

INVITATION FOR BID

The Henderson Water and Sewer Commission of the City of Henderson, Kentucky will receive sealed competitive bids at its office at 111 Fifth Street, Henderson, Kentucky 42420, until 1:30 p.m. (CDT), on the 15th day of July 2021 at which time the bids will be opened and considered for the purchase of the following:

DATA CENTER UPGRADES FOR THE HENDERSON WATER UTILITY Bid #2021-25

Specifications and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained from:

HWU website: <http://tinyurl.com/hwu-bids>

HWU Bobby Gish Administration Building: 111 Fifth Street, Henderson, KY 42420

Questions regarding the bid procedures should be directed to Kathy Manker, Purchasing Manager at 270-869-6609.

Questions regarding the bid specifications should be directed to Tim Fischbeck, Information Systems Manager at 270-869-6608

The Water and Sewer Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive informalities and/or technicalities in the bids. Conflicts of interest, gratuities and kickbacks as defined and provided for in K.R.S. 45A.455 are absolutely prohibited.

Clarifications and Addenda will be posted on the HWU procurement web site as listed above.

Bidders should submit their sealed bids by customary means, prior to the bid opening time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Bobby Gish Administration building 111 5th St. Henderson KY 42420. Fully COVID-19 vaccinated bidders may attend without face coverings, non-vaccinated bidders must wear a face covering per CDC guidelines.

SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS:

As used herein:

- a. The term "solicitation" includes the Invitation for Bid, Solicitation Instructions and Conditions, Bid Form and Technical Specifications, and any Clarifications or Addenda issued by the Owner.
- b. The term "offer" means "bid" or "proposal".
- c. The term "Vendor" shall mean the party responsible for furnishing submittals, equipment, accessories, controls, operation and maintenance manuals and training, startup services and warranting the equipment as required in this Invitation for Bids. Prior to award of contract, a potential Vendor may be referred to by the terms "Bidder" or "Offeror".
- d. The term "Owner" shall mean the Henderson Water Utility (HWU), 111 Fifth Street, Henderson, Kentucky, 42420.
- e. The term "Purchase Order" shall mean the document executed by the Vendor and the Owner.
- f. The term "Nonresident bidder" is defined by KRS 45A.494(3).
- g. The term "Resident bidder" is defined by KRS 45A.494(2).
- h. The term "Qualified bidder" means Kentucky Industries for the Blind, Incorporated; any nonprofit corporation that furthers the purposes of KRS Chapter 163; or a qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with severe disabilities as described in KRS 45A.465(3).

2. PREPARATION OF OFFERS

- a. Offerors shall examine the drawings, specifications, schedule, and all instructions. Failure to do so shall be at the offeror's risk.
- b. Offers shall set forth full, accurate, and complete information as required by the solicitation. Offers that contain an offeror's own special terms and conditions in conflict with the terms of the solicitation or state statutes and regulations may be rejected.
- c. Each offeror shall furnish the information required by the solicitation on the bid forms included herein. The offeror shall sign the solicitation in ink and type or print in ink his or her name, firm, address, telephone number, and date. Erasures or other changes shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the offer.
- d. Any explanation or statement which the offeror wishes to make concerning the bid shall be written separately and independently of the proposal or bid, attached to the bid form, and placed in the envelope with the bid. Any such statement or explanation must refer to the bid submitted and shall also be signed by the offeror.
- e. Unit price for each unit offered shall be shown and such price shall include packing and delivery to HWU unless otherwise specified within the Bid Form, and shall include startup and training services where specified in the Technical Specifications. Fuel Surcharges and any other miscellaneous charges should be included in the unit price. A total shall be entered in the amount column of the schedule for each item offered. In case of discrepancy between a unit price and extended price, the unit price shall govern.
- f. Cash discounts shall not be considered in making the award of the contract.

