: No

4. Page 1-the city reserves the right to negotiate. What does that mean?

Response: The CPW Department will negotiate with a losing bidder to fill other routes that may not have been bid.

5. Are they re-submitting differently-small companies? Is everyone coming back this season?

Response: Not everyone will be coming back, smaller companies may have to reach out to larger companies and sub contract with them for work. Any sub-contracted equipment must pass City inspection.

6. Will GPS's be used for the Per-Inch contract?

Response: No

7. Will pick-ups still be used?

Response: Yes, for alleys, small lots and dead ends.

8. Tandems- is a sander required?

Response: Yes, each tandem route should have at least one plow with sander. The City will have sanders available during storms to handle issues that come about when residents call in a request for sanders and to help out in situations, i.e. stuck in snow etc., but you should have one available for your route if you can.

9. Who supplies/pays for sand and salt?

Response: The City will supply sand and salt during all storms. Sand and salt is available from the City yard.

10. Will the city be pre-treating? If the city required bare pavement it should really pre-treat the streets if they require black pavement- if not the roads will get snow packed.

Response: The main roads will be pre-treated. We can't do all the roads. A city sander will be available to sand and salt during storms.

11. Who decides when to salt/sand, the City or the Contractor? If the City makes that call then contractor should not be held responsible.

Response: The City will make that call and will be available with sand and salt.

12. For bidding purposes is there an 8 piece minimum?

Response: You should list what you think you need per section, to properly plow the section.

13. Who determines when the storm ends?

Response: CPW will determine when a storm ends.

14. Regarding no residual snow left at intersections? We have to leave snow banks somewhere!

Response: Clear out the triangle often left on corners of intersections. The City is not asking you to remove large snow banks.

15. Contractors are worried with the curb to curb rule, there is know way to get curb to curb if cars are parked. Also when cars are moved or cleaned off after storm ends, or people throwing snow in street driveway plowers' etc making new mess. AFTER they are called in. We should not be called back out if this happens unless we get hourly pay.

Response: When cars are parked along the side of the road we understand that you can't have curb to curb. This should be pointed out to the City Snow inspector.

16. What method will the City be using to measure the snow? You should be using a snow board and measuring hourly.

Response: Will measure hourly, but unsure what tool we will be using at this time. We will be measuring at the city yard and in North Waltham too, taking the average of two total measurements.

17. What inch method will you be using for billing? A 10th of an inch can make a huge difference when billing.

Response: The City will pay to the nearest ½ inch.

18. Will the City enforce driveway plows and lot plows?

Response: We have limited chasers/code enforcers, so contractors may call CPW and report anything they notice. The City will enforce where and when it is possible.

19. the City should cleanup after contractors are called in and also have spot checks prior to check outs.

Response: City will be checking routes throughout the storm.

20. Were the routes prepared by lane miles?

Response: Yes, to the best of our ability.

21. In order to do curb to curb are we pushing back or not at driveways?

Response: Curb to curb shall be done at all times. CPW will handle the calls from residents when driveways are plowed back in.

End of Addendum 1

| THE CITY OF WALTHAM 2013-2014 SNOW PLOW RATES | |
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| CALL BACK RATES FOR EQUIPMENT AND OPERATOR | |
| ITEM TYPE | RATE P/H |
| 4X4 PICK UP TRUCK W/PLOW | \$87.00 |
| 6 WH UNDER 20,000 GVW W/PLOW | \$107.00 |
| 6 WH OVER 20,000 GVW W/PLOW | \$122.00 |
| 6 WH OVER 30,000 GVW W/PLOW | \$130.00 |
| 10 WH DUMP W/PLOW | \$138.00 |
| TRI-AXLE W/PLOW | \$138.00 |
| BACKHOE W/PLOW | \$128.00 |
| 920 LOADER OR EQUAL W/PLOW | \$133.00 |
| 930 LOADER OR EQUAL W/PLOW | \$143.00 |
| 950 LOADER OR EQUAL W/PLOW | \$153.00 |
| 966 LOADER OR EQUAL W/PLOW | \$179.00 |
| 6 WH W/ SANDER AND PLOW | \$133.00 |
| 1 TON W/ SANDER AND PLOW | \$112.00 |
| PUSHER, ADDITIONAL TO EQUIP. | \$26.00 |
| BOBCAT SKID LOADER OR EQUAL (MOD. 743 OR EQUAL) 48" - 52" FOR SIDEWALK PLOWING | \$105.00 |
| 18 WHEEL DUMP FOR HAULING | \$97 P/HR. |
| ASPHALT PAVER W/MAN | \$918 P/DAY |
| TRI-AXLE FOR HAULING | \$92 P/HR. |
| 6 WHEELER FOR HAULING | \$77 P/HR. |
| 10 WHEEL DUMP FOR HAULING | \$87 P/HR. |