

Request For Proposals
For Software, License and Training
For
GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION

Of the
City of Greenville, North Carolina

401 South Greene Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

Issue Date March 26, 2015

Response Due Date, April 14, 2015 by 4:00 pm (EDST)

Purpose Of Request For Proposals

Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC) is seeking proposals for Software, License and Training.

Questions regarding this request for proposal (RFP) should be received by or before April 2, 2015. Answers shall be communicated by April 9, 2015. All questions shall be directed to the attention of Cleve Haddock at (252) 551-1533, haddocgc@guc.com.

THE PROPOSAL SHOULD CONTAIN, AT A MINIMUM, RECOMMENDED SOFTWARE, LICENSE AND TRAINING THAT CAN MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED AS STATED IN: (GUC) Technical Specifications For Software, License and Training.

GOOD FAITH STATEMENT:

All information provided by GUC in this RFP is offered in good faith. Individual item(s) are subject to change at any time. GUC makes no certification that any item(s) are without error. GUC is not responsible or liable for any use of the information or for any asserted claims.

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

MS Word, MS Excel or PDF document is the preferred format for the proposal. Proposal must be limited to no more than 30 pages.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE:

Proposals, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received in the Office of the Purchasing Department, Buyer II, Greenville Utilities Commission, 401 S. Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 until 4:00 pm (EDST) on April 14, 2015.

PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL:

Proposals shall be e-mailed to: CLEVE HADDOCK, BUYER II at haddocgc@guc.com.

EVALUATION AND AWARD:

Proposals will be evaluated by GUC personnel. Selected vendors may be requested to present formal presentations/demonstrations on site on a date and time mutually agreeable by both parties.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Vendor selection shall be based on evaluation and rating of Vendor's demonstrated competence and qualifications/performance for the type of services/products to be offered. The following guidelines will be used as minimum criteria for rating the Vendor:

- The quality of references from past customers of vendor.
- Quality of approach and methodology that demonstrates an understanding of the requirements.
- Quality, extent and relevance of vendor's staff / experience in conducting service(s).
- Vendor's response time for service(s).
- Overall cost

GUC reserves the right to reject all proposals or accept such proposals, as appears in its own best interest, and to waive technicalities or irregularities of any kind in the proposal. GUC is not obligated to accept the lowest cost proposal. If a proposal is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the responsible, responsive respondent whose evaluation by GUC indicates that the award will be in GUC's best interests.

MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM:

GUC has adopted an Affirmative Action and Minority and Women Business Enterprise Plan (M/WBE) Program. Firms submitting a proposal are attesting that they also have taken affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment, and to utilize M/WBE suppliers of materials and/or labor.

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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposal submittal should contain the following items.

- 1) SECTION 1: LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
- 2) SECTION 2: TABLE OF CONTENTS
- 3) SECTION 3: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide an executive summary that outlines your firm's experience in providing required deliverables.

- 4) SECTION 4: Business Statement

BUSINESS STATEMENT

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Business License No.: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Federal ID No. or Social Security No.: _____

Type of Organization: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Corporation, under the laws of the State of _____
- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Joint Venture
- ☐ Municipal, State, or Federal
- ☐ S Corporation

- ☐ General Partnership
- ☐ Limited Partnership
- ☐ Non-Profit Corporation
- ☐ Small Business Enterprise: A business enterprise that is independently owned and operated; organized for profit; is not dominant in its field; and meets the criteria set forth by the Small Business Administration in Title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121.
- ☐ Limited Liability Company, Manager Managed ☐ or Member Managed ☐

VENDOR PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Question	Answer
Organization name and location?	
What is your organizations primary business?	
Is your organization a subsidiary to a larger parent company? If so, whom?	
Length of time your organization has been in business providing this type of services/products?	
Organization ownership?	
Number of employees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total • Development • Product Support • Professional Services 	

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5) SECTION 5: REFERENCES

The respondent must provide 3 references where the requested services of this RFP were implemented.