- g. Trade discounts shall be deducted by the vendor in calculating the unit price quoted, unless otherwise stated.
- h. Offers for supplies or services other than those specified shall not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation.
- i. If applicable, proposal shall include guaranteed time schedules for submission of shop drawings after award of the Purchase Order, and for shipment of equipment after receipt of approved shop drawings. The award of the Purchase Order will be based on the quoted price and an acceptable shop drawing and equipment delivery schedule.
- j. Time, if stated as a number of days, shall include Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. One day is 24 hours; One week is 7 days; One month is 28 days.

3. OFFEROR CLARIFICATION – REQUEST AND RESPONSE

Any explanation desired by an offeror regarding the meaning or interpretation of the solicitation drawings, specifications, etc., **shall be requested in writing to the HWU Purchasing Manager, not less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the bid opening date.** Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract shall not be binding. Any information given to a prospective vendor concerning a solicitation shall be furnished to all prospective vendors as an amendment or clarification of the solicitation, if such information is necessary to vendors in submitting offers on the solicitation, or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed vendors.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA TO SOLICITATIONS

Receipt of an addendum to a solicitation shall be acknowledged by the offeror. Such acknowledgement shall be received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt of offers. Verbal acknowledgement shall not be accepted. Failure to acknowledge addenda may cause the bid to be considered non-responsive.

5. PROTEST PROCEDURES

a. Protests prior to bid opening

Any protests, prior to bid opening must be submitted in writing and received by HWU at least seven (7) calendar days prior to bid opening. This seven (7) calendar day deadline may be waived by the HWU Purchasing Manager for good cause shown. The HWU Purchasing Manager will issue a response to the protest no later than five (5) calendar days after receipt of the protest. The response shall be in writing and set forth the reasons for the response.

Upon receipt of a protest, the HWU Purchasing Manager will immediately determine if the bid opening should be postponed. If the bid opening is postponed, HWU will notify all prospective bidders who have been furnished a copy of the specifications that a request for review has been received and that the bid opening is postponed. Upon issuance of its response to the protest, HWU will issue an appropriate addendum rescheduling the bid opening.

b. Protests after bid opening

Protests after bid opening will be considered only as to issues which were not apparent before bid opening. After bid opening no protests of specifications will be considered.

Any protest after bid opening, including a protest of contract award, must be submitted in writing and received by HWU within five (5) calendar days of the action being protested. No other form of protest will be considered. After the time for protest of contract award has expired, these protest procedures will be considered to be inapplicable, and any disputes will be resolved by HWU under contract provisions or other remedies, if available.

Protests submitted to HWU shall:

- (a) Include the name and address of the protestor.
- (b) Identify clearly the procurement under which the protest is being submitted.
- (c) Identify the action being protested and provide sufficient detailed documentation to support the protest action.
- (d) Indicate the action, ruling or relief desired from HWU.

The HWU Purchasing Manager will review the protest and render a decision in writing within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the protest, setting forth reasons for his or her decision.

HWU is responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of the procurement, including protests, contract defaults, disputes or breaches. The decision of the HWU Purchasing Manager as to protests shall be final and conclusive, unless, within five (5) calendar days of the date a decision was rendered by the HWU Purchasing Manager, a written appeal of the same is submitted by the bidder to the Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners. Any appeal to the Board of Commissioners shall include:

- (a) A statement of the grounds for review and any supporting documentation.
- (b) A copy of the protest filed with HWU and a copy of the HWU Purchasing Manager's decision.

If the appeal is submitted prior to award of a contract, HWU will not award until the matter is resolved. If the contract has been awarded prior to the appeal, the contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the contract.

6. SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

- a. Offers and modifications thereof shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes and addressed to the office specified in the solicitation. The offeror shall show the opening hour and date specified in the solicitation, the solicitation number, and the name and address of the offeror on the face of the envelope(s).
- b. Telegraphic or facsimile offers shall not be considered unless authorized by the solicitation; however, offers may be modified by telegraphic or facsimile notice, if such notice is received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt. Telegraphic or facsimile modifications shall not mention unit prices or total price; but shall only refer to percentage change or numerical change (i.e., "reduce unit price of item 1 by \$1.00").

