



Office for People With Developmental Disabilities

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Re: **2024-2029 Snow and Slush removal and Ice Control Services in Queens County- IFB BF 052124**

Questions and Answers:

Below is a compilation of the questions received for this bid. Questions that were repeated, or of a recurring nature, were consolidated. Thank you very much for your interest.

- 1. Question:** Are you contemplating on a seasonal contract at all?
Answer: This contract will be based on per event pricing. Do not alter the cost proposal form by proposing a lump sum total service price. This may disqualify your bid.
- 2. Question:** Is the pricing for a 3” snow event the same as pricing for a 12” snow event?
Answer: Pricing will be based on Snow and Slush Removal Service Price Per Event and Ice Control Service Price Per Event. As stated on Pg. 19, Qualifications & Scope of Work, “snow clearing will commence **at the conclusion of a snowfall** event that has resulted in an accumulation of two (2) or more inches of snow at the contracted site. It is the Contractor’s sole responsibility to ensure they are aware of when each site has accumulated two (2) inches of snow or slush. No service is necessary for snow or slush accumulation of less than two (2) inches; however, the site manager or other OPWDD staff has the right to call for additional service as deemed necessary for safety concerns.”
- 3. Question:** What is the description of an event?
Answer: An event is a weather event (snow, slush, or ice) that results in the accumulation of two or more inches at the contracted site, however the site manager or other OPWDD staff has the right to call for additional service as deemed necessary for safety concerns.
- 4. Question:** When will the contract(s) be awarded? When will the bids be posted?
Answer: Contract(s) may be awarded to the responsible and responsive Bidder(s) that will provide the lowest Estimated Annual Snow and Slush Removal and Ice Control Services Total per Cluster. OPWDD is tentatively planning for awards to be made by June 4th, 2024. Awards are not final until approved by the New York State’s Attorney General and Office of State Comptroller (OSC). If awards are made, the bid results will be made public following OSC’s approval of the contracts.
- 5. Question:** How long will bids be valid?
Answer: As stated on Pg. 10, section 14 F. Period of Validity, “Each Bidder’s Proposal must include a statement as to the period during which the provisions of the proposal will remain valid. All elements of the bid and proposal shall remain in effect for a minimum of 180 days.”



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- 6. Question:** How is snow removal associated with prevailing wage?
Answer: Prevailing wages apply to this contract. For more detailed information regarding Article 9 prevailing wage contracts, please refer to "General Provisions of Laws Covering Workers on Article 9 Public Work Building Service Contracts" or reach out to the NYS Department of Labor.

Respectfully,

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