

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RE-BID)

Quotes will be received in the Office of the Buyer II, Greenville Utilities Commission, 401 S. Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 until 10:00 AM (EDST) on January 26, 2016, for the furnishing of a Fire Extinguisher Goods and Services.

Greenville Utilities reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

SECTION I
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFORMAL QUOTES
GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
JANUARY 26, 2016

1.0 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Quotations, subject to the conditions made a part hereof, will be received in the Office of the Buyer II, Greenville Utilities Commission, 401 S. Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 until 10:00 AM (EDST) on January 26, 2016.

2.0 STANDARD FORMS REQUIRED

Each bidder must submit a proposal on the enclosed request for quotation form. **The quotation must be signed by an authorized official of the firm.**

3.0 DEPOSIT

A deposit is **NOT** required for this quotation.

4.0 NC SALES TAX

Do **not** include NC sales taxes in the quoted figure; however, Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC) does pay sales tax. Sales tax should be added to the invoice as a separate item.

5.0 FEDERAL EXCISE TAX

GUC is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and will issue a Federal Exemption Certificate upon request to the successful bidder.

6.0 EXCEPTIONS TO BE CLEARLY STATED

If quote is not in strict accordance with Section II, "Specifications," bidder must list or note all exceptions **on the Request for Quotation Form**, otherwise, it is fully understood that the successful bidder will furnish equipment, materials and services exactly as specified. GUC reserves the right to accept or reject quotes and to determine the lowest responsible, responsive quote from the standpoint of quality, performance, and price.

7.0 EVALUATION AND AWARD OF QUOTATIONS

GUC reserves the right to reject any and all quotations, to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional quotes or counter proposals. In evaluating quotes, GUC shall consider whether the quotes comply with the prescribed requirements, plus all alternates or options requested. GUC reserves the right to include or exclude any option or alternative in GUC's opinion is in GUC's best interests. If a quote is to be awarded, it will be

awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder from the standpoint of quality, performance, delivery, and cost.

8.0 PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS

Bidders are urged to compute all discounts into the price offered. If a prompt payment discount is offered, it may be considered in the award of the contract.

9.0 NUMERICAL ERRORS

In the case of a discrepancy between a unit price and the extension (the unit price multiplied by the number of units), the unit price governs. In the case where numerical quotes are stated both in numbers and in words, the words govern.

10.0 QUANTITIES

Quantities specified are only estimates of Greenville Utilities Commission's (GUC's) needs for a twelve month period. GUC reserves the right to purchase more or less than the stated quantities at firm prices indicated herein based on our actual needs.

11.0 CONTRACT PERIOD

It is the intent of Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC) to enter into a multi-year contract at the time the contract is awarded by GUC to the successful bidder for a total contract period not to exceed three (3) years. **Prices shall remain fixed during the first year** with option for annual extensions at the same or negotiated unit prices for up to two (2) additional years if market and service conditions so warrant and prove to be in the best interest of GUC.

12.0 BID WITHDRAWAL

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

13.0 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 labor when available.

14.0 CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions regarding this bid request should be directed to Cleve Haddock, Buyer II, (252) 551-1533, haddockc@guc.com.

15.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The attached Terms and Conditions of Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC) are considered part of the bid proposal.

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SECTION II

GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION

SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER GOODS AND SERVICES

JANUARY 26, 2016

1. Service

Greenville Utilities Commission operates from 6 major geographic and approximately 75 minor geographic locations located within the City of Greenville, NC. Each location and the entire fleet are equipped with one or more fire extinguishers. A single geographic location serves as the repository for fleet extinguishers. The following sections describe the services necessary.

- a. All portable fire extinguishers will be maintained in accordance with the most recent revision of NFPA 10 Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers. Monthly inspections to be performed by owner.
- b. The majority of approximately 350 GUC fire extinguishers are dry chemical ABC. Some extinguishers are CO₂ and a few others are Halotron. ABC fire extinguishers are mostly 5 and 10 lb. class.
- c. Fire extinguishers are categorized into two groups; fixed location and fleet/equipment.
 - i. Fixed location extinguishers require annual maintenance checks in January of each calendar year. The successful respondent will be required to visit all GUC locations to perform annual and other maintenance as required.
 - ii. Fleet/equipment extinguishers are rotated on/off of GUC trucks and equipment as the annual maintenance expires.
 1. Weekly service visits will be necessary to perform annual maintenance on Fleet/equipment extinguishers. This visit will be to our Warehouse at 801 Mumford Road, Greenville NC 27834.

