Request for Information

CONTRACT #2097-07-21-2022

Splash Pad (RFI#P&R1)

Town of Vernon

Parks & Recreation Department

Vernon, Connecticut

June 29, 2022



Request for Information (RFI)

The Town of Vernon (TOV), is seeking information regarding the options available to the Town for the purchase, delivery & construction of Splash Pad and the costs associated with the project.

This request for information (RFI) is <u>not</u> a request for proposals (RFP) and should not be construed as such.

The objective of this RFI is to obtain information from suppliers related to the availability vendors to provide a Splash Pad. No contract will result directly from the RFI process.

Responses to this RFI should include to the extent possible the following information relative to a purchase, delivery and installation of a municipal Splash pad (medium to large size):

- 1. Describe the area in terms of length & width, include overall square footage.
- 2. Describe the number of spray features that would be suggested.
- 3. Describe the age appropriate separation proposed.
- 4. Indication the suggested user capacity of the Splash Pad.
- 5. Indicate an approximate timeframe for completion of the project.
- 6. Describe mechanical systems to be included.
 - Electrical system requirements
 - b. Plumbing requirements
 - c. Filtration design
 - d. Sanitization system
- 7. Estimate the likely annual operating cost.

The respondent should also provide a description of how installation of their equipment would be accomplished.

In order to fully evaluate the options available to TOV respondents are being asked to include cost information/data regarding the options/information provided. TOV understands the sensitivity surrounding pricing and the effort involved in preparing accurate cost estimates. TOV's expectation is that respondents provide the highest level of cost information they are comfortable with sharing. As stated earlier this is a Request for Information, not a Request for Proposals. TOV understands that the cost information provided may be general. However, any cost data that can be provided will be greatly appreciated.

Two (2) copies of all vendor RFI responses should be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked: "RFI RESPONSE- DO NOT OPEN- CONTRACT #2097-07-21-2022." on the outside of the envelope and delivered to: Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator, Town of Vernon, Memorial Building, 14 Park Place, 3rd Floor, Vernon, Connecticut 06066 no later than Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

The TOV intends to review all information received in response to this RFI. This RFI is intended for information gathering purposes only and the TOV is not obligated in any way to use any of the information received. Generally speaking, the RFI process will assist the TOV in determining whether it will pursue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) with the intent to enter into a contractual agreement for such programs or services or not. Persons and/or entities responding to the RFI will not be compensated in any way. Responding to this RFI will not enhance a person or entity's chances of receiving future work from TOV. Similarly, not responding to this RFI will not be a detriment to any person or entity when responding to future competitive procurement opportunities.

Confidential Information. The respondent understands that due regard will be given for the protection of proprietary or confidential information contained in all responses received. However, respondents should be aware that all materials associated with this RFI are subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and all corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. It will not be sufficient for respondents to merely state generally that the proposal is proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that a respondent believes to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption, consistent with Section 1-210(b) of the FOIA as it may be modified from time to time, must accompany the submission. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the respondent that would result if the identified material were to be released and the reasons why the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the above-cited statute. The State has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. Respondents have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. The State shall have no liability for the disclosure of any documents or information in its possession which the State believes are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

The current site houses and old municipal pool and bath house that will be demolished. The site will be restored to raw land awaiting the installation of the new Splash Pad.

Information about the TOV can be found at: https://www.vernon-ct.gov