- c. Samples of items, if required, shall be submitted within the time specified, and not unless otherwise specified, at no expense to HWU. If not destroyed by testing, samples shall be returned at the offeror's request and expense, unless otherwise specified by the solicitation. Unless a request for their return is made within thirty (30) days of award of contract, all samples shall become property of HWU.

7. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS

Offers may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of offers. An offer may also be withdrawn in person by an offeror or his authorized representative, if his identity is made known and he signs a receipt for the offer, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of offers.

8. LATE OFFERS AND MODIFICATIONS

Offers and modifications of offers received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact hour and date specified for receipt shall not be considered for an award of contract, UNLESS:

- a. No bids are received other than the late bid; and
- b. The needs of HWU are determined to preclude the re-solicitation of bids.

9. MULTIPLE AND ALTERNATE BIDS

Bidders shall submit one response only to the solicitation and shall not propose more than one price, model, and brand for each bid item. Multiple or alternate bids offering more than one bid price in total (or by line-item) shall be cause for rejection unless specifically called for in special provisions provided elsewhere in the solicitation.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- a. It is the intent of HWU to award this contract to the vendor offering the lowest evaluated bid price for products which meet the specifications set forth in this document. Any and all anticipated costs for HWU to implement the project will be taken into consideration.
- b. HWU reserves the right to reject any offers and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received. The award of this contract will be contingent upon funds being appropriated for this purchase.
- c. The bidder, if awarded an order or contract, agrees to protect, defend, and save harmless the Henderson Water and Sewer Commission and the Henderson Water Utility against any demand for the use of any patented materials, process, article, or device, that may enter into the manufacture, construction, or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract and he further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Henderson Water and Sewer Commission and the Henderson Water Utility from suits or actions of every nature and description brought against it, for on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties, by or form any of the acts of the contractor, his servants, or agents.
- d. The awarded contract shall agree to offer the prices and the terms and conditions offered herein to any municipality, county or state government; public utility; non-profit hospital; educational institute; special governmental agency; and non-profit corporation performing governmental functions in Western Kentucky area who wish to participate in a cooperative

- purchase program with Henderson Water Utility. Other agencies will be responsible for entering into separate agreements with the Contract and for all payments thereunder.
- e. The bidder agrees to hold the proposed pricing for up to 60 days after bid proposal is opened.
 - f. A written award mailed (or otherwise furnished) to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer shall be deemed to result in a contract without further actions by either party.

11. METHOD OF AWARD: BEST VALUE - RANKING APPROACH

The Owner intends to award a Contract to the Contractor whose bid, conforming to the BID FORM, is the most advantageous on the basis of "best value" for all products, services, and requirements contained herein. An evaluation committee or a designated individual will evaluate the information provided by the Bidder in response to the established measurable criteria contained herein.

Measurable Criteria: Price 100 Points

TOTAL POINTS 100 Points

Each Bidder is responsible for submitting all relevant, factual and correct information with their Bid to enable the evaluator(s) to afford each Contractor the maximum score based on the available data submitted by the Contractor. The Contractor shall explicitly adhere to the BID FORM which contains adequate space for the Contractor's pricing.

Bid Price (100 Points)

The bidder with the lowest Bid Price receives the maximum score. The bidder with the next lowest Price receives points by dividing the lowest Price by the next lowest Price and multiplying that percentage by the available points. For Example, 100 points is allocated to the lowest Price criteria for this procurement, Bidder "A" bids \$3.00 as the lowest bidder and receives the maximum 100 points ($\$3.00 / \$3.00 = 1.00 \times 100 = 100$). Assume Bidder "B" is next lowest bidder at \$4.00, then "B" receives 75 points ($\$3.00 / \$4.00 = .75 \times 100 = 75$).

Best Value scoring is subject to Reciprocal preference for Kentucky resident bidders and Preferences for a Qualified Bidder or the Department of Corrections, Division of Prison Industries (KAR 200 5:410).

The Contractor is required to submit a complete copy of the "Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors, and Contractors Claiming Resident Bidder Status" attached to the BID FORM.

