

**TOWN OF WATERTOWN
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
Fire Hydrants
Watertown Water & Sewer Authority**

NOTICE OF BID

Sealed bids are invited and will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the Town of Watertown at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Town Hall, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut, until **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the purchase of Fire Hydrants.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Specifications, and other contract documents may be obtained or examined at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Town Hall 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut 06795 or by accessing the Town of Watertown's website at <http://www.watertownct.org>. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided and in a sealed envelope plainly marked "**Bid – Fire Hydrants**."

To receive consideration bids must be in the hands of the Purchasing Agent or their authorized representative no later than the day and hour mentioned above.

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informality; or to accept any bid deemed in the best interests of the Town of Watertown.

The Town of Watertown reserves the right to take into account the residency of bidders within the Town of Watertown and/or the location of the bidder's business within the Town of Watertown in awarding this bid.

All bids will be considered valid for a period of ninety (90) days.

Donna L. Ford
Purchasing Agent
Town of Watertown

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INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

BID OPENING: 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2023

PROPOSALS RECEIVED

All bids must be in a sealed envelope and received prior to **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut 06795.

PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be made upon forms contained herein. The blank spaces in the Proposal must be filled in correctly where indicated. The Bidder must state the prices for which they propose to do each item of the work contemplated. In case of discrepancy where both words and the numerals are requested, the words shall govern. Ditto marks are not considered writing or printing and shall not be used. The Bidder shall sign their Proposal correctly. If the Proposal is made by an individual, their name, post office address and telephone number must be shown. If made by a firm, partnership, or corporation, the Proposal must be signed by an official of the firm, partnership, or corporation authorized to sign contracts, and must show the post office address and telephone number of the firm, partnership, or corporation. Failure to do so may disqualify the bid.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, post office address, and name of the project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to: The Purchasing Agent, Town Hall, 61 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795.

All information shall be entered in ink or by typewriter. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections inserted before submission of your bid. The person signing the bid shall initial corrections in ink.

Corrections and/or modifications received after the closing time specified will not be accepted.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

All proposals and literature shall be submitted **IN DUPLICATE** on the proposal form, which is a part of these specifications.

Descriptive literature containing complete specifications must accompany each bid. If a bidder wishes to furnish additional information, more sheets may be added.

Adobe Acrobat® Reader is required to view electronic documents on-line. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat® Reader, you may download it for free from Adobe at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>.

Response summaries will be available online at <http://www.watertownct.org> on the day of the bid opening.

Responses delivered via fax are received subject to the following qualifications and limitations:

1. The Town is not responsible for the confidentiality of the information transmitted.
2. The Town cannot guarantee that its fax equipment will be operational and able to receive transmittals by a particular time and date. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that quotations are received in their entirety and on time at the required location. It is recommended that vendors be advised to call immediately after transmitting a document electronically to confirm complete and accurate receipt by the Town. The Town assumes no liability in the event that a bidder's electronic transmission is not received by the Town in a timely fashion, or is not received either in its entirety or error-free.
3. Bids transmitted electronically which have a bond requirement are subject to the same submittal requirements as those responses delivered via traditional means, such as mail or hand delivery, or as otherwise stipulated by appropriate authority.

INCURRING COSTS

The Town of Watertown is not liable for any cost incurred for the preparation of proposals or submission of samples by the firms' submitting proposals for the work requested in this bid document or request for proposals.

FAMILIARITY WITH THE WORK

Each bidder is considered to have examined the work to fully acquaint themselves with the exact existing conditions relating to the work and has fully informed themselves as to the work involved and the difficulties and restrictions attending the performance of this bid. Failure to do so will not relieve a bidder of their obligation to furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary to carry out the work for the consideration set forth in this bid. The submission of a bid will be considered as conclusive evidence that the bidder has made such examination.