2. Goods

- a. (2.5, 5, 10, 20, 125, & 300 lb.) ABC Dry Chemical, CO₂, Halotron and Sodium fire extinguisher will be purchased as needed when the condition deems it necessary to replace existing fire extinguishers or when GUC operations expand necessitating the purchase of additional extinguishers.
- b. All purchased extinguishers must be supplied from a major manufacturer (approved, certified, or tested by appropriate establishment) and must be compatible with existing mounting hardware.
- c. The following usual and customary components will be provided as needed and agreed upon;
 - i. UV resistant plastic inspection tags
 - ii. Hose assemblies
 - iii. Hose bands
 - iv. Pins
 - v. Copper pin seals

- vi. Valve seals
- vii. Mounting brackets
- viii. Nozzles
- ix. Extinguishing agent refill by category
- x. Chains
- xi. New pressure gauges

3. Pricing

- a. Pricing must be submitted for the following goods and services;
 - i. Pricing for new 2.5, 5, 10 and 20 lb. ABC Dry Chemical, CO2 and Halotron fire extinguishers.
 - ii. Pricing for each of the components listed in section 2(c) above.
 - iii. Pricing for the following services;
 - 1. Per item annual maintenance check
 - 2. Per item hydrostat testing
 - 3. Per item conductivity testing
 - 4. Any other service anticipated
 - 5. Refill Cost (per size)
 - 6. (6) Year maintenance (per size/unit)
 - 7. Disposal fee (if any)

4. Approved brands are: General, Amerex or equals.

Notes: (1) Bidders are to specify on the attached Request for Proposal form the brand name of all items quoted, if more than one brand is approved, and the expected delivery time.

Method of Award:

Items 1-26 Goods (A) and 1-30 Services (B) will be awarded as a total bid for all Goods/Services together.

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GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER GOODS AND SERVICES

In the space below, please provide a price quote for Fire Extinguisher Goods And Services per the attached specifications. If your firm is unable to furnish the Fire Extinguisher Goods And Services in accordance with our specifications and you wish to offer a substitute, please provide us with full details of the approved equivalent.

QUOTATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 10:00 AM (EDST) ON JANUARY 26, 2016.

Quotations can be mailed or delivered to Cleve Haddock, Buyer II, 401 South Greene Street, Greenville, N.C. 27834. Greenville Utilities reserves the right to reject any and all quotes that are not in GUC's best interest.

		GOODS (A)			
ITEM NO.		DESCRIPTION	BRAND	UNIT PRICE (A)	
1.		2.5 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	_____	\$ _____	
2.		5 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	_____	\$ _____	
3.		10 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	_____	\$ _____	
4.		20 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	_____	\$ _____	
5.		2.5 lb. CO2	_____	\$ _____	
6.		5 lb. CO2	_____	\$ _____	
7.		10 lb. CO2	_____	\$ _____	
8.		20 lb. CO2	_____	\$ _____	
9.		2.5 lb. Halotron	_____	\$ _____	
10.		5 lb. Halotron	_____	\$ _____	
11.		10 lb. Halotron	_____	\$ _____	
12.		20 lb. Halotron	_____	\$ _____	
13.		5 lb. Sodium	_____	\$ _____	
14.		125 lb. ABC on Cart	_____	\$ _____	

15.		300 lb. ABC on Cart	_____	\$ _____	
16.		UV Resistant Plastic Inspection Tags	_____	\$ _____	
17.		Hose Assemblies	_____	\$ _____	
18.		Hose Bands	_____	\$ _____	
19.		Pins	_____	\$ _____	
20.		Copper Pin Seals	_____	\$ _____	
21.		Valve Seals	_____	\$ _____	
22.		Wall Mounting Brackets	_____	\$ _____	
23.		Nozzles	_____	\$ _____	
24.		Chains	_____	\$ _____	
25.		Pressure Guages (New)	_____	\$ _____	
26.		Disposal Fee (each) (If any)	_____	\$ _____	
			TOTAL GROUP (A)	\$ _____	
		SERVICES (B)			
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CHECK PER UNIT	HYDROSTAT TESTING PER UNIT	CONDUCTIVITY TESTING PER UNIT	EXTENSION
1.	2.5 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2.	5 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
3.	10 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
4.	20 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
5.	2.5 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
6.	5 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