12. KENTUCKY / INDIANA SALES AND USE TAXES

Sales of tangible personal property or services to HWU are not subject to state sales or use taxes. Henderson Water Utility's Kentucky/Indiana sales tax exemption number will be provided to the successful bidder(s).

13. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS

Any contracts or orders placed as a result of the offer shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The rights and obligations of the parties thereto shall be determined in accordance with these laws. Any offer conditioned upon governance by the laws of a state other than Kentucky shall not be considered.

Conflicts of interest, gratuities and kickbacks as defined and provided for in KRS 45A.455 are absolutely prohibited. Bidder acknowledges and certifies by submission of his bid that all the provisions of KRS 45A.455 are complied with fully.

A City of Henderson business license is required for all vendors servicing accounts within the City of Henderson. Information regarding the business license can be obtained by calling the business license office at 270-831-1200. Vendors will be allowed ten (10) days after award of bid to submit a copy of their current business license to the Purchasing Manager (*Not required for this bid*).

14. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Gratuities and kickbacks – Use of confidential information (KRS 45A.455)

- a. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any employee with procurement authority to participate directly in any proceeding or application; request for ruling or other determination; claim or controversy; or other particular matter pertaining to any contract, or subcontract, and any solicitation or proposal therefore, in which to his knowledge:
 - i. He, or any member of his immediate family has a financial interest therein; or
 - ii. A business or organization in which he or any member of his immediate family has a financial interest as an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee, is a party; or
 - iii. Any other person, business, or organization with whom he or any member of his immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is a party. Direct or indirect participation shall include but not be limited to involvement through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or purchase standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity.
- b. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment, in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or purchase standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling or other determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any contract or subcontract and any solicitation or proposal therefore.
- c. It is a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.
- d. The prohibition against conflicts of interest and gratuities and kickbacks shall be conspicuously set forth in every local public agency written contract and solicitation therefore.
- e. It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any public employee or former employee knowingly to use confidential information for his actual or anticipated personal gain, or the actual or anticipated personal gain of any other person.

15. CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

During the period of the contract, no modification shall be permitted in any of its conditions and specifications unless the contractor receives written approval from the Purchasing Manager.

If the contractor finds at any time that existing conditions make modification in requirements necessary, he shall promptly report such matter to the Purchasing Manager for consideration and decision. All contract modifications shall be subject to the provisions of 200 KAR 5:311.

16. ADDITIONAL CHARGES/FEEES

The bid price of the product is the complete product price. There will be no fuel surcharges, delivery fees, handling fees, container return fees, or any other fees/charges associated with the purchase, installation or delivery of products.

17. SELLER'S INVOICES

Invoices shall be prepared and transmitted via email to invoices@hkywater.org. Invoices shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: Purchase Order number, Bill of Lading number, delivery location, and an appropriate weight ticket, where applicable.

HWU is a municipality and invoices are processed for payment not less than once per month. Terms are net 30 after receipt of invoice.

18. PRECEDENCE OF PROVISIONS

In the event of an inconsistency between provisions of the solicitation, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) Addenda, if issued; (b) Solicitation Instructions and Conditions; (c) General Conditions; (d) other provisions of the contract, whether incorporated by reference or otherwise; and, e) the Technical Specifications.

19. NONDISCRIMINATION

Civil Rights Act of 1964: In accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the regulations of the Federal Department of Transportation (49 CFR, part 21) issued pursuant to such Act, all bidders are hereby notified that HWU will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the responsible bidder with the lowest evaluated bid without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, gender, or age.

Americans with Disabilities Act: In accordance with the provisions of The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) which specifically prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities, all bidders are hereby notified that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement shall include a clause that specifically requires compliance with the ADA and prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. The ADA further requires that all new construction, reconstruction, and alterations to existing pedestrian facilities be constructed in accordance with Federal accessibility standards.