Where exploration or inspection data is shown on the Plans and/or specifications or made available to the Bidder, it is understood that such data was obtained in the usual manner and with reasonable care and are to be interpreted and used as the Bidder sees fit. There is no expressed or implied agreement that the data has been correctly indicated, and the Bidder is cautioned to take into account that conditions affecting the work may differ from those indicated.

The Owner assumes no responsibility whatsoever with respect to ascertaining for the Contractor such facts concerning physical characteristics relating to this project. The Bidder agrees that they shall make no claim for and has no right to additional payment or extension of time for completion of the work, or any other concession, because of any interpretations or misunderstanding on their part of this bid, or because of any failure on their part to fully acquaint themselves with all conditions relating to the work. Permission for making borings, test pits, destructive tests or other investigations of subsurface conditions will be arranged for by the bidder upon receipt of a written approval by the Town.

CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR SERVICE

Previous performance, quality of service and merchandise will be considered.

ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS & ALTERNATE PROPOSALS

Addenda information will be available online at <http://www.watertownct.org>. Adobe Acrobat® Reader may be required to view this document. We strongly suggest that you check for any addenda a minimum of forty-eight hours in advance of the bid deadline.

At the time of the opening of bids each bidder will be presumed to have inspected the work and to have read and to be thoroughly familiar with all of the Contract Documents (including all addenda). The failure or omission of any bidder to receive or examine any form, instruction or document shall in no way relieve any bidder from any obligation in respect to their bid.

If any person contemplating submitting a proposal is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of these specifications, they may submit a written request for an interpretation to the Purchasing Agent. No interpretations as to the meaning of the plans, specifications or other Contract Documents will be made to any bidder orally.

Every request for such interpretation should be emailed to the Town of Watertown, Purchasing Agent, Donna Ford, ford@watertownct.org and to be given consideration, must be received at least five (5) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplementary instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, if issued, will be posted on the Town's website no later than three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Failure of any bidder to receive any such Addendum or interpretations shall not relieve any bidder from any obligations under their bid as submitted. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. Oral explanations will not be binding on the Town.

The specifications listed are to be interpreted as meaning the minimum acceptable by the Town of Watertown. Bidders are requested to submit quotations on the basis of these specifications. Alternative bids providing a broader scope and/or services than requested in these specifications may receive consideration providing such equipment and/or service is clearly explained. Any exceptions to the specifications requested herein must be clearly noted in writing and are to be included as a part of your bid proposal. If none are included it will be assumed that there are none.

Definition of the word "complete" means that each unit of the equipment proposed shall include all appurtenances, fasteners, parts, accessories, and services ordinarily catalogued.

An item equal to that named or described in the specifications may be furnished by the Bidder, except where expressly noted as "no substitutions." The naming of any commercial name, trademark, or other identification shall not be construed to exclude any item of any manufacturer not mentioned by name, nor limit competition, but shall establish a standard of equality only. An item shall be considered equal to the item so named or described if:

- A. It is at least equal in quality, durability, appearance, strength and design.
- B. It will perform at least equally the function imposed by the design for the work being contracted for or the material being purchased.

- C. It conforms substantially, even with deviations, to the detailed requirements for the item in the specifications.

The Bidder shall hold the Town of Watertown, its officers, agents, servants, and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind because of use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted compositions, secret process, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used under this bid, and agrees to defend, at their own expense, any and all actions brought against the Town of Watertown or himself because of the unauthorized use of such articles.

QUOTATION LIMITATION

Bidders shall offer only **ONE ITEM AND PRICE** for each line-item bid. If an or equal item is to be bid, the bidder is to select the brand and model that meets or exceeds the specified item, and submit their bid for that item.

ESTIMATE OF WORK

For bidding purposes, the work has been subdivided into unit price items. The quantities shown are to be considered as approximate only. The Purchasing Agent does not expressly or by implication agree that the actual quantity will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any item or portion of the work as deemed necessary.

