



James City County

Invitation for Bid 2023904

JCSA FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

DATE: March 27, 2023

ADDENDUM NO. 1

The following changes presented herein are in connection with the above-referenced project and be governed accordingly. The prospective Bidders shall acknowledge on the Bid Form the receipt of this Addendum. This addendum is hereby made a part of the Contract Documents of which the contract will be based and is issued to modify, explain, and/or correct the original Contract Documents. All Bidders shall include any cost impact as a result of this Addendum in their bids.

Please contact Caprice White, email: caprice.white@jamescitycountyva.gov, if you have any questions regarding this Addendum.

The above referenced IFB is hereby amended and clarified as follows:

MODIFICATION

Due Date change to **April 5, 2023** no later than 2:00pm local time, electronically to Demandstar.

CLARIFICATION

Clarification to Section XIII, N, Warranty: Hydrants that are sandblasted and painted shall be provided with a one-year warranty on the painting. JCSA does not require a painting warranty on the hydrants that are painted only.

Clarification to Section V, Performance Specification #6: Hydrant body to be painted red, nozzle caps and bonnet to be painted white.

Clarification to Section V, Sandblasting and Painting #2: Surface preparation for sandblasting of hydrants shall be to SSPC-SP10 near white metal standard.

QUESTIONS

1. Are the sandblasted hydrants in the same area? Is it possible to get a map of the sandblasted hydrants?

JCSA does not have the exact locations of the hydrants to be sandblasted. JCSA will make an attempt to group the hydrants together so that the Contractor can work on as many as possible in a single location.

2. Is it possible to use gallons of industrial enamel paint?

Yes, JCSA will accept brush painting instead of spray painting as long as they are the specified manufacturer and colors.

3. In the inspection procedures it said to locate the hydrant branch valve with the information on the Inspection ticket. Could we see a copy of a filled out inspection report ticket?

No.

4. Is there a start up date?

Once the contract is signed, the Contractor will have one year to complete the work.

5. Were the hydrants all painted on last years Inspections?

No, approximately 1/3 of the hydrants were painted. JCSA will provide a database file to the Contractor showing which hydrants were painted during the previous cycle and which will be painted in the upcoming year.

6. Licenses are mentioned in a few locations of the specification. Please state which licenses will be required by James City County for this contract.

Contractor to be licensed to do work in the Commonwealth of Virginia and James City County Additional questions should be directed to the Commissioner of Revenue.

7. Attendance for “Training” will be required by James City County (pp 7, item #3). What training will be required of the contractor and all inspectors and how long will training last? If a separate painting crew will be utilized, will the painters be required to attend the sessions??

All staff working on JCSA hydrants will be required to attend the training. The training takes approximately one hour and will be coordinated with JCSA Water Distribution

8. Bonding is mentioned in a few locations in the specifications. Please state what bonding will be required for this project and the conditions of the required bonding.

Bonding is not applicable for this project.

9. Are all 2,800+ hydrants to be inspected and operated in one year?

Yes, refer to Attachment E – Bid Price Form.

10. How many hydrants per year are to be painted? How will it be determined which hydrants will be painted?

Refer to Attachment E – Bid Price Form. Approximately 800 hydrants to be painted, 200 hydrants to be sandblasted and painted. This number may change based on need as maintenance program progresses.

11. Page 8 (8 of 62) Par. 6, line (a) Primer – product requested (b) Paint - product requested. Things are written differently on other pages in regards to the type of paint/coating required. Which one is correct?

Both sections reference the same paint and colors that are to be used.

12. Refer to page 10 (10 of 62) **Sandblasting and Painting** See *below under Sandblasting and Painting section, Page 10, Questions*. Will James City County accept a Rustoleum product created specifically for hydrant painting? *Rustoleum V7400 series was developed with Hydrant Painting in mind, this V7400 series is superior to spray can products, mil thickness can be control with conventional spray gun method. Control of consistent color tones...different batches can have slight visible color appearance...ALL coatings should come from the same production batch, assuring consistent color tones.*

JCSA is not familiar with this product, however, if it a Rustoleum product and matches the specified colors than JCSA is willing to consider.

13. Par. 6, line(b) Paint – What is being painted, what colors? The color Red is being painted on what? The color is white being painted on what? There is no clarification throughout the rest of the document as to what gets painted what. *We require knowing what is getting painted what color (i.e.; caps, bonnets, body, Op Nut?) This determines quantity of coatings needed in what colors, plus the preparation and labor side for protecting premier colors and secondary colors from over spray on each color.*

The nozzle caps and bonnet to be painted white, body to be red.

14. **Page 10** (10 of 62) Par. 19. Does James City County expect a warranty for the painting process? *Most painters will not be able to warranty this process as stated in the current specification, nor will most paint manufacturers. Any failure of the underlying paint covered over, voids any warranty. Best practice, is to do a minimum of a brush blast SSPS-SP-7 on the ones they wish to avoid the cost of a full blast off. Then a 1 year warranty could be offered. Without consistent prep work there will be a high percentage of coatings failure.*

Refer to Section XIII for Warranty requirements. Hydrants that are sandblasted should have a one year warranty on paint. JCSA would not require a warranty on the hydrants that are paint only.

15. Par. 1 says, “slag abrasive” Par. 2 says “crushed glass”...can either be used? Glass bead and Slag are not the same. What is the equivalent to, Glass or Slag or will the County except either or? *Slag does a better job on giving a clean profile, and is the original “Green” product.*

JCSA will rely on the Contractor to provide a recommendation and price based on best practices.

16. Par. 2 What SSPC profile is being asked for? *The description leans toward near white profile (SSPC-SP-10), then it mentions wire brushing, which would lean towards a commercial blast profile touching up around the ports...why not just request the SSP-SP10 / near white profile and avoid wire brushing and confusion on what's acceptable. It appears the County would like a near white profile but it is not clear. The County may want to clarify with an addendum.*

JCSA agrees that SSP-SP10 near white profile is appropriate.

17. Par. 3 - Painting (a) This asks for paint specs., yet lines (b)& (c) spells out the paint requested... so which one is the County going by?

Contractor to submit manufacturer's information to JCSA can confirm they are using the desired paint.

18. Line (c) according to this line, the painter is to apply a prime coat, then to have a Top-Coat of Red and white followed by a (d) second top coat...what color is the second top coat? It is not clear. Is the white a secondary color for the Caps/Bonnets/Both/ or is this for the body and the red is for the Caps/Bonnets/Both? **Also covered above for some clarification.**

Body to be painted red, nozzle caps and bonnets to be white.

19. **Page 11 Par (i)** Will JCSA provide the temporary signage for “Wet Paint” notices? If contractor is to supply signs, will JCSA provide a sign template to use, to avoid issues with “approval of signage to be used”?

The intention is for the Contractor to provide the signage. JCSA will work with the Contractor to provide a template with the information and logo.

20. **Can the paint crew mobilize for all the hydrants that are to be painted for one trip?** *This is to avoid multiple Mobilizations and Charges to JCSA for mobilizing several times.*

Yes, JCSA would prefer it this way as well.

This Addendum 1 is incorporated into the Proposal Documents and will be made part of the resulting contract. Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided in the proposal form section of the Invitation for Bid.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.