20. INSURANCE

Contractors, including all Subcontractors, furnishing labor, and/or equipment under this requirement shall carry the following insurance in addition to all insurance required by law. Valid certificates of insurance shall be furnished to the Owner prior to the Contractor causing any work to begin.

A. Workman's Compensation	Statutory
B. Broad Form Comprehensive General Liability including coverage for Bodily Injury, Personal Injury, Products, Completed Operations, and Broad Form Property Damage, (No deductible clauses are acceptable for these coverages), and Independent Contractors (Subcontractors)	Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence \$2,000,000 aggregate Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
C. Comprehensive Automobile Liability, including Hired Car and Employer's Non-Ownership Liability Coverage.	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
D. Endorsement naming as additional insured "The Henderson Water and Sewer Commission, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, boards, consultants, assigns, volunteers and successors in interest."	
E. Endorsement that Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects HWU. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by HWU shall be separate from Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.	
F. Certificates of insurance, issued by companies authorized to do business in the state of Kentucky, satisfactory in form to the HWU and signed by the Bidder's insurer shall be supplied by Bidder to HWU evidencing that the above insurance is in force and that not less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice will be given to the HWU prior to any cancellation or restrictive modification of the policies. Bidder shall replace any cancelled policy within the thirty (30) day notice period so that there is no lapse in coverage at any time during the period covered by this contract.	

The insurance shall:

- a) Include the interests of the Owner, Contractor, Subcontractor, Engineer, Engineer's consultants and any other individuals, and the officers, directors, partners, employees, agents and other consultants and subcontractors of any of them each of whom is deemed to have an insurable interest and shall be listed as an insured or additional insured.
- b) Be written on a Builder's Risk "all-risk" or open peril or special causes of loss policy form that shall at least include insurance for physical loss and damage to the work, temporary buildings, falsework, and materials and equipment in transit and shall insure against at least the following perils or causes of loss: fire, lightning, extended coverage, theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, earthquake, collapse, debris removal, demolition occasioned by enforcement of Laws and Regulations, water damage, and such other perils or causes of loss.
- c) **Remain in effect for the duration of the contract and warranty period.**

BID FORM

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION: Data Center Upgrades
Henderson Water Utility
Ref# 2021-25

THIS BID SUBMITTED TO: Henderson Water Utility
111 Fifth Street
Henderson, KY 42420

CONTACT INFORMATION: All questions regarding this bid solicitation should be directed to the Purchasing Manager as per item #3 in the Solicitation Instructions and Conditions.

DATE REFERENCES: Last day for bid clarifications: July 12, 2021
Bid Closing: July 15, 2021 1:30 p.m.

1. The undersigned BIDDER proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to furnish equipment as specified or indicated in the Bid Documents and Technical Specifications for the Bid Price(s) and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bid Documents and Technical Specifications.
2. BIDDER accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid and the Bid Documents and Specifications. This bid will remain subject to acceptance for sixty days after the day of bid closing.
3. In submitting this Bid, BIDDER represents, as more fully set forth in the Agreement that:
 - a. BIDDER has examined copies of all the Bidding Documents and of the following addenda (receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged):

DATE	NUMBER

- b. BIDDER has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Bid Documents and Technical Specifications, and all conditions, laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, or furnishing the equipment required.
 - c. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over the PURCHASER. Bidder acknowledges and certifies by submission of his bid that all the provisions and statutes of KRS 45a.465 are complied with fully.

- d. Specify a unit price in figures for each bid item for which a quantity is given and show the products of the respective unit prices and quantities written in figures in the column provided for that purpose. Round the products by dropping all digits past the cent. Write in ink or type all figures.
- e. Bid Proposals will be considered irregular and will be rejected when the bidder either:
 - i) omits both a unit price for any pay item and an amount for the entire quantity of the same pay item; or
 - ii) submits zero as a unit price for any pay item or as an amount for the entire quantity of the same pay item.

**Bid Pricing Form
Data Center Upgrades
Pricing to be held for 60 days after submittal is opened**

Bidder's Company Name	
Equipment Brand/Model/Year	
Equipment cost with required (minimum) specifications	
Total Price	

Vendor shall include specification sheets for the exact items they are proposing.