	REFERENCE NO. 1
NAME OF FIRM	
CUSTOMER'S BUSINESS/OPERATIONS	
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
TELEPHONE NO.	
CONTACT	
E-Mail Address	
	REFERENCE NO. 2
NAME OF FIRM	
CUSTOMER'S BUSINESS/OPERATIONS	
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
TELEPHONE NO.	
CONTACT	
E-Mail Address	
	REFERENCE NO. 3
NAME OF FIRM	
CUSTOMER'S BUSINESS/OPERATIONS	
ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
TELEPHONE NO.	
CONTACT	
E-Mail Address	

6) SECTION 6: Mandatory Criteria

1. Easy to use financial reporting based on data extracted from ORACLE EBS and external data sources:	
a. Data should be extracted directly from Oracle EBS tables and tables within external data sources.	
b. Solution should have an integrated Query Designer.	
b. Reports generated should reflect Oracle EBS data as it exists when the report is executed. In other words, data should come from the actual ORACLE EBS data tables, not from a separate data cube or warehouse with data.	
c. Reports generated should be easily “drillable” to additional levels of detail, down to the G/L transaction level with the ability to drill to sub-ledgers and also external data sources (ie. Outside ORACLE EBS).	
d. The creation of standard reports should not require intervention of Information Technology personnel, but should instead be able to be created by non-expert “super users” in the finance and accounting organization.	
e. The ability to automatically create and distribute reports to end users using email, networks or other means, as identified by the vendor.	
f. Ability for customer to create drill downs to their specification without vendor involvement.	
g. No additional hardware, ORACLE EBS licensing or data warehousing required.	
h. The ability to add text commentary on any report. Comments can be left in the report or suppressed and a permanent audit trail of the commentary is created.	
i. Product must have IMDB Caching ability.	
j. Works within existing ORACLE EBS security and defined user responsibilities.	
k. Product must include content library containing queries configured for additional modules outside ORACLE EBS GL and outside of ORACLE EBS, with the ability to access all queries against multiple systems simultaneously from within Excel.	
2. The system should allow for relatively easy or simple creation of dashboards and scorecards. Such scorecards and dashboards should allow for the ability to “drill down” on summary data to detailed information.	
3. Product must be provided by an ORACLE EBS validated integration partner.	

7) SECTION 7: Deployment and Training Plan

Provide a deployment and training plan for the proposed software

8) SECTION 8: Pricing

Pricing needs to be structured so the software is scalable. At a minimum pricing needs to include the following:

- a) Three (3) database type licenses that will enable up to three staff to design queries (link join tables) that could be utilized by other users
- b) Eight (8) super user type licenses that will enable up to eight staff to utilize the queries designed by the database type licenses and/or user communities and design reports accordingly
- c) Ten (10) limited use type licenses that will enable up to 10 staff to run reports designed by the first two groups with drill down capabilities.
- d) Unlimited licenses for remainder of staff to run the reports and export to a MS Excel and PDF format.
- e) Pricing associated with training plan
- f) Annual maintenance fee (if required)
- g) All other costs required for proposed solution

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This Form Must be Completed, Signed and Returned With The
Respondents Proposal.

It is certified that this proposal is made in good faith and without collusion or connection with any other person responding on the same above listed item(s). It is also certified that this proposal is made in good faith and without collusion or connection with any GUC employee(s).

Certified check or cash for \$_____n/a_____or bid bond for \$_____n/a_____attached.

Firm Name _____ Phone (____)_____

Address _____

City _____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Fax (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Authorized Official _____ Title_____

Typed Name

Signature

Date _____

**Electronic copy of your proposal should be received no
later than April 14, 2015 at 4:00 pm (EDST)**

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

In general, conflicts of interest relate to the potential for self-gain usually, but not always, of a fiscal nature. Potential for self-gain can serve to undermine the judgment or objectivity of vendors providing consultation services. A potential or actual conflict of interest exists when commitments and obligations to GUC are likely to be compromised by a vendor's other interests or commitments, especially economic, particularly if those interests or commitments are not disclosed. Not all conflicting interests are necessarily impermissible. Timely and complete disclosure of potential conflicts of interest may be a satisfactory remedy and protects the consultant from suspicion and accusations of breach of professional integrity. Vendors are asked to disclose any situation or relationship that might be regarded as potential conflict of interest with, but not limited to, their expected duties and recommendations as defined in this RFP.

VENDOR INCURRED COSTS:

All costs that may be incurred to prepare proposals, attend meetings, attend site inspections, provide requested follow-up information, make formal and informal presentations, and for the entire contract negotiations process if applicable, shall be the sole responsibility of each vendor. GUC is not responsible under any circumstances for reimbursement of any costs that may be incurred by vendors during the proposal preparation, subsequent selection or negotiation stages.

