



City of Tacoma, WA

DEPARTMENT NAME

REQUEST FOR BIDS

RUBBER GOODS HIGH VOLTAGE TESTER

SPECIFICATION NO. PT24-0048N



**City of Tacoma
Transmission and Distribution**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS PT24-0048N
Rubber Goods High Voltage Tester**

Submittal Deadline: 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, October 30, 2024

Submittals must be received by the City’s Procurement and Payables Division by 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

For electronic submittals, the City of Tacoma will designate the time of receipt recorded by our email server, as the official time of receipt. This clock will be used as the official time of receipt of all parts of electronic bid submittals. Include the specification number in the subject line of your email. Your submittal must be sent as an attachment, links to your electronic submittal will not be accepted.

For in person submittals, the City of Tacoma will designate the time of receipt recorded by the timestamp located at the lobby security desk, as the official time of receipt. Include the specification number on the outside of the envelope. Late submittals will be returned unopened and rejected as non-responsive.

Submittal Delivery: Submittals will be received as follows:

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| <p>By Email: sendbid@cityoftacoma.org Maximum email size, including attachments: 35 MB. Multiple emails may be sent for each submittal.</p> <p>Note: Email may pass through multiple servers before arriving at its destination. Please allow sufficient time for email delivery of submittals. Timely electronic delivery is at the risk of the supplier.</p> | <p>In Person: Tacoma Public Utilities Administration Building North, Main Floor, Lobby Security Desk 3628 South 35th Street Tacoma, WA 98409 Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm</p> |
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Bid Opening: Submittals in response to a RFB will be opened at the time listed in the submittal deadline.

Solicitation Documents: An electronic copy of the complete solicitation documents may be viewed and obtained by accessing the City of Tacoma Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org.

- [Register for the Bid Holders List](#) to receive notices of addenda, questions and answers and related updates.
- Click here to see a [list of vendors registered for this solicitation](#).

Pre-Proposal Meeting: A pre-proposal meeting will be held virtually.

Project Scope: The Wire Shop High Voltage Rubber Goods test machine tests our personal protective equipment of rubber gloves, rubber blankets, line hose, etc.

Estimate: \$275,000

Paid Sick Leave: The City of Tacoma requires all employers to provide paid sick leave in accordance with Washington State law.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Information): The City of Tacoma, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. Specification materials can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the contact listed below in the *Additional Information* section.

Title VI Information: “The City of Tacoma” in accordance with provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. sections 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged

business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin in consideration of award.

Additional Information: Requests for information regarding the specifications may be obtained by contacting Aaron Bratton by email to abratton@cityoftacoma.org.

Protest Policy: City of Tacoma protest policy, located at www.tacomapurchasing.org, specifies procedures for protests submitted prior to and after submittal deadline.




Meeting sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities can be arranged with 48 hours advance notice by calling 253-502-8468.

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SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

This checklist identifies items to be included with your submittal. Any submittal received without these required items may be deemed non-responsive and not be considered for award. Submittals must be received by the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division by the date and time specified in the Request for Bids page.

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| <p>The following items make up your complete electronic submittal package (include all the items below):</p> |  |
| <p>Signature Page (Appendix B) To be filled in and executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the bidding entity. If the bidder is a subsidiary or doing business on behalf of another entity, so state, and provide the firm name under which business is hereby transacted.</p> | |
| <p>Price Proposal Form (Appendix B) The unit prices bid must be shown in the space provided. Check your computations for omissions and errors.</p> | |
| <p>After award, the following documents will be executed:</p> | |
| <p>Purchase Order</p> | |
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1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Please see Appendix A.

2. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS / GENERAL PROVISIONS

City of Tacoma [Standard Terms and Conditions](#) apply.

3. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The City of Tacoma (City) / Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) is soliciting bids to establish one or more contracts with qualified vendors to fulfill the City's needs for the testing of electrical personal protective rubber gloves, rubber blankets and other rubber dielectric pieces of PPE. Contract(s) will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder(s) based on price, product quality and availability.

4. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This is a tentative schedule only and may be altered at the sole discretion of the City.

The anticipated schedule of events concerning this RFB is as follows:

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| Pre-Bid Meeting: | 10/9/2024 |
| Approved Equivalent Deadline: | 10/16/2024 |
| Question Deadline: | 10/16/2024 |
| City response to Questions: | 10/18/2024 |
| Submittal Due Date: | 10/30/2024 |
| Anticipated Award Date, on or about: | November 2024 |

5. INQUIRIES

- 5.1 Questions can be submitted to Aaron Bratton, Senior Buyer, via email to Abratton@cityoftacoma.org. Subject line to read:
PT24-0048N – Rubber Goods High Voltage Tester – *VENDOR NAME*
- 5.2 Questions are due by 3 pm on the date included in the Calendar of Events section.
- 5.3 Questions marked confidential will not be answered or included.
- 5.4 The City reserves the discretion to group similar questions to provide a single answer or not to respond when the requested information is confidential.
- 5.5 The answers are not typically considered an addendum.
- 5.6 The City will not be responsible for unsuccessful submittal of questions.