WITHDRAWAL OF BID

Bidders may withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the bid date. No agent/broker shall withdraw or cancel their proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after the bid closing date of **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2023**. The successful agent/broker shall not withdraw, cancel or modify their proposal.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Attorneys-in-fact who sign contract bonds must file, with each bond, a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.

QUALIFICATION OF BIDDER

In determining the qualifications of a bidder, the Town may consider their record in the performance of any contracts for similar work into which they may have previously entered; and the Town expressly reserves the right to reject the bid of such bidder if such record discloses that such bidder, in the opinion of the Town, has not properly performed such contracts or has habitually, and without just cause, neglected the payment of bills or has otherwise disregarded their obligations to subcontractors, suppliers, state or local codes, men or employees of subcontractors.

The Town may make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work and the bidder shall furnish to the Town all such information and data for this purpose as the Town may request. The Town reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by or the investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy the Town that such bidder is properly qualified, or that such bidder misrepresented material facts in the bid documents.

DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or an association under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Bidder is interested in more than one proposal for the work contemplated will cause the rejection of all proposals in which such Bidder is interested. Any or all proposals in which such Bidder is interested will be rejected if there is reason for believing that collusion exists among the Bidders and all participants in such collusion will not be considered in future proposals for the same work. Proposals in which the prices are obviously unbalanced may be rejected. No Contract will be awarded except to competent Bidders capable of performing the class of work contemplated.

DELIVERY

Inasmuch as this work concerns a needed public improvement, the provisions of this bid relating to the time of delivery, performance and completion of the work are of the essence of this bid. Accordingly, the successful bidder shall commence work **upon receipt of the signed Purchase Order** within unless the Town shall authorize or direct a further delay.

Time of delivery shall be stated as the number of calendar days following receipt of the Purchase Order by the Bidder to receipt of the goods or services by the Town of Watertown.

Prices quoted must include delivery to the Town of Watertown as specified on the Purchase Order. No charges will be allowed for parking, crating, freight, express or cartage unless specifically stated and included in this bid.

Time of delivery may be considered in the award.

PAYMENT

The Town, after inspection and acceptance of workmanship, and in consideration of the faithful performance by the Bidder of all and singular his covenants, promises, and agreements contained herein, agrees to pay the Bidder for the full completion by them of the work embraced in this Contract, within (30) Thirty Days of the receipt of the final invoice. When subcontractors or suppliers are utilized, the successful Bidder for this project shall be required to submit a Mechanics Lien Waiver, acceptable to the Town, with each progress payment and/or at time of final payment prior to any payment being made.

Time, in connection with any discount offered, will be computed from the date of delivery to the Town or from the date a correct invoice is received by the Town's Finance Department, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery.

Prices will be considered as **NET**, if no cash or payment discount is shown.

The successful bidder shall submit invoices to the following address:

Watertown Water & Sewer Authority
747 French Street
Oakville, CT 06779

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT SHOULD A BID BE ACCEPTED, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME THE CONTRACT OR AN ADDENDUM TO ANY CONTRACT AGREED UPON.

Notification of the bid award will be made by issuance of a purchase order. Bidders are to list their bids on the appropriate attached sheets. Bidders may attach a letter of explanation. A clear notification should be made on the standard bid sheets at the appropriate point of explanation that there is a letter of explanation attached. All bids must be NET prices.

The successful bidder shall submit an itemized invoice to the Town of Watertown for the work as described herein.

The bidder shall be required to submit a Mechanics Lien Waiver, acceptable to the Town of Watertown, with each progress payment and at time of final payment prior to any payment being made.

At the time of award, the successful bidder shall be required to supply the Town of Watertown a Certificate of Good Standing, certifying that the corporation is in fact a valid corporation and presently licensed to conduct business in the State of Connecticut.

