

## Intent

The City of Charleston, on behalf of Traffic Engineering, is seeking qualified vendors to provide traffic marking paints per the State of West Virginia Specification requirements.

The details contained in the following specifications are not designed to exclude any manufacturer from bidding but are offered as a means of describing the needs of the City of Charleston. Where brand names are used, the words "or equal" are assumed to follow. All specifications are minimum requirements unless otherwise stated. Any deviations from the stated specifications must be described in detail. The merit of such deviations will be considered regarding the City of Charleston's intended use.

### DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

Quantity	Container Size	Color	Product	Specifications
1,980 Gallons	55 Gallon Drum	Yellow	Waterborne	WV Specifications
55 Gallons	55 Gallon Drum	Blue	Waterborne	WV Specifications
1595 Gallons	55 Gallon Drum	White	Waterborne, Unleaded	WV Specifications

**\*NOTE:** Due to storage restrictions of the buyer, delivery shall be made between April 1, 2025, and April 15, 2025. Order shall be comprised of one-time delivery.

- Bidder shall state on bid proposal form number of days allowed for delivery of equipment following date of firm order. Time is of the essence with regard to this project. Therefore, the completion date will be considered in deciding the successful bidder. The successful bidder will be held accountable to honor the delivery date. **\*\*\*\* Delivery of paint must occur between April 1, 2025 and April 15, 2025\*\*\*\***
- **Only one bid will be accepted from each vendor.**
- The materials will not be accepted by the City if all specifications and any other requirements have not been met. Return of the materials, if necessary, will be at the expense of the bidder.
- Any deviations from the bid specifications must be included on a separate sheet and attached to the bid form.
- Enclose with this bid proposal all manufacturer brochures, all warranty agreements on equipment proposed, a list of the company's stockholders, the city's Purchasing Affidavit and any other documents as required by the City and described in this document. Firms must acknowledge the City's protest process, attached herein, by submitting a signed copy with their bid proposal. **Firms may not be considered, at the City's discretion, if any of the listed enclosures are not included with the bid submission.**

- Per City Code, facsimile, telephonic or oral bids will not be accepted.
- Debarred vendors may not submit bids or be awarded contracts.
- The City of Charleston is exempt from state and local taxes.
- The City Council or the City Manager reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

## INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

- **Local Vendor Preference**

A local vendor may qualify for a competitive advantage applied to its bid when certain conditions are met. Such as, the vendor has marked on its bid submission that it is requesting to be considered a local vendor for bid evaluation purposes; the vendor provides documentation evidencing that it has the right to conduct business in the State of West Virginia; and the vendor submits an affidavit confirming that it has paid all applicable business taxes to the city or has a non-delinquent payment plan with the city and has had an active and current business and occupation tax account with the city collector during the entire preceding one-year period.

Competitive advantages shall be applied in the following manner:

- (1) A competitive advantage of 4% shall be applied to the local vendor's bid when, prior to applying the competitive advantage, the apparent lowest responsible bidder submits a bid that is greater than \$25,000 but does not exceed \$125,000.
- (2) The competitive advantage of \$5,000 shall be applied to the local vendor's bid when, prior to applying the competitive advantage, the apparent lowest responsible bidder submits a bid that is greater than \$125,000.

- **Business & Occupation Tax**

The City of Charleston broadly imposes a Business & Occupation Privilege Tax for the act or privilege of engaging in business activities within the City of Charleston. Business & Occupation Tax is measured by the application of rates against gross receipts or gross income of the business. All business activities are classified, and the classifications are significant in as much as the tax liability varies based on the different rates established for the specific types of business activities.

Individuals or businesses who do not have a physical location or office located in the City of Charleston are also subject to Business & Occupation Tax if they: 1) lease tangible personal property to lessees in Charleston, or 2) perform construction or installation contracts in Charleston or 3) render services in Charleston. Additionally, anyone who sells and/or delivers goods or products in Charleston may also be subject to Business & Occupation Tax.

Business & Occupation Tax should be considered when preparing your bid. If you are uncertain as to your business activity or how your business should properly calculate the tax when preparing your bid, please contact us at [botax@cityofcharleston.org](mailto:botax@cityofcharleston.org).

**NOTE: No contract or purchase of materials or equipment will be awarded to a company whose Business & Occupation Tax status is delinquent.**

## Technical Questions/Amendments

Technical questions may be submitted to [bids@cityofcharleston.org](mailto:bids@cityofcharleston.org) by January 31, 2025, 3:00 p.m. Any amendments will be issued by February 7, 2025.

## Paper Bidding

*Electronic bid submission is preferred, but the City will also accept paper bids.*

### Receipt and Opening of Bids

Sealed bids will be received by the City Manager until **Friday, February 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m.** The bid opening will be held immediately following in the City Manager's office.

### Preparation of Bid

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following information marked on the outside: **name of bidder, address, project name, and bid opening date and time.**

For the bid to be considered timely, it must be received by the City Manager's Office located at 501 Virginia Street East, Room 101, Charleston, WV 25301, by the established deadline. Vendors may hand deliver or mail their submissions to the aforementioned address. All documents in bid packet must be signed, dated and notarized where applicable or the bid may be disqualified.