5.7 Written answers to questions will be posted alongside these specifications at www.tacomapurchasing.org.

6. PRE-BID MEETING

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the date and time specified in the calendar of events,

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 249 240 751 963

Passcode: eQJd6g

Dial in by phone

[+1 253-666-4424](tel:+12536664424), [601384946#](tel:+1601384946) United States, Tacoma

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 601 384 946#

7. DISCLAIMER

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by the Respondent for the preparation of materials or a proposal submitted in response to this RFB, for conducting any presentations to the City, or any other activities related to responding to this RFB, or to any subsequent requirements of the contract negotiation process.

8. RESPONSIVENESS

Bid submittals must provide ninety (90) days for acceptance by City from the due date for receipt of submittals. All submittals will be reviewed by the City to determine compliance with the requirements and instructions specified in this RFB. The Respondent is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of this RFB may result in rejection of the submittal as non-responsive. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive irregularities deemed immaterial. The City also reserves the right to not award a contract or to issue subsequent RFB's

9. AWARD

Awardee shall be required to comply with 2 CFR part 25, and obtain a unique entity identifier and/or be registered in the federal System for Award Management as appropriate.

Award will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All bidders shall provide unit or lump sum pricing for each line item. Each line item will be added up for a subtotal price. The subtotal price will be compared amongst each bidder, including any payment discount terms offered twenty (20) days or more. The City may also take into consideration all other criteria for determining award, including evaluation factors set forth in Municipal Code Section 1.06.262.

All other elements or factors, whether or not specifically provided for in this specification, which would affect the final cost to and the benefits to be derived by the City will be considered in

determining the award of the contract. The final award decision will be based on the best interests of the City.

The City reserves the right to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid will be the most advantageous to the City, price and any other factors considered. In evaluating the proposals, the City may also consider any or all of the following:

1. Compliance with specification.
2. Proposal prices, listed separately if requested, as well as a lump sum total
3. Time of completion/delivery.
4. Warranty terms.
5. Bidder's responsibility based on, but not limited to:
 - a) Ability, capacity, organization, technical qualifications and skill to perform the contract or provide the services required.
 - b) References, judgment, experience, efficiency and stability.
 - c) Whether the contract can be performed within the time specified.
 - d) Quality of performance of previous contracts or services

10. DELIVERY

10.1 Delivery shall be to the City of Tacoma, 3628 S. 35th St., Tacoma, WA, 98409..

Each vendor will be required to submit a delivery timeline they can commit to. Purchase order delivery dates will reflect this timeline. In the event a purchase order deliver date is not met, the City reserves the right to purchase these products elsewhere if they are in a time constraint. If constant late deliveries occur, the City may terminate the contract.

10.2 Hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., excluding legal holidays, as referred to in the Standard Terms and Conditions or as otherwise approved by the City.

11. WARRANTY

Labor: Minimum three (3) year warranty.

Parts: Manufacturer's warranty or minimum one-year warranty whichever is greater.

Contractor shall arrive on-site at the Tacoma Public Utilities campus at 3628 S 35ht St. Tacoma, WA 98409 within 96 hours of notification for all warranty repairs during normal work hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Repairs shall include free pick-up and delivery. Repairs must be completed and vehicle returned within 48 hours of pick-up.

Contractor agrees to allow City to make minor warranty repairs where that is most cost effective and, if requested, contractor will credit City for cost of parts, but not labor.

Vendor will warrant goods according to the manufacturer's warranty guidelines. The start of the warranty commences once the goods are delivered and accepted by the City.

12. INSPECTION – If Applicable

All goods are subject to final inspection and acceptance by the City. If any inspection fails, the vendor shall be required to make arrangements to exchange the goods at their own expense and replace it in a timely manner acceptable to the City.

Material failing to meet the requirements of this contract will be held at Vendor's risk and may be returned to Vendor. If so returned, the cost of transportation, unpacking, inspection, repackaging, reshipping, or other like expenses are the responsibility of the Vendor.

13. APPROVED ITEM EQUIVALENT – If Applicable

A specific manufacturer for almost all line items has been listed in the Technical Specifications because this is the current manufacturer accepted. For those line items, which do not list a specific manufacturer, bidders shall provide the technical specifications for the manufacturer they are offering. The City may request, after the bid due date, a sample of that product for review and approval by the City. The City reserves all rights to be the sole judge as to whether any other manufacturer can meet or exceed the current specifications they use. Unless an item is indicated "No Substitute", approved equivalents shall be submitted by the date listed in the Calendar of Events section. Equivalents will be approved by Addendum to the solicitation.

14. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS

All products shall be new and unused. Any product that does not comply with any part of these technical specifications shall be rejected and the vendor shall, at its own expense, including shipping, replace the item.

15. MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish all materials necessary to perform contractual requirements. Materials and workmanship for this contract shall conform to all codes, regulations and requirements for such specifications contained herein and the normal uses for which intended. Material shall be manufactured in accordance with the best commercial practices and standards for this type of goods. All literature and products must be packaged and labeled to sell in the United States.

16. ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PROCUREMENT

In accordance with the [City's Sustainable Procurement Policy](#) and [Climate Action Plan](#), it is the policy of the City of Tacoma to encourage the use of products or services that help to minimize the environmental and human health impacts of City Operations. Respondents are encouraged to incorporate environmentally preferable products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, products, manufacturing, packaging, distribution reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product or service.

The City of Tacoma encourages the use of sustainability practices and desires any awarded contractor(s) to assist in efforts to address such factors when feasible for:

- Durability, reusability, or refillable
- Pollutant releases, especially persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs), low volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and air quality and stormwater impacts
- Toxicity of products used
- Greenhouse gas emissions, including transportation of products and services, and embodied carbon
- Recycled content
- Energy and water resource efficiency

17. LEAP REQUIREMENTS

This project has no LEAP requirements, however, the City of Tacoma is committed to equality in employment for WA-State approved Apprentices, City of Tacoma residents, residents of local economically distressed areas, youth, veterans, minorities, and women. Please contact the [LEAP Office](#) for assistance in locating qualified employees. Visit the [LEAP website](#) for more information.

18. EQUITY IN CONTRACTING

This project has no EIC requirements, however, the City of Tacoma is committed to encouraging firms certified through the [Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise](#) to participate in City contracting opportunities. See **TMC 1.07 Equity in Contracting Policy** at the City's [Equity in Contracting Program website](#).

APPENDIX A Technical Specifications

Technical Specifications

- Request the ability to test 8 – 10 pairs of personal protective rubber gloves
 - Including Class 00, 0, and 2.
- 4 Rubber Blanket Spots
- Request that individual rubber gloves that fail during testing are removed automatically while the test continues for the rest of the gloves under test.
- Asset tracking software
- Ability to test MAC jumpers
- Ergonomic advantage to limit amount of reach into the testing area for glove removal and insert.
- Potential credit or buy back of our existing test machine.

APPENDIX B Submittal Forms

Signature Page

Price Proposal Form

SIGNATURE PAGE

CITY OF TACOMA

Transmission & Distribution

All submittals must be in ink or typewritten, executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the bidding/proposing entity, and received and time stamped as directed in the **Request for Bids page near the beginning of the specification**. If the bidder/proposer is a subsidiary or doing business on behalf of another entity, so state, and provide the firm name under which business is hereby transacted.

**REQUEST FOR BIDS SPECIFICATION NO. PT24-0048N
RUBBER GOODS HIGH VOLTAGE TESTER**

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby agrees to execute the proposed contract and furnish all materials, labor, tools, equipment and all other facilities and services in accordance with these specifications.

The bidder/proposer agrees, by submitting a bid/proposal under these specifications, that in the event any litigation should arise concerning the submission of bids/proposals or the award of contract under this specification, Request for Bids, Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications, the venue of such action or litigation shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Pierce.

Non-Collusion Declaration

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that this bid/proposal is genuine and not a sham or collusive bid/proposal, or made in the interests or on behalf of any person or entity not herein named; and that said bidder/proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any contractor or supplier on the above work to put in a sham bid/proposal or any person or entity to refrain from submitting a bid/proposal; and that said bidder/proposer has not, in any manner, sought by collusion to secure to itself an advantage over any other contractor(s) or person(s).

Bidder/Proposer's Registered Name

Signature of Person Authorized to Enter Date
into Contracts for Bidder/Proposer

Address

Printed Name and Title

City, State, Zip

(Area Code) Telephone Number / Fax Number

Authorized Signatory E-Mail Address

State Business License Number
in WA, also known as UBI (Unified Business Identifier) Number

E.I.No. / Federal Social Security Number Used on Quarterly
Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Dept. Form 941

State Contractor's License Number
(See Ch. 18.27, R.C.W.)

E-Mail Address for Communications

Addendum acknowledgement #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH SUBMITTAL.

| Item Name | Quantity | Unit Price |
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| RUBBER GLOVE/SLEEVE, BLANKET, and HOSE & HOOD TESTER | 1 | |