SALES TAX

Certain materials and supplies incorporated in the work of this project are exempt from Connecticut Sales Tax. The Bidder shall familiarize themselves with current regulations of the State Tax Department. The tax on materials or supplies exempted by such regulations shall not be included as part of the bid. The Town will furnish the successful Bidder sales tax exemption authorization.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL CODES

The Bidder shall be responsible for full compliance with any Federal, State and/or Local codes, laws, regulations and standards, as applicable-

AWARD

The Town of Watertown reserves the right to accept or reject any bid to best serve its interests, or to hold the bids for sixty (60) days before decision.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids (or any part thereof), to waive defects in proposals, or to accept any proposal deemed to be in its best interest.

Exceptions will be considered to the specification provided, providing they are listed and fully explained on a separate page entitled "EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS"

Each exception will be considered as to its degree of impact and total effect on the bid. The purchaser shall determine which (if any taken) exceptions are acceptable, and this determination shall be final.

The Town of Watertown reserves the right:

- 1) To award bids received on the basis of individual items, or groups of items, or on the entire list of items.
- 2) To reject any or all bids, or any part thereof.
- 3) To waive any informality in the bids.
- 4) The Town of Watertown reserves the right to take into account the residency of bidders within the Town of Watertown and/or the location of the bidders' business within the Town of Watertown in awarding this bid.
- 5) To accept the bid that is in the best interest of the Town of Watertown. The Purchasing Agent's decision shall be final.

Other Data:

NOTE 1: If Bidder is only a vender shipping goods via Common Carrier only, General Liability is required.

NOTE 2: If Bidder is a Professional, Errors & Omission coverage will be required.

NOTE 3: The Town reserves the right to amend amounts of coverage required and the types of coverage provided based on work or service to be performed.

GUARANTEE

The bidder shall unconditionally guarantee for a minimum period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance, all materials, supplies, equipment, and services; including but not limited to its workmanship, delivery and installation. If within the guarantee period there are any defects or signs of deterioration the bidder shall repair, adjust or replace the item(s) to the complete satisfaction of the Town. These repairs, adjustments, or replacements are at the sole expense of the bidder and shall be made at such times that are agreeable to the Purchasing Agent so that it is least detrimental to instructional programs.

For further technical or administrative information contact Donna Ford, Purchasing Agent at (860) 945-5260 or via email at ford@watertownct.org.

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Fire Hydrants
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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

INTRODUCTION:

The Town of Watertown Water and Sewer Authority is seeking to purchase a total of fifteen (15) fire hydrants with the following specifications:

- **PLEASE BE ADVISED THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY EXPECTS PARTIAL ORDER OF AT LEAST 35% TO BE DELIVERED FOR EACH BID LINE ITEM WITHIN 45 CALENDAR DAYS.**

- **72-96 HOURS NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY TO ALLOW FOR TIME TO MAKE UNLOADING ARRANGMENTS AT 860-945-5299**

- **PLEASE BE ADVISED THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT PROCURE ONE, MORE OR NONE OF EACH BID ITEM**

- **ALL PRODUCTS MUST BE EQUAL OR BETTER WITH NO SUBSTITUTIONS UNLESS APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY**

- **TECHICAL SPEC SHEETS SPECIFIC TO EACH BID ITEM IS TO BE PROVIDED**

- **ALL PRODUCTS WILL BE DELIVERED TO: TOWN OF WATERTOWN, WATERTOWN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, 747 FRENCH STREET, OAKVILLE, CT 06779**

Technical Specifications continued onto next page

Provide the following KENNEDY GUARDIAN K81D 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT W/6" ONEGRIP RESTRAINT or MJ OUTLET

- a. KENNEDY GUARDIAN K81D 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT
- b. Meets or exceeds ANSI / AWWA C502 Rated to 250 PSIG
- c. Meets or exceeds ANSI / AWWA C111 Standard – MJ Joints
- d. Meets or Exceeds ANSI / NSF 61 and 372 Standards
- e. OneGrip Restraint AWWA
- f. Hydrant Opens Left
- g. Hydrant & Cap Color – Safety Yellow
- h. Size 5-1/4" Main Valve
- i. 3-Way with 2 – 2.5" Hose Nozzles 1 – 4.5" Pumper NST Thread