The Total Price should include all equipment shipping and handling charges and delivery of completed item to HWU, 111 Fifth Street, Henderson KY 42420

Price shall include a minimum warranty of 12 months after delivery on all parts. It will be the bidder's responsibility to ensure all equipment is properly registered with the manufacture to ensure warranty is active.

SIGNATURE PAGE

Non-Collusive Bid Statement: The undersigned bidder, having fully informed himself regarding the accuracy of the statements made herein, certifies that: (1) The bid has been arrived at by the bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion with and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition, and (2) The contents of the bid have not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not any employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid, and will not be communicate by any such person prior to the official opening of the bid.

Signature of Authorized Official

Name and Title (printed)

Legal Name of Business

Address

Address

Telephone Number

Date

Affix seal below if bid is by corporation.

This seal was herewith affixed in the presence of:

Signature _____ Title _____

**REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR BIDDERS, OFFERORS AND CONTRACTORS
CLAIMING QUALIFIED BIDDER STATUS**

FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS IN GENERAL:

I. The bidder or offeror swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that the entity bidding, and all subcontractors therein, meets the requirements to be considered a “qualified bidder” in accordance with 200 KAR 5:410(3); and will continue to comply with such requirements for the duration of any contract awarded. Please identify below the particular “qualified bidder” status claimed by the bidding entity.

_____ A nonprofit corporation that furthers the purposes of KRS Chapter 163

_____ Per KRS 45A.465 (3), a “Qualified nonprofit agency for individuals with severe disabilities” means an organization that:

- (a) Is organized and operated in the interest of individuals with severe disabilities; and
- (b) Complies with any applicable occupational health and safety law of the United States and the Commonwealth; and
- (c) In the manufacture or provision of products or services listed or purchased under KRS 45A.470, during the fiscal year employs individuals with severe disabilities for not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the man hours of direct labor required for the manufacture or provision of the products or services; and
- (d) Is registered and in good standing as a nonprofit organization with the Secretary of State.

The BIDDING AGENCY reserves the right to request documentation supporting a bidder’s claim of qualified bidder status. Failure to provide such documentation upon request may result in disqualification of the bidder or contract termination.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Company Name

Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires

[Seal of Notary}

Check this box if not claiming Qualified Bidder Status

**REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR BIDDERS, OFFERORS AND CONTRACTORS
CLAIMING RESIDENT BIDDER STATUS**

FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS IN GENERAL:

The bidder or offeror hereby swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that, in accordance with KRS 45A.494(2), the entity bidding is an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity that, on the date the contract is first advertised or announced as available for bidding:

1. Is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth;
2. Has for one year prior to and through the date of advertisement
 - a. Filed Kentucky corporate income taxes;
 - b. Made payments to the Kentucky unemployment insurance fund established in KRS 341.49; and
 - c. Maintained a Kentucky workers' compensation policy in effect.

The BIDDING AGENCY reserves the right to request documentation supporting a bidder's claim of resident bidder status. Failure to provide such documentation upon request shall result in disqualification of the bidder or contract termination.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Company Name

Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires

[Seal of Notary}

Check this box if not claiming Resident Bidder Status

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Data Center Upgrades

1. SCOPE OF WORK

HWU's data center currently consists of 2 Dell PowerEdge R640 hosts running ESXi 6.7.0 and 1 Dell PowerEdge R20 host running ESXi 6.5.0. There are 23 active virtual machines. There are two (2) Dell Compellent SC8000 controllers, one (1) Dell Compellent SC220 storage shelf with 6ea 960 GB SSDs, and one (1) Dell Compellent SC220 storage shelf with 12ea 4 TB SAS HDDs. Total usable disk space across all servers is 48.9 TB. We currently have 19.1 TB of unallocated space. Application servers include SQL Servers and Exchange Servers. Backup procedure uses a Veeam backup software.