7.	10 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
8.	20 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
9.	2.5 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
10.	5 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
11.	10 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
12.	20 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
13.	5 lb, Sodium	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
14.	125 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
15.	300 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	REFILL COST PER UNIT	SIX YEAR MAINTENANCE PER UNIT		EXTENSION
16.	2.5 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
17.	5 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
18.	10 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
19.	20 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
20.	2.5 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
21.	5 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
22.	10 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
23.	20 lb. CO2	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
24.	2.5 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
25.	5 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
26.	10 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
27.	20 lb. Halotron	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
28.	5 lb, Sodium	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____
29.	125 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$ _____	\$ _____		\$ _____

30.	300 lb. ABC Dry Chemical	\$_____	\$_____		\$_____
				TOTAL GROUP (B)	\$_____
				TOTALS (A) & (B)	\$_____

Note: Items 1-26 Goods (A) and 1-30 Services (B) will be awarded as a total bid for all Goods/Services together.

Complete and Check All Math: It is the responsibility of the Bidder to extend bid prices and supply a total for all items.

Exception/Variation Form (Page 13 of 20)

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to also include on the Exception/Variation Form any additional costs, minimum charges, etc.

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REFERENCES

The respondent(s) must provide (3) three references pertaining to the equipment and services requested in this RFB.

	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	

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

We quote you as per instructions above. If invoice is paid within _____ days from date of receipt of invoice, a discount of _____% will be allowed.

Firm Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Fax (____) _____ E-mail _____

Authorized Official _____ Title _____

Typed Name

_____ Date _____

Signature

A copy of your proposal should be received no later than

JANUARY 26, 2016 at 10:00 AM (EDST).

NO BIDS CONSIDERED UNLESS SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM

(RETURN ONLY THIS FORM AND EXCEPTION FORM)

GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION

GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

SPECIFICATION AND BID DOCUMENTS

FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER GOODS AND SERVICES

EXCEPTION/VARIATION FORM

Specifications for: Fire Extinguisher Goods and Services

Bidder's Certification: This is to certify that it is our intent to furnish equipment, materials, services, etc. in absolute compliance with the bid specification except where expressly noted below.

Instructions: The following is a list of exceptions to the bidding documents and/or specifications pertaining to the furnishing of Fire Extinguisher Goods And Services. Bidders shall identify each exception by specification page and paragraph number on this form. The omission of exception assumes complete compliance with the Specifications. **Also include on this form any additional costs, minimum charges, etc.**

<u>Page/Paragraph #</u>	<u>Exception/Variation</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Firm Represented: _____

Typed Name: _____

Authorized Signature of Certification: _____

Date: _____

SECTION III

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SERVICES OR THE PURCHASE OF

APPARATUS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT

NOT SUBJECT TO A FORMAL BID

These Terms and Conditions, made and entered into on this purchase order date and between GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, with one of its principal offices and places of business at 401 S. Greene Street, Post Office Box 1847, Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina 27835-1847, hereinafter referred to as "GUC" and the vendor as identified on the purchase order, hereinafter referred to as "PROVIDER";

1.0 TAXES

No taxes shall be included in any bid prices. GUC is exempt from Federal Excise Tax. GUC is not exempt from North Carolina state sales and use tax or, if applicable, Pitt County sales and use tax. Such taxes shall be shown as a separate item on the invoice.

2.0 INVOICES

It is understood and agreed that orders will be shipped at the established contract prices and quantities in effect on dates orders are placed. Invoicing at variance with this provision may subject the contract to cancellation. Applicable North Carolina sales tax shall be invoiced as a separate line item. All invoices must bear the GUC purchase order number. Mail all invoices to Greenville Utilities Commission, Finance Department, P. O. Box 1847, Greenville, NC 27835-1847.

3.0 PAYMENT TERMS

Payments for apparatus, supplies, materials, equipment or services will be made after the receipt and acceptance and after submission of a proper invoice. GUC's normal payment policy is thirty (30) days. GUC will not be responsible for any goods delivered without a purchase order having been issued. Payment will be made in U. S. currency only.

4.0 CONDITION AND PACKAGING

It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped shall be new and in first class condition, that all containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and that prices include standard commercial packaging.