By submitting a bid for this procurement, you acknowledge and agree to supply the materials and perform the services as detailed in this solicitation, including accepting the terms and conditions associated with it.

Questions regarding the submission of paper bids should be directed to [bids@cityofcharleston.org](mailto:bids@cityofcharleston.org) or by calling 304-348-8014.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
FOR  
SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

These General Terms and Conditions apply to Service Agreements entered into between the City and Vendor and dominate over any competing terms made a part of the Service Agreement.

1. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION, JURISDICTION AND VENUE** – Any references to arbitration contained in the Agreement are hereby deleted, as is any requirement to waive a jury trial. If any breach, default, or other dispute arises out of this Agreement, the Parties agree that they will exercise good faith and commercially reasonable efforts to resolve said breach, default or other dispute through negotiation and/or mediation. If the parties cannot resolve the matter without litigation, the Parties acknowledge and agree that either the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia or the Federal District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve the breach, default or other dispute giving rise to the litigation. Any language requiring or permitting disputes under the Agreement to be resolved in any other court is deleted. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that resolution agreements reached through consultation and negotiation, or any other form of dispute resolution, may be subject to approval by City’s governing body during a public meeting.
2. **NO INDEMNITY** – Any clause requiring the City to indemnify, defend or hold harmless any party is hereby deleted in its entirety. Any language requiring the City to agree to, or be subject to, any form of equitable relief not authorized by the Constitution or laws of the State of West Virginia is deleted.
3. **GOVERNING LAW** – The Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia. This provision replaces any references to any other State’s governing law.
4. **TAXES** – Provisions in the Agreement requiring the City to pay taxes are deleted. As a political subdivision of the State, the City is exempt from Federal, State, and local taxes and will not pay taxes for Vendor or any other party, including individuals, nor will the City file any tax returns or reports on behalf of Vendor or any other party.
5. **PAYMENT** – Any references to prepayment are deleted. Payments for goods or services will be in arrears only upon receipt of a proper invoice, detailing the goods or services provided or receipt of the goods or services, whichever is later. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments for software licenses, subscriptions, or maintenance may be paid monthly or annually in advance.
6. **INTEREST** – Any language imposing any interest or charges due to late payment are deleted.

7. **RECOUPMENT** – Any language in the Agreement waiving the City’s right to set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, or other defense is hereby deleted.
8. **FISCAL YEAR FUNDING** – Services performed or goods provided under the Agreement may be continued in succeeding fiscal years for the term of the Agreement, contingent upon funds being appropriated by City Council or otherwise being available for the goods or services. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for the goods or services, the Agreement shall terminate without penalty on the next occurring June 30. After that date, the Agreement becomes of no effect and is null and void. However, the City agrees to use its best efforts to have the amounts contemplated under the Agreement included in its budget. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.
9. **STATUTE OF LIMITATION** – Any clauses limiting the time in which the City may bring suit against Vendor or any lessor, individual, or other party are deleted.
10. **SIMILAR SERVICES** – Any provisions limiting the City’s right to obtain similar services or equipment in the event of default or non-funding during the term of the Agreement are hereby deleted.
11. **ATTORNEY FEES AND OTHER COSTS** – The City shall not be responsible for payment of attorney’s fees, costs of collection, or court costs of Vendor or of any lessor, individual or other party. Any different or conflicting provisions in the Agreement are invalid, null and void, and are deleted.
12. **ASSIGNMENT** – Notwithstanding any clause to the contrary, the City reserves the right to assign the Agreement to another City agency, board or commission upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Vendor. Vendor agrees not to assign the Agreement to any person or entity without the City’s prior written consent, which will not be unreasonably delayed or denied.
13. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY** – Any provision limiting the Vendor’s liability for direct damages to person or property or limiting the Vendor’s liability under a warranty to a certain dollar amount or to the amount of the Agreement is hereby deleted. In addition, any limitation of Vendor’s liability is null and void to the extent that it precludes any action for injury to persons or for damages to personal property.
14. **RIGHT TO TERMINATE** – City shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Vendor.
15. **TERMINATION CHARGES** – Any provision requiring the City to pay a fixed amount or liquidated damages upon termination or cancellation of the Agreement is hereby deleted. The City may only agree to reimburse Vendor for actual costs incurred or losses sustained

during the current fiscal year due to termination by the City prior to the end of any current agreement term.

