Request for Bid (RFB)

Boone County Purchasing
613 E. Ash St., Room 113
Columbia, MO 65201

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Bid Data

Bid Number: 66-18NOV19
Commodity Title: Ice Melt for Sidewalks

DIRECT BID FORMAT OR SUBMISSION QUESTIONS TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Bid Submission Address and Deadline

Day / Date: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
Time: 1:30 P.M. Central Time (Bids received after this time will be returned unopened)
Location / Mail Address: Boone County Purchasing Department
Boone County Annex Building
613 E. Ash St., Room 113
Columbia, MO 65201

Directions: The Boone County Annex Building is located on the Northwest corner at 7th St. and Ash St. Enter the building from the South side. Wheelchair accessible entrance is available on the South side of the building

Bid Opening

Day / Date: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
Time: 1:30 P.M. Central Time (Bids received after this time will be returned unopened)
Location / Address: Boone County Annex Building Conference Room
613 E. Ash St.
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Bid Contents

1.0: Introduction and General Conditions of Bidding
2.0: Primary Specifications
3.0: Response Presentation and Review
4.0: Response Form
Standard Terms and Conditions
“No Bid” Form
1. **Introduction and General Conditions of Bidding**

1.1. **INVITATION** - The County of Boone, through its Purchasing Department, invites responses, which offer to provide the goods and/or services identified on the title page, and described in greater detail in Section 2.

1.2. **DEFINITIONS**

1.2.1. **County** - This term refers to the County of Boone, a duly organized public entity. It may also be used as a pronoun for various subsets of the County organization, including, as the context will indicate:

- **Purchasing** - The Purchasing Department, including its Purchasing Director and staff.
- **Department/s or Office/s** - The County Department/s or Office/s for which this Bid is prepared, and which will be the end user/s of the goods and/or services sought.
- **Designee** - The County employee/s assigned as your primary contact/s for interaction regarding Contract performance.

1.2.2. **Bidder / Contractor / Supplier** - These terms refer generally to businesses having some sort of relationship to or with us. The term may apply differently to different classes of entities, as the context will indicate:

- **Bidder** - Any business entity submitting a response to this Bid. Suppliers, which may be invited to respond, or which express interest in this bid, but which do not submit a response, have no obligations with respect to the bid requirements.
- **Contractor** - The Bidder whose response to this bid is found by Purchasing to meet the best interests of the County. The Contractor will be selected for award and will enter into a Contract for provision of the goods and/or services described in the Bid.
- **Supplier** - All business/s entities which may provide the subject goods and/or services.

1.2.3. **Bid** - This entire document, including attachments. A Bid may be used to solicit various kinds of information. The kind of information this Bid seeks is indicated by the title appearing at the top of the first page. A “Request for Bid” is used when the need is well defined. An “Request for Proposal” is used when the County will consider solutions, which may vary significantly from each other or from the County’s initial expectations.

1.2.4. **Response** - The written, sealed document submitted according to the Bid instructions.

1.3. **BID CLARIFICATION** - Questions regarding this Bid should be directed in writing, preferably by fax or e-mail, to the Purchasing Department. Answers, citing the question asked but not identifying the questioner, will be distributed simultaneously to all known prospective Bidders. Note: written requirements in the Bid or its Addendums are binding, but any oral communications between County and Bidder are not.

1.3.1. **Bidder Responsibility** - The Bidder is expected to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this Bid. Bidder’s failure or omission to examine any relevant form, article, site or document will not relieve them from any obligation regarding this Bid. By submitting a Response, Bidder is presumed to concur with all terms, conditions and specifications of this Bid.

1.3.2. **Bid Addendum** - If it becomes evident that this Bid must be amended, the Purchasing Department will issue a formal written Addendum to all known prospective Bidders. If necessary, a new due date will be established.

1.4. **AWARD** - Award will be made to the Bidder(s) whose offer(s) provide the greatest value to the County from the standpoint of suitability to purpose, quality, service, previous experience, price, lifecycle cost, ability to deliver, or for any other reason deemed by Purchasing to be in the best interest of the County. Thus, the result will not be determined by price alone. The County will be seeking the least costly outcome that meets the County needs as interpreted by the County. The County reserves the right to award this bid on an item by item basis, or an “all or none” basis, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

1.5. **CONTRACT EXECUTION** - This Bid and the Contractor’s Response will be made part of any resultant Contract and will be incorporated in the Contract as set forth, verbatim.
1.5.1. **Precedence** - In the event of contradictions or conflicts between the provisions of the documents comprising this Contract, they will be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:
1) the provisions of the Contract (as it may be amended);
2) the provisions of the Bid;
3) the provisions of the Bidder’s Response.

1.6. **Contract Duration** - The Term and Supply Contract period shall be from **January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020** and may be automatically **renewed for up to an additional four (4) one-year periods** unless canceled by the Purchasing Director in writing prior to a renewal term.