II. Provide the following MUELLER SUPER CENTURION 250 FIRE HYDRANT, MODEL A423 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT W/ HYMAX GRIP RESTRAINT or MJ OUTLET

- a. MUELLER A423 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT
- b. Meets or exceeds ANSI / AWWA C502 Standard Rated to 250 PSIG
- c. Meets or exceeds ANSI / AWWA C111 Standard – MJ Joints
- d. Meets or Exceeds ANSI / NSF 61 and 372 Standards
- e. HYMAX GRIP Single Bolt Restraint
- f. Hydrant Opens Left
- g. Hydrant & Cap Color – Safety Yellow
- h. Size 5-1/4" Main Valve
- i. 3-Way with 2 – 2.5" Hose Nozzles 1 – 4.5" Pumper NST Thread

PLEASE

**IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF
THIS BID THAT EACH
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED
MUST HAVE A DUPLICATE
COPY ATTACHED.**

**YOUR COOPERATION IS
APPRECIATED**

**TOWN OF WATERTOWN
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
Fire Hydrants
Watertown Water & Sewer Authority**

BID PROPOSAL

BID OPENING: 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2023

**TO: Donna Ford, Purchasing Agent
Town of Watertown
Town Hall
61 Echo Lake Road
Watertown, CT 06795**

The undersigned, as bidder, agrees to furnish all labor, materials and equipment as specified herein and declares that no person or persons, other than those named herein, are interested in this Proposal; that this Proposal is made without collusion with any person, firm, or corporation; that they have carefully examined the location of the proposed work; that no person or persons acting in any official capacity for the Town is directly or indirectly interested therein or in any portion of the profit thereof; and that he proposes and agrees, if this Proposal is accepted, provide all necessary equipment, tools, labor and deliver and to do all work and furnish all materials specified in the Contract, in the manner and time therein prescribed, and according to the requirements of the Town as therein set forth, and that he will take in full payment therefor, the following unit prices and lump sums, to wit:

FIRM _____
Name

Street

City State Zip Code

NAME _____
Please Print

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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PROPOSAL

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN WATER and SEWER AUTHORITY
RESERVES THE RIGHT PROCURE ONE, MORE, OR NONE OF EACH BID ITEM**

ITEM #	QTY	DESCRIPTION	COST EACH	TOTAL COST
1.0	15	KENNEDY GUARDIAN K81D 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT W/ 6" ONEGRIP RESTRAINT	\$	\$
2.0	15	KENNEDY GUARDIAN K81D 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT W/ MJ OUTLET	\$	\$
3.0	15	MUELLER SUPER CENTURION 250 MODEL A423, 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT W/ 6" HYMAX GRIP RESTRAINT	\$	\$
4.0	15	MUELLER SUPER CENTURION 250 MODEL A423, 5' 6" FIRE HYDRANT W/ MJ OUTLET	\$	\$
GRAND TOTAL INCLUDING SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES (in numbers)				\$
GRAND TOTAL INCLUDING SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGES (in words) \$				

Payment Terms _____

Time to Completion _____ Working Days

Warranty _____

Have you taken any exceptions or have you deviated from our printed specification and if so, are such suggested changes clearly noted on the page provided for exceptions to specifications?

yes

no

EXCEPTIONS TAKEN TO SPECIFICATIONS:

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RECEIPT OF ADDENDA

<u>ADDENDUM #</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1.	_____	__/__/__
2.	_____	__/__/__
3.	_____	__/__/__
4.	_____	__/__/__
5.	_____	__/__/__
6.	_____	__/__/__

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

OFFICIAL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

(Please Print)

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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REFERENCES

Please list a minimum of three references of similar work performed within the last three years.

FIRM: _____
Name

Street

City State Zip Code

CONTACT: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
Please Print
TYPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

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FIRM: _____
Name

Street

City State Zip Code

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