5.0 SPECIFICATIONS

Any deviation from specifications must be clearly pointed out, otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with specifications, and the Provider will be held responsible. Deviations must be explained in detail. **The Provider shall not construe this paragraph as inviting deviation or implying that any deviation will be acceptable.**

6.0 AWARD OF CONTRACT

All purchases will be based on the lowest responsible, responsive offer that is most advantageous to GUC as determined upon consideration of such factors as prices offered, the quality of the article(s) offered, the general reputation and performance capabilities of the Provider, substantial conformity with the specifications the suitability of the article(s) for the intended use, the related materials needed, the date(s) of delivery and performance, and such other factors deemed by GUC to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question.

Acceptance of the order includes acceptance of all terms, conditions, prices, delivery instructions, and specifications as shown on this set of Terms and Conditions and in this order or attached to and made a part of this order.

The conditions of this order cannot be modified except by written amendment in the form of "Amended Purchase Order," which has been approved by GUC's Buyer II.

In the event of a Provider's failure to deliver or perform as specified, GUC reserves the right to cancel the order or any part thereof, without prejudice to GUC's other rights. The Provider agrees that GUC may return part of or all of any shipment at Provider's expense. GUC may charge the Provider with all reasonable expenses resulting from such failure to deliver or perform.

7.0 MEDIATION/BINDING ARBITRATION

In the event of any dispute between the Parties, the Parties agree to submit any dispute to non-binding 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.

8.0 GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS

In the event any Governmental restrictions may be imposed which would necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship, or performance of the items offered on this bid prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the successful Provider to notify the GUC Buyer II, at once, indicating in its letter the specific regulation which required such alterations. GUC reserves the right to accept any such alterations, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or, in the sole discretion of GUC, to cancel the contract.

9.0 INSURANCE

9.1 **Coverage** – The Provider at its sole cost and expense shall provide commercial insurance of such type and with the following coverage and limits:

9.1.1 **Worker’s Compensation** – The Provider shall provide and maintain Worker’s Compensation Insurance, as required by the laws of North Carolina, as well as employer’s liability coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 each accident, covering all Provider’s employees who are engaged in any work under the contract. If any work is sublet, the Provider shall require the subcontractor to provide the same coverage for any of its employees engaged in any work under the contract.

9.1.2 **General Liability** – Commercial Liability Coverage written on an “occurrence” basis in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

9.1.3 **Automobile** – Automobile Liability Insurance, to include coverage for all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in connection with the contract with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per accident.

9.2 **Requirements** - Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Provider. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized to do business in North Carolina by the Commissioner of Insurance. The Provider shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies and all requirements of the insurer under any of such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or this contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the Provider shall not be interpreted as limiting the Provider’s liability and obligations under the contract. It is agreed that the coverage as stated shall not be canceled or changed until thirty (30) days after written notice of such termination or alteration has been sent by registered mail to GUC’s Buyer II. Any waiver of insurance must be approved by the Buyer II.

Waiver approved:

_____ Buyer II

10.0 PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The Provider shall hold and save GUC, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from liability of any kind, including costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, on account of any copyrighted articles or any patented or unpatented invention, device or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of this contract.

11.0 PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNITY

The Provider will defend or settle, at its own expense, any action brought against GUC to the extent that it is based on a claim that the product(s) provided pursuant to this agreement infringe any U.S. copyright or patent; and will pay those costs, damages, and attorney fees finally awarded against GUC in any such action attributable to any such claim, but such defense, settlements, and payments are conditioned on the following: (1) that Provider shall be notified promptly in writing by GUC of any such claim; (2) that Provider shall have sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and of all negotiations for its settlement or compromise; (3) that GUC shall cooperate with Provider in a reasonable way to facilitate the settlement of defense of such claim; (4) that such claim does not arise from GUC modifications not authorized by the Provider or from the use of combination of products provided by the Provider with products provided by GUC or by others; and (5) should such product(s) become, or in the Provider's opinion likely to become, the subject of such claim of infringement, then GUC shall permit Provider, at Provider's option and expense, either to procure for GUC the right to continue using the product(s), or replace or modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing and performs in a substantially similar manner to the original product.

12.0 ASSIGNMENT

No assignment of the Provider's obligations or the Provider's right to receive payment hereunder shall be permitted without the express written consent of GUC, provided however, upon written request approved by the GUC Buyer II, solely as a convenience to the Provider, GUC may:

- Forward the Provider's payment check directly to any person or entity designated by the Provider, and
- Include any person or entity designated by Provider as a joint payee on the Provider's payment check.
- In no event shall such approval and action obligate GUC to anyone other than the Provider, and the Provider shall remain responsible for fulfillment of all contract obligations.