1.7. The unit prices for the items identified on the Response Form shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract period.

1.8. **CONTRACT EXTENSION** – The County Purchasing Director may exercise the option to extend the contract on a month-to-month basis for a maximum of six (6) months from the date of termination if it is deemed to be in the best interest of Boone County.

1.9. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** - The successful bidder(s) shall be obligated to enter into a written contract with the County within 30 days of award on contract forms provided by the County. If bidders desire to contract under their own written agreement, any such proposed agreement shall be submitted in blank with their bid. County reserves the right to modify any proposed form agreement or withdraw its award to a successful bidder if any proposed agreement contains terms and conditions inconsistent with its bid or are unacceptable to county legal counsel.

1.10. **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS** - Bidder agrees to be bound by the County’s standard “boilerplate” terms and conditions for Contracts, a sample of which is attached to this Bid.
2. **Primary Specifications**

2.1. **ITEMS TO BE PROVIDED** – Boone County, hereafter referred to as “County”, proposes to contract with an individual(s) or organization(s), hereinafter referred to as “Contractor” for a contract for the furnishing and delivery of Ice Melt in solid form with all features as detailed in the following specifications.

2.1.1. **Quantity** – The County anticipates ordering a minimum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) pounds of ice melt.

2.1.2. All orders shall be made on an “as needed” basis. Quantities in the specifications are approximate quantities for overall County use based on historical data. Quantities purchased from the Contractor will vary according to need within a given area. The County makes no representation or guarantee concerning quantities of ice melt it will purchase from the Contractor.

2.2. **CONTRACT EXTENSION** – The County Purchasing Director may exercise the option to extend the contract on a month-to-month basis for a maximum of six (6) months from the date of termination if it is deemed to be in the best interest of Boone County.

2.3. **PRICING** – All prices shall be as indicated on the Response Form. The County shall not pay nor be liable for any other additional costs including but not limited to; taxes, packing, handling, shipping and freight, insurance, interest, penalties, termination payments, attorney fees, liquidated damages, etc. Additionally, the County shall not be subject to any minimum quantities or total prices.

2.4. **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

2.4.1. The County reserves the right to bid any job with an estimated cost of $6,000 or more and to utilize other vendors and in-house staff for all projects.

2.4.2. In the event any provisions of contract are not fulfilled by Contractor, and or the quality of workmanship is deemed unsatisfactory by the County, the County may, upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate this contract in ten (10) days after such written notice.

2.4.3. The Bidder, at time of bid submittal, shall possess the correct occupational licenses, all professional licenses or other authorizations necessary to carry out and perform the work required by the project pursuant to all-applicable Federal, State and Local laws, statutes, ordinances, and rules and regulations of any kind. Copies of licenses should be submitted with the bid indicating that the entity bidding the project is licensed to perform the activities or work included in the contract documents.

2.4.4. The Bidder is assumed to be familiar with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Special attention is called to, but not limited to, the local environmental ordinances. Ignorance on the part of the Bidder will in no way relieve him from responsibility of compliance with all said laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

2.5. **BASE BID MINIMUM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

2.5.1. **Form:** Pellet or crystal form (no liquid).

2.5.2. **Color:** Ice melt should be dyed for easy application

2.5.3. **Packaging:** Ice Melt must be delivered with color indicator and in 50lb bags, stacked on top of a standard pallet.

2.5.4. **Mixture:** Highest concentration of ice melt mix should be Sodium Chloride, Magnesium Chloride, or Calcium Chloride. Only small portions of Potassium Chloride will be accepted.
2.6. **DEVIATION(S)** - It is the bidder’s responsibility to submit a bid that meets all mandatory specifications stated within. The bidder must compare their product bid with the required listed minimum specifications and identify any deviations along with the specific section deviated from. Failure to properly identify deviations may render the bidder’s bid response non-responsive and not capable of consideration for award. Bidders should note that a descriptive brochure of the model bid may not be sufficient or acceptable as proper identification of deviations from the written specifications.

2.7. **DESIGNEE** – Boone County Facilities Maintenance Department, 613 E. Ash St. Room 107, Columbia, MO 65201.

2.8. **Contact** – Robert Wilson, Buyer, 613 E. Ash St, Room 113, Columbia, MO 65201. Telephone (573) 886-4393 or Email: rwilson@boonecountymo.org

2.9. **DELIVERY DESTINATION** – Will be specified by Boone County at the time of purchase.

2.9.1 Delivery is to be made to multiple locations:

- Shed in lot at the corner of 7th and Ash. [*Ice melt must be unloaded by hand at this location.*]
- Maintenance Shed at 5501 N Oakland Gravel Rd.