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PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL:

A proposer must notify GUC in writing of its request to withdraw a proposal within seventy-two (72) hours after the proposal opening, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays. In order to justify withdrawal, the bidder must demonstrate that a substantial error exists and that the proposal was submitted in good faith.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

The Provider will take affirmative action in complying with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, without discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or physical handicap.

MEDIATION/BINDING ARBITRATION:

In the event of any dispute between the Parties, the Parties agree to submit any dispute to nonbinding mediation before a mutually agreeable Mediator prior to initiating litigation. If the Parties are unable to agree upon a Mediator within thirty (30) days after demand therefore, either Party may petition a Court of competent jurisdiction for the designation of a qualified Mediator for these purposes. Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses of participating

in the mediation (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees), and each Party shall bear one-half (1/2) of the costs and expenses of the Mediator. Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties will hold the mediation in Greenville, North Carolina. The matters discussed or revealed in the mediation session shall not be disclosed in any subsequent litigation. In the event the matter is not resolved in mediation, either Party may request arbitration. The parties shall jointly select an Arbitrator, and shall be bound by the decision of the Arbitrator with respect to any dispute between the parties with respect to this Agreement. If the parties are unable to mutually agree upon an Arbitrator, the Parties shall each select an Arbitrator, and the two Arbitrators so selected shall select a third Arbitrator, and the decision of the majority of the Arbitrators shall be conclusive and binding upon the Parties. The Parties at all times agree to equally split the costs of any Arbitrator(s) selected in an effort to resolve the dispute between the Parties. Any party desiring to resolve a dispute under the terms of this Agreement shall notify the other Party in writing, and the Parties shall seek to agree upon a mutually agreed upon Arbitrator within a period of ten (10) days from the date of such written demand. If the Parties are unable to agree within such ten (10) day period, the Parties shall each select an Arbitrator, and the two (2) Arbitrators so selected shall select a third Arbitrator within fifteen (15) days from the date of the written demand for arbitration, and a decision shall be rendered by the Arbitrator(s) so selected within five (5) days after such Arbitrator(s) is selected.

INDEMNITY PROVISION:

Provider agrees to indemnify and save GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION of the City of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, and the City of Greenville, North Carolina, its co-owners, joint venturers, agents, employees, and insurance carriers harmless from any and all losses, claims, actions, costs, expenses including reasonable attorney fees, judgments, subrogations, or other damages resulting from injury to any person (including injury resulting in death), or damage (including loss or destruction) to property of whatsoever nature of any person arising out of or incident to the performance of the terms of this Contract by Provider, including, but not limited to, Provider's employees, agents, subcontractors, and others designated by Provider to perform work or services in, about, or attendant to, the work and services under the terms of this Contract. Provider shall not be held responsible for any losses, expenses, claims, subrogations, actions, costs, judgments, or other damages, directly, solely, and proximately caused by the negligence of Greenville Utilities Commission of the City of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina. Insurance covering this indemnity agreement by the Provider in favor of Greenville Utilities Commission of the City of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, shall be provided by Provider.

GOVERNING LAWS:

All contracts, transactions, agreements, etc., are made under and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE:

Bids, proposals, and awards are subject to applicable provisions of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

CONTRACT PERIOD

This Agreement(s) shall be for a one (1) year period. Based on mutual agreement between the parties, this agreement(s) may be renewed for additional annual renewal extension(s). The pricing for annual renewal will be subject to the mutual agreement between the parties.

Complete and Check All Math: It is the responsibility of the Proposer to extend all prices and supply a total price.

**An electronic copy of your proposal should be received no later than
April 14, 2015 at 4:00 pm (EDST).**

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MEMORANDUM


TO: All Employees
DATE: July 1, 2014
SUBJECT: 2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE


The following holidays will be observed by the City of Greenville and Greenville Utilities Commission during 2015:

New Year's	Thursday, January 1, 2015 Friday, January 2, 2015
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 19, 2015
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2015
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2015
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2015
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2015
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26, 2015 Friday, November 27, 2015
Christmas	Thursday, December 24, 2015 Friday, December 25, 2015
New Year's (2016)	Friday, January 1, 2016

For 2015, the "floating holiday" has been designated as Friday, January 2.

This information is being provided now in order to allow you to make personal plans for the use of the holidays.


Barbara Lipscomb
City Manager


Anthony C. Cannon
GUC General Manager/CEO