Below are listed the minimum specifications for the equipment as well as optional equipment which may be ordered. It is HWU's intention to award this bid within 60 days of bid opening.

- Project Objectives
 - All equipment must be brand new and the latest model
 - A very highly available platform must be bid. Most applications are 24x7. There must be minimal single points of failure and the ability to continue functioning with acceptable performance in the event of a single or multiple simultaneous failure. In the event of failure, HWU expects failed components(s) to be replaced and online within four (4) hours.
 - Successful bidder shall be a manufacturer authorized Dell and Juniper Networks reseller.
 - Improves storage array bandwidth and throughput QOS via the utilization of NVME drives with active in-line 4x compression that will improve current performance SLAs for our high visible and critical applications.
 - Offer multiple protocol support to leverage 10GbE iSCSI and connectivity to data center Ethernet network.
 - Provide storage capacity efficiency to meet current requirements and future growth so that we may realize future cost savings advantage and delay future capacity procurements.
 - Provide a plugin for virtualization platforms so that traditional storage administration tasks can be accomplished by server administrators via their current virtualization framework (VMWare Virtual Center)
 - HWU requires a storage system(s) that can be upgraded online without risk. Scheduled maintenance can be performed non-disruptively from both availability and performance perspectives. In addition to the extent possible, the system should allow the addition of system resources (disks, adapters, etc.) and software upgrades online with no disruption of service.

- Storage space must be configured to allow for ample space to store end-user data after the array has been fully configured. In addition, we anticipate storage usage to expand by up to 10% on a yearly basis.
- Proposals shall include all costs, including delivery. Within one week of delivery, vendor shall have a qualified technician on-site to install the equipment and configure for full operation.
- Payment will be made to the vendor after on-site installation, configuration, and any delivery punch-list is completed.

REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS

SAN Hardware (NO "OR EQUAL" ALLOWED)		
Qty	Part Number	Description
1	210-AXXJ	POWERSTORE 500T CUSTOMER RACK
1	370-AFXQ	192GB APPLIANCE DIMM 96GB PER NODE
1	379-BEIQ	THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING DELL EMC
1	528-BTZK	POWERSTORE BASE SW
1	406-BBOO	25GBE OPTICAL 4 PORT CARD PAIR
1	450-AKHN	LOW LINE POWER SUPPLY RT PAIR
1	343-BBMR	BASE UNIT CONFIG KIT
1	709-BCFM	PARTS ONLY WARRANTY 12 MONTHS
1	865-BBYK	PROSUPPORT AND NEXT BUSINESS DAY ONSITE SERVICE EXTENSION, 24 MONTH(S)
1	865-BBYL	PROSUPPORT AND NEXT BUSINESS DAY ONSITE SERVICE INITIAL, 12 MONTH(S)
1	900-9997	ON-SITE INSTALLATION DECLINED
1	332-1286	US ORDER
7	400-BGGI	P1 25X2.5 NVME SED SSD 1.92TB
1	565-BBJN	10GBASE-T 4 PORT IO MODULE PAIR
1	450-AIOH	C19 PWRCORD PAIR NEMA5-15 125V 10A 2METR
1	210-ATXO	APPSYNC FOR POWERSTORE
1	900-9997	ON-SITE INSTALLATION DECLINED
1	828-5761	PROSUPPORT NEXT BUSINESS DAY APPSYNC STARTER PACK SOFTWARE SUPPORT CONTRACT 3 YEARS
1	528-BYHF	APPSYNC STR PK FOR POWERSTORE=CB
1	828-5717	PROSUPPORT NEXT BUSINESS DAY APPSYNC STARTER PACK SOFTWARE SUPPORT MAINTENANCE 3 YEARS
Switches		
2		Juniper EX4300-48MP
Services		
1		Onsite installation and configuration by a qualified technician

WARRANTY

Vendor shall include a minimum of one-year warranty (after delivery to HWU) on all components. The bid submittal should include manufacturer's warranties for applicable components. It will be the bidder's responsibility to fulfill these warranty obligations.