2.9.2. **Delivery Terms**: Inside delivery shall be made FOB Destination with freight charges fully included and prepaid. The seller pays and bears the freight charges.

2.10. The County of Boone reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids in the best interest of the County.

2.11. **EVALUATION** - The Bidder may be required to provide the Facilities Maintenance Department with a sample of the Ice Melt proposed in the bid response for a five-day evaluation period. The cost of providing this sample will be the responsibility of the Bidder. Suitability of the sample in the proposed working environment will be an evaluation factor.
3. **Response Presentation and Review**

3.1. **RESPONSE CONTENT** - In order to enable direct comparison of competing Responses, Bidder must submit Response in strict conformity to the requirements stated herein. Failure to adhere to all requirements may result in Bidder’s Response being disqualified as non-responsive. All Responses must be submitted using the provided Response Sheet. Every question must be answered and if not applicable, the section must contain “N/A.” Manufacturer’s published specifications for the items requested shall be included with the response.

3.2. **SUBMITTAL OF RESPONSES** - Responses MUST be received by the date and time noted on the title page under “Bid Submission Information and Deadline”. NO EXCEPTIONS. The County is not responsible for late or incorrect deliveries from the US Postal Service or any other mail carrier.

3.2.1. **Advice of Award** - If you wish to be advised of the outcome of this Bid, the results may also be viewed on our web page [www.showmeboone.com](http://www.showmeboone.com).

3.3. **BID OPENING** - On the date and time and at the location specified on the title page, all Responses will be opened in public. Brief summary information from each will be read aloud, and any person present will be allowed, under supervision, to scan any Response.

3.3.1. **Removal from Vendor Database** - If any prospective Bidder currently in our Vendor Database to whom the Bid was sent elects not to submit a Response and fails to reply in writing stating reasons for not bidding, that Bidder’s name may be removed from our database. Other reasons for removal include unwillingness or inability to show financial responsibility, reported poor performance, unsatisfactory service, or repeated inability to meet delivery requirements.

3.4. **RESPONSE CLARIFICATION** – The County reserves the right to request additional written or oral information from Bidders in order to obtain clarification of their Responses.

3.4.1. **Rejection or Correction of Responses** – The County reserves the right to reject any or all Responses. Minor irregularities or informalities in any Response which are immaterial or inconsequential in nature and are neither affected by law nor at substantial variance with Bid conditions, may be waived at our discretion whenever it is determined to be in the County’s best interest.

3.5. **EVALUATION PROCESS** – The County’s sole purpose in the evaluation process is to determine from among the Responses received which one is best suited to meet the County’s needs at the lowest possible cost. Any final analysis or weighted point score does not imply that one Bidder is superior to another, but simply that in our judgment the Contractor selected appears to offer the best overall solution for our current and anticipated needs at the lowest possible cost.

3.5.1. **Method of Evaluation** – The County will evaluate submitted Responses in relation to all aspects of this Bid.

3.5.2. **Acceptability** – The County reserves the sole right to determine whether goods and/or services offered are acceptable for County use.

3.5.3. **Endurance of Pricing** – Bidder’s pricing must be held until contract execution or 60 days, whichever comes first.
4. **Response Form**

(Note: This form must be signed. All signatures must be original and not photocopies. In addition, the County uses *DocuSign* when making a contract award. When providing a Contact Name and E-Mail Address below, the Contact and E-Mail address provided must be a person who has the legal authority to contractually bind the offeror’s/bidder’s company in a contract with the County.)

4.1. Company Name: ____________________________________________

4.2. Address: ________________________________________________

4.3. City/Zip: ________________________________________________

4.4. Phone Number: __________________________________________

4.5. Fax Number: _____________________________________________

4.6. E-mail Address: __________________________________________

4.7. Federal Tax ID: ___________________________________________

4.7.1. ( ) Corporation

( ) Partnership - Name ____________________________

( ) Individual/Proprietorship - Individual Name _________________________

( ) Other (Specify) ________________________________

4.8. **PRICING**

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<th>Price Per Pound</th>
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<td><strong>Ice Melt in Accordance with Sections 2.5. - 2.5.4.</strong></td>
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4.8.2. Weight Ice Melt Per Bag

One (1) Bag of Ice Melt = ____________ lbs

4.8.3. Bags Per Pallet

One (1) Pallet of Ice Melt = ___________ Bags

4.8.4. Brand Name:__________________________________________

4.8.4. Describe Chemical Content:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
4.9. Describe Warranty Features:

4.10. Describe Any Deviations:

4.11. Maximum % Increase 1\textsuperscript{st} Renewal Period: _____

Maximum % Increase 2\textsuperscript{nd} Renewal Period: _____

Maximum % Increase 3\textsuperscript{rd} Renewal Period: _____

Maximum % Increase 4\textsuperscript{th} Renewal Period: _____

4.12. Will you honor the submitted prices for purchase by other entities in Boone County who participate in cooperative purchasing with Boone County, Missouri?

