



PUBLIC NOTICE

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Request for Proposal (RFP #2017-001)

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RFP #2017-001 – BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR, CASCADE, FILL STATION, AND INSTALLATION

General Requirements

Intent

It is the intent of these specifications to select an experienced Contractor for the sale and delivery of one compressed breathing air compressor and related equipment for use by the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Bid Procedures

All bids shall be submitted on forms provided by the Westfield Fire District (hereafter the "District") and addressed to the Fire District Administrator, Westfield Fire District, 653 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. on August 4, 2017 in the Administrator's Office, when they will be read publicly. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes clearly labeled "**RFP #2017-001 Compressed Breathing Air Compressor**". The District reserves the right to waive informalities or to reject any or all bids when such action is deemed in the best interests of the District. The District reserves the right to delete such items as it deems necessary from these proposals. Bidders are directed to be certain that they understand the terms and conditions as specified in this bid. All exceptions of the bidder to the terms and specifications of this bid shall be made in writing and submitted in full with the Bid Form. It will be expected that all remaining terms and conditions expressed herein are acceptable and shall govern any resulting contract. Failure of the bidder to submit in writing with the bid exception(s) to the District's specifications is sufficient grounds for disqualification and nullification of any prior award. The District reserves the sole right to reject bids that contain exceptions which are unacceptable to the District. All addenda will be posted on the District's website, www.westfieldfd.com. Bidders are responsible for checking the website for the presence and content of any addenda. Addenda shall be made a part of the bid specifications and any resulting contract. No bids may be withdrawn, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the District. After the bids have been opened, costs and other considerations will be evaluated. Once evaluations have been completed, the Vendor that best meets the specifications will be selected for recommendation to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Bid Prices

Bids from all bidders shall remain in effect for a period of one hundred (100) calendar days from the date of the bid opening, unless written consent is provided by the District to withdraw. The District reserves the right to purchase additional units at the unit prices identified on the Bid Form, in addition to the unit quantities identified on the Bid Form, within this 100 calendar day period. Bid prices shall be all inclusive; there shall not be any unilateral imposition of additional surcharges for fuel or deliveries.

Right to Reject Proposals and Waive Informalities

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award the contract, not award the contract, split the award after review of the proposals, and award more than one contract. The District reserves the right to reject low proposals or to accept a higher proposal, to negotiate terms and conditions, to waive any irregularities and/or informalities, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items. The District has the right to award the project to the Bidder it deems to best serve the overall interests of the District and the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received in response to the Request for Proposals.

Any acceptance of a bid shall not be binding on the District until the award of contract has been approved by the Westfield Board of Fire Commissioners, and until the Contractor has submitted the signed Contract, proof of insurance, and satisfied all acceptance conditions. The District reserves the right to continue to review, evaluate and investigate all bids and Contractors until there is a binding contract between the parties.

Contractor Performance

Failure of the Contractor to adhere to the specifications, prices, terms or conditions of its Agreement with the District may preclude the Contractor, at the District's sole discretion, from bidding on future District bids, in addition to any action that the District may take as a result of the Contractor's failure to perform.

All items delivered as a result of this bid shall be provided to the complete satisfaction of the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department. The District reserves the right to terminate any agreement upon ten (10) calendar day's written notice of failure by the Contractor to provide items to the satisfaction of the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Nondiscrimination

The Contractor shall agree and warrant that it will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sex, race, color, religion, age, marital status, ancestry, national origin, past history of mental disorder, mental disability or physical disability or other basis in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States, the State of Connecticut, or the Westfield Fire District.

Hold Harmless

The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Westfield Fire District and its respective officers, employees, agents and/or servants against all demands, claims, actions or causes of actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including without limitation, interest, penalties, court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, asserted

against, resultant to, imposed upon or incurred by the Westfield Fire District resulting from or arising out of:

1. Any breach by the Contractor of the terms of the specifications, or
2. Any injuries (including death) sustained by or alleged to have been sustained by the officers, employees, agents and/or servants of the Westfield Fire District or the Contractor or subcontractors or material men, or
3. Any injuries (including death) sustained by or alleged to have been sustained by any member of the public or otherwise any or all persons, or
4. Any damage to property, real or personal, (including property of the Westfield Fire District or its respective officers, agents and servants)

caused in whole or in part by the acts or omissions of the Contractor, any subcontractor, or any material men or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them while engaged in the performance of any work for the Westfield Fire District.