16. **RENEWAL** – Any reference to automatic renewal, modification, or extension of the Agreement is hereby deleted. The Agreement may be renewed only upon authorized and mutual written agreement of the parties.
17. **INSURANCE** – Any provision requiring the City to insure equipment or property of any kind and name the Vendor as beneficiary or as an additional insured is hereby deleted.
18. **RIGHT TO NOTICE** – Any provision for repossession of equipment without notice is hereby deleted. However, the City does recognize a right of repossession upon default and with notice.
19. **NO WAIVER** – City does not waive and expressly preserves its right to due process and any and all immunities afforded the City under West Virginia State law. Any provision requiring the City to waive any rights, claims or defenses is hereby deleted.
20. **ACCELERATION** – Any reference to acceleration of payments in the event of default or non-funding is hereby deleted.
21. **DELIVERY** – All deliveries under the Agreement will be FOB destination unless the City expressly and knowingly agrees otherwise. Any contrary delivery terms are hereby deleted.
22. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** – Vendor acknowledges that City is a public entity and is subject to mandatory disclosure of certain information upon request under W.Va. Code § 29B-1-1 *et seq.* (the “Freedom of Information Act”) and W.Va. Code § 6-9A-1 *et seq.* (the “Open Governmental Proceedings Act”). Any provisions regarding confidential treatment or non-disclosure of the terms and conditions of the Agreement are hereby deleted. City contracts are public records under the Freedom of Information Act and public procurement laws. This Agreement and other public records may be disclosed without notice to the Vendor at the City’s sole discretion. Any provision regarding confidentiality or non-disclosure related to contract performance are only effective to the extent they are consistent with the Freedom of Information Act and incorporated into the Agreement through a separately approved and signed non-disclosure agreement.
23. **WARRANTIES** – Any reference to the waiver or exclusion of any specific or general warranties of merchantability or warranties of fitness or any other warranties are hereby deleted.
24. **PRICING ADJUSTMENTS** – To the extent the Agreement contains any provision allowing Vendor to escalate or otherwise increase prices or costs for services as set forth in the Agreement, no such provision shall be valid or enforceable. No prices or costs may be

increased by Vendor until and unless notice of proposed increase is provided to City by Vendor and agreed to in writing by City.

25. **THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE** – If this Agreement contemplates or requires the use of third-party software, the vendor represents that none of the mandatory click-through, unsigned, or web-linked terms and conditions presented or required before using such third-party software conflict with any term of these General Terms and Conditions or that it has the authority to modify such third-party software’s terms and conditions to be subordinate to these General Terms and Conditions. The Vendor shall indemnify and defend the City against all claims resulting from an assertion that such third-party terms and conditions are not in accord with, or subordinate to, these General Terms and Conditions.
  
26. **AMENDMENTS** – All amendments, modifications, alterations or changes to the Agreement shall be by mutual agreement, in writing, and signed by both parties. Any language to the contrary is deleted. No amendment, modification, alteration or change may be made to these General Terms and Conditions without the authorized and express written approval of the Mayor of the City of Charleston.
  
27. **LIABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS** – The Parties agree that the Agreement shall be not construed to extend any personal liability to individuals executing or administering the Agreement on behalf of City or Vendor. Notwithstanding, this provision shall not be construed to prevent Vendor or City from taking any and all legal action against any individual who commits fraud related to this Agreement.



## CITY OF CHARLESTON PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

### **VENDOR OWING A DEBT TO THE STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:**

**West Virginia Code § 5A-3-10a** provides that: No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the aggregate.

### **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS & DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT:**

If this is a solicitation for a public improvement construction contract, the vendor, by its signature below, affirms that it has a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the **West Virginia Code**. The vendor **must** make said affirmation with its bid submission. Further, public improvement construction contracts may not be awarded to a vendor who does not have a written plan for a drug-free workplace policy in compliance with Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the **West Virginia Code** and who has not submitted that plan to the appropriate contracting authority in a timely fashion. For a vendor who is a subcontractor, compliance with Section 5, Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the **West Virginia Code** may take place before their work on the public improvement is begun.

### **ANTITRUST:**

In submitting a bid to any agency for the State of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the state of West Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for a price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the state of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to the bidder.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership or person or entity submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

### **LICENSING:**

Vendors must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, the West Virginia Insurance Commission or any other state agencies or political subdivision. Furthermore, the vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies, procedures and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/noticeConfidentiality.pdf>.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (**West Virginia Code § 61-5-3**), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

Vendor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



CITY OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

# LOCAL VENDOR AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to § 2-480 of the Charleston City Code, a Local Vendor may qualify for a competitive advantage applied to its bid when certain conditions are met. One condition requires the vendor to submit this affidavit confirming that **(1)** the vendor has paid all applicable business taxes to the City or has a non-delinquent payment plan with the City, and **(2)** the vendor must state that it has had an active and current business & occupation tax account with the City Collector during the entire one-year period prior to the bid opening.

**AFFIRMATION:** By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under the penalty of law for false swearing (W. Va. Code § 61-5-3) that **(1)** the vendor has paid all applicable business taxes to the City or has a non-delinquent payment plan with the City, and **(2)** the vendor has had an active and current business & occupation tax account with the City Collector during the entire one-year period prior to the scheduled bid opening for the procurement listed below.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:

Vendor's Corporate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name and Title)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

[SEAL]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Name of Procurement: \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Opening Date: \_\_\_\_\_