_________ Yes ___________ No

4.13. Delivery ARO: ____________________

The undersigned offers to furnish and deliver the articles or services as specified at the prices and terms stated and in strict accordance with all requirements contained in the Request for Bid which have been read and understood, and all of which are made part of this order. By submission of this bid, the vendor certifies that they are in compliance with Section 34.353 and, if applicable, Section 34.359 (“Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act”) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

4.14. Authorized Representative (Sign by Hand):

___________________________________________ Date:______________
Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

___________________________________________
1. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and failure to do so, in County's sole discretion, shall give County the right to terminate this Contract.

2. Responses shall include all charges for packing, delivery, installation, etc., (unless otherwise specified) to the Boone County Department identified in the Request for Bid and/or Proposal.

3. The Boone County Commission has the right to accept or reject any part or parts of all bids, to waive technicalities, and to accept the offer the County Commission considers the most advantageous to the County. Boone County reserves the right to award this bid on an item-by-item basis, or an “all or none” basis, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

4. Bidders must use the bid forms provided for the purpose of submitting bids, must return the bid and bid sheets comprised in this bid, give the unit price, extended totals, and sign the bid. The Purchasing Director reserves the right, when only one bid has been received by the bid closing date, to delay the opening of bids to another date and time in order to revise specifications and/or establish further competition for the commodity or service required. The one (1) bid received will be retained unopened until the new Closing date, or at request of bidder, returned unopened for re-submittal at the new date and time of bid closing.

5. When products or materials of any particular producer or manufacturer are mentioned in our specifications, such products or materials are intended to be descriptive of type or quality and not restricted to those mentioned.

6. Do not include Federal Excise Tax or Sales and Use Taxes in bid process, as law exempts the County from them.

7. The delivery date shall be stated in definite terms, as it will be taken into consideration in awarding the bid.

8. The County Commission reserves the right to cancel all or any part of orders if delivery is not made or work is not started as guaranteed. In case of delay, the Contractor must notify the Purchasing Department.

9. In case of default by the Contractor, the County of Boone will procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the Bidder responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.

10. Failure to deliver as guaranteed may disqualify Bidder from future bidding.

11. Prices must be as stated in units of quantity specified and must be firm. Bids qualified by escalator clauses may not be considered unless specified in the bid specifications.
12. The County of Boone, Missouri expressly denies responsibility for, or ownership of any item purchased until same is delivered to the County and is accepted by the County.

13. The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple respondents. The County also reserves the right to not award any item or group of items if the services can be obtained from a state or other governmental entities contract under more favorable terms. The resulting contract will be considered “Non-Exclusive”. The County reserves the right to purchase from other vendors.

14. The County, from time to time, uses federal grant funds for the procurement of goods and services. Accordingly, the provider of goods and/or services shall comply with federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to the funds used by the County for said procurement, and contract clauses required by the federal government in such circumstances are incorporated herein by reference. These clauses can generally be found in the Federal Transit Administration’s Best Practices Procurement Manual – Appendix A. Any questions regarding the applicability of federal clauses to a particular bid should be directed to the Purchasing Department prior to bid opening.

15. In the event of a discrepancy between a unit price and an extended line item price, the unit price shall govern.

16. Should an audit of Contractor’s invoices during the term of the Agreement, and any renewals thereof, indicate that the County has remitted payment on invoices that constitute an over-charging to the County above the pricing terms agreed to herein, the Contractor shall issue a refund check to the County for any over-charges within 30-days of being notified of the same.

17. For all bid responses over $25,000, if any manufactured goods or commodities proposed with bid/proposal response are manufactured or produced outside the United States, this MUST be noted on the Bid/Proposal Response Form or a Memo attached.

18. For all titled vehicles and equipment, the dealer must use the actual delivery date to the County on all transfer documents including the Certificate of Origin (COO), Manufacturer’s Statement of Origin (MSO), Bill of Sale (BOS), and Application for Title.

19. Equipment and serial and model numbers - The contractor is strongly encouraged to include equipment serial and model numbers for all amounts invoiced to the County. If equipment serial and model numbers are not provided on the face of the invoice, such information may be required by the County before issuing payment.
NO BID RESPONSE FORM

NOTE: COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO SUBMIT A BID

If you do not wish to respond to this bid request, but would like to remain on the Boone County vendor list for this service/commodity, please remove form and return to the Purchasing Department by mail, email, or fax.

If you would like to FAX this “No Bid” Response Form to our office, the FAX number is (573) 886-4390.

Bid: 66-18NOV19– Ice Melt for Sidewalks

Business Name: __________________________

Address: _______________________________

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Telephone: _____________________________

Contact: _______________________________

Date: _____________________________

Reason(s) for not bidding:

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