13.0 ACCESS TO PERSON AND RECORDS

GUC shall have reasonable access to persons and records of Provider as a result of all contracts entered into by GUC.

14.0 INSPECTION AT BIDDER'S SITE

GUC reserves the right to inspect, at a reasonable time, the item, plant, or other facilities of a prospective Provider prior to contract award and during the contract term as necessary for GUC's determination that such item, plant, or other facilities conform with the

specifications/requirements and are adequate and suitable for the proper and effective performance of the contract. Provider may limit GUC's access to restricted areas.

15.0 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Any and all payments of compensation of this specific transaction and any continuation or any renewal or extension are dependent upon and subject to the allocation of GUC funds for the purpose set forth in this Agreement.

16.0 GOVERNING LAWS

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

17.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Quotes, bids, proposals, and awards are subject to applicable provisions of the North Carolina Statutes, Rules, Regulations, or Administrative Codes.

18.0 CLARIFICATIONS/INTERPRETATIONS

Any and all questions regarding these Terms and Conditions must be addressed to the GUC Buyer II. Do not contact the user directly. **These Terms and Conditions are a complete statement of the parties' agreement and may only be modified in writing signed by Provider and GUC's Buyer II.**

19.0 SITUS

The place of all contracts, transactions, agreements, their situs and forum, shall be North Carolina, where all matters, whether in contract or tort, relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement shall be determined.

20.0 TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

GUC or Provider may terminate this Agreement for just cause at any time. Provider will be paid for all labor and expenses incurred as of the termination date. Just cause shall be based on reasonable grounds, and there must be a fair and honest cause or reason for such action. The causes for termination, include, but are not limited to: (1) Provider's failure to comply with the services in this agreement, (2) Provider's failure to perform in accordance with this Agreement, (3) Provider's disregard of laws and regulations related to this Agreement, (4) Provider's violation of the provisions of the Agreement, (5) Provider's failure to perform in accordance with all project requirements, or (6) Provider's failure to work in accordance with GUC's policies and/or procedures.

21.0 DELIVERY

Time is of the essence with respect to all deliveries under this Agreement. Delivery of all equipment, materials, or supplies shall be made Free on Board (FOB) GUC Warehouse, 801 Mumford Road, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, unless otherwise specified. The agreed price for such equipment, materials, or supplies shall include all costs of delivery and ownership, and risks of loss shall not be transferred from Provider to GUC until express written acceptance of delivery and inspection by GUC. Delivery hours are between 8:00 AM

and 4:30 PM Monday-Friday only. **GUC's purchase order number is to be shown on the packing slip or any related documents.** GUC reserves the right to refuse or return any delivery with no purchase order number or which is damaged. GUC will not be charged a restocking fee for any delivery which is refused or returned.

22.0 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 Third Party claims, actions, costs, expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, judgments, or other damages resulting from injury to any person (including injury resulting in death), or damage (including loss or destruction) to third party tangible property arising out of the negligent 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 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 Provider in favor of Greenville Utilities Commission of the City of Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, and the City of Greenville, North Carolina, shall be provided by Provider.

23.0 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be considered in default in the performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that the performance of any such obligation is prevented or delayed by any cause, existing or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of such party. In any such event of force majeure, the parties shall advise each other of such event, and the parties shall negotiate an equitable adjustment to their respective obligations under this Agreement.

24.0 WARRANTY(IES)

The Provider hereby includes all warranties, whether expressed or implied.

25.0 INTEGRATED CONTRACT

These Terms and Conditions represent the entire contract between the Parties. No verbal or other written agreement(s) shall be held to vary the provisions of this Agreement.

26.0 CONTRACT PROVISIONS

Each of the provisions of these Terms and Conditions shall apply to the full extent permitted by law, and the invalidity in whole or in part of any provision shall not affect the remainder of such provision or any other provisions.

27.0 E-VERIFY

E-Verify - I understand that E-Verify is the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law in accordance with NCGS §64-25 et seq. I am aware of and in compliance with the

requirements of E-Verify and Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. To the best of my knowledge, any subcontractors employed by me as a part of this contract are in compliance with the requirements of E-Verify and Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

28.0 NOTICES

Notices to the Parties should be sent to the addresses specified on the first page of these Terms and Conditions.

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