Insurance

The Contractor shall furnish a certificate of liability insurance on a standard ACORD form to the District Administrator for the following insurance coverage within ten (10) days from contract execution. All insurance coverage shall be written with an insurance company licensed to conduct business in the State of Connecticut and with an A.M. Best's Key Rating of A-VII or better. Insurance coverage shall remain in full force for the duration of the contract term, including any and all extensions, at the Contractor's cost and expense. Such certificate of insurance shall specify that the Westfield Fire District will receive thirty (30) days prior written notice of any cancellation, non-renewal or reduction in coverage and limits originally provided. All deductibles, if any, are the sole responsibility of the Contractor to pay and/or indemnify. The requirements of this section shall apply to the Contractor and to any and all subcontractors. Umbrella Liability insurance coverage to satisfy the limits of coverage required hereunder is acceptable.

1. Commercial General Liability including Premises-Operations, Independent Contractors, Blanket Contractual, Products and Completed Operations:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

Combined Single Limit for personal and advertising injury or property damage or both combined.

Such policy shall name the District as additional insured.

2. Comprehensive Automobile Liability covering owned, non-owned, hired or leased vehicles.

\$1,000,000 Each Accident

Combined Single Limit for bodily injury or property damage or both combined.

3. Workers Compensation Insurance in accordance with Connecticut State Statutes.

Employers Liability Limit - \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident
- \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease.

Payment

Payment for the items associated with this bid shall be made within thirty (30) days by the District, following the receipt of all invoiced items to the satisfaction of the Westfield Fire District and upon submission of an invoice to the Westfield Fire District, 653 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457-1710.

Dispute Resolution

The sole remedy for any claim, dispute, or other matter in question arising out of or related to any Agreement resulting from this bid will either be by mediation or by legal or equitable suit filed in Superior Court for the Judicial District of Middletown. No party shall be entitled to arbitration for any claim, dispute or other matter in question.

Storage and Handling

All materials and equipment shall be delivered, handled and stored in a manner which prevents the intrusion of foreign materials and damage by breakage or weather. Such storage, delivery, and handling shall not interfere with District operations nor impede access to any public areas. All equipment shall be stored in a clean, dry location. Material which is damaged shall be replaced with new material at no additional cost to the District.

Questions

All questions and RFIs (Requests for Interpretation) regarding this bid shall be addressed to Fire District Administrator Linda DeManche in writing, either by fax to 860-632-0536 or e-mail at wfdadmin@westfieldfd.com, and shall be received no later than three business days prior to the bid opening date to allow for the timely preparation and posting of addenda. Questions received and the decisions regarding each question shall be set forth in a written addendum. Any addenda shall be posted on the District's website in accordance with the section on Bid Procedures above. No oral interpretations shall be made to any respondent as to the meaning of any portion of the bid documents.

Freedom of Information

All bids and any related submittals to the District are subject to the requirements of the State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, regardless of whether they are marked as confidential, proprietary, or in any other manner. By the act of submitting a bid, bidders agree that they will be subject to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200 et seq.

Contract Funds

Any contract awarded under this Request for Proposal is expected to be funded in part by District funds and/or a grant from FEMA - Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Neither DHS nor any of its departments, agencies or employees shall be a party to this Request for Proposal or any resulting contract. This procurement will be subject to the requirements contained in Section 22a-482-4. (h), (j), and (o) of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

WESTFIELD FIRE DISTRICT
COMPRESSED BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR, CASCADE SYSTEM;
AND SCBA FILL STATION
SPECIFICATIONS

Purpose

The purpose of these specifications is to establish the District's minimum acceptable requirements for one fully operational compressed breathing air compressor, cascade, and SCBA fill station containment system, for use by the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Abbreviations

The abbreviations and acronyms used in this specification and the meaning of each, is as follows:

SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
PSI	Pounds per Square Inch
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Requirements

1. Compressor shall be a minimum 6000 psi, 15 horsepower, capable of producing Class D breathing air.
2. Cascade system shall be an ASME system rated for 6000 psi, with a regulator to allow filling of 4500 psi DOT bottles on Westfield's ariel apparatus.
3. SCBA fill station/containment system shall be capable of holding a minimum of three 45 minute, 5500 psi SCBA cylinders for refilling purposes.
4. One (1) integrated combo CO and moisture monitor.
5. Four (4) 6000 psi ASME storage cylinders
6. Soft Starter Package

Bidders are instructed that these specifications are the minimum acceptable specifications. Any specifications or features that exceed these minimum specifications are to be documented and detailed separately under a heading: **ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION DETAILS**. Anyone who submits specifications that do not meet these minimums will be disqualified.

Warranty

Manufacturer and/or contractor warranty specifications should be identified and included with the additional specification details.

Installation

Remove or relocate on-site (Westfield's option) the existing Ingersoll Rand breathing air compressor, set up new compressor fill station and bottles in existing location, ~~tie into existing electrical disconnect~~, perform start-up on unit, bring up online.

Delivery and Training

It is the responsibility of the bidder to deliver and install all items, to make certain that all items are fully operational, to remove or relocate on-site (Westfield's option) the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department's existing system, and to train Westfield Volunteer Fire Department members in the use of all items. Compressor, cascade system and SCBA fill station containment system shall be delivered and installed at Westfield Fire Department, 653 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457.

Standards

All items shall meet applicable NFPA, ASTM, OSHA and Department of Labor standards for breathing air systems that are in effect at the time of delivery to the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department. Items shall be tested for air quality by a third party laboratory, who shall certify to the District that the standards regarding air quality have been met.

Removal

The compressed air breathing system and related equipment that is being replaced at the 653 East Street, Middletown, CT location shall either be removed or relocated on-site (Westfield's option) by the vendor upon completion of installation and training of the new items.

All Inclusive Price

All costs associated with the equipment specified, including delivery, training, testing, and removal or on-site relocation (Westfield's option) of the system being replaced, shall be included in the bid amount.

Qualifications

The District shall accept bids from experienced compressed breathing air equipment vendors who have sold similar (as determined by the District) breathing air compressors, cascade systems and SCBA fill station/containment systems to a minimum of three other Connecticut Fire Departments.

Bidders must provide at least 5 references of similar systems that they have installed and provide routine service for.

**WESTFIELD FIRE DISTRICT
COMPRESSED BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR, CASCADE SYSTEM;
AND SCBA FILL STATION**

BID FORM

Fire District Administrator
Westfield Fire District
653 East Street
Middletown, CT 06457

In accordance with the specifications, the undersigned submits the following bid to supply and deliver fully operational compressed breathing air compressor, cascade system, and SCBA fill station containment system for use by the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department:

BASE BID

A. Unit price for all items specified, including delivery, removal or on-site relocation (Westfield's option) of the old system, training and testing, for the amount of:

\$ _____

Manufacturer: _____ Model/Description: _____

(attach **ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION DETAILS** if necessary)

OPTIONS

A. **Upgrade of Air Compressor to a 20 hp.** Unit price for all items specified, including delivery, removal or on-site relocation (Westfield's option) of the old system, training and testing, for the amount of:

\$ _____

B. **Trade in of Existing Ingersoll Rand Compressor (BAP20TC3).**

DEDUCT \$ _____

(attach **ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION DETAILS** if necessary)

This Bid Form must be signed on the following page in order to be considered a legal offer to the District.

The undersigned states that this bid is made in good faith and is not founded on, or in consequence of any collusion, agreement or understanding between themselves or any other interested party.

SUBMITTED FOR:

Firm _____

Address _____

SUBMITTED BY:

Signature _____

Print
Name _____

Title _____

Telephone _____