

BID PROPOSAL AND SPECIFICATIONS
PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS

RFB # 14-0338



NEW HANOVER COUNTY FIRE SERVICES

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Section 1 Advertisement

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

FIRE SERVICES

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Sealed bids addressed to Lena Butler, Purchasing Supervisor, New Hanover County Finance Office, 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 165, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 and marked “**PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS-RFB # 14-0338**” will be accepted until **2:00 P.M. EST, Thursday, June 5, 2014.**

Complete plans and specification and contract documents can be obtained by visiting the County’s website at <http://www.nhcgov.com/Finance/Pages/CurrentBids.aspx>.

Contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the State laws governing their respective trades and that North Carolina General Statute 87 will be observed in receiving and awarding contracts.

The bids will be publicly opened following the latest time for receipt of bids in the New Hanover County Finance Office, Suite 165, Conference Room 500, Wilmington, North Carolina.

No bid may be withdrawn after the opening of bids for a period of 90 days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities.

Lena L. Butler, Purchasing Supervisor
New Hanover County
(910) 798-7190

Released: Thursday, May 15, 2014

Section 2 Instructions to Bidders

2.1 Schedule

Release Date	<i>Thursday, May 15, 2014</i>
Deadline for Questions	<i>Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 5:00 PM</i>
Questions to be Answered No Later Than	<i>Wednesday, May 28, 2014</i>
Deadline for Receipt of Bids	<i>Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 2:00 PM</i> New Hanover County Finance Office 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 165 Wilmington, NC 28403 (Opening to be held in Conference Room 500)

2.2 Preparation of Bid

2.2.1 **Bids:** Bidders are instructed to submit their bid using the bid form provided. Discrepancies between words and numerals will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between the multiplication of units of work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices. Changes or corrections made in the bid must be initialed by the individual signing the proposal. **BIDS NOT SIGNED WILL BE DEEMED NONRESPONSIVE AND REJECTED.**

No telephone, electronic or facsimile proposals will be considered. **Bids received after the time and date for closing will be rejected.**

2.2.2 **Deviations:** New Hanover County reserves the right to allow or disallow minor deviations or technicalities should the County deem it to be in the best interest of the County. New Hanover County shall be the sole judge of what is to be considered a minor deviation or technicality.

2.3 Submission of Bid

Submit bid with attachments in a sealed envelope properly marked “**PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS-RFB # 14-0338**” and addressed to:

New Hanover County Finance Office
Attn: Lena Butler, Purchasing Supervisor
230 Government Center Drive, Suite 165
Wilmington, NC 28403

2.3.1 Any inquires, requests for interpretation, technical questions, clarification, or additional information shall be directed to **Lena Butler, Purchasing Supervisor** by emailing lbutler@nhcgov.com or faxing (910) 798-7806. All questions concerning this proposal shall reference the section number and paragraph. Questions and responses affecting the scope of the services will be provided to Bidders by issuance of an Addendum. **All questions shall be received no later than 5:00 P.M., EST, May 28, 2014.**

2.3.2 Bidders may not have communications, verbal or otherwise, concerning this RFB with any personnel or boards from New Hanover County, other than the person listed in this section. If any bidder attempts or completes any unauthorized communication, the County will reject the Bidder's proposal.

2.3.3 All bidders who intend to submit a Bid on this project should send an email to lbutler@nhcgov.com including pertinent contact information. This will ensure that you receive all addenda issued for this RFB.

2.4 Cost of Preparation of Response

Costs incurred by prospective Bidders in the preparation of the response to this Request for Proposals are the responsibility of the responding Proposers and will not be reimbursed by the County.

2.5 Execution of Agreement

The successful Bidder will be required to enter into a formal agreement that is consistent with the bid package outlined within. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded by County shall within 15 days after notice of award and receipt of Agreement forms from the County, sign and deliver to the County all required copies of said Agreement.

2.6 Trade Secret Confidentiality

All bid proposals received are considered public record and available for public inspection after award of contract and/or purchase order. According to General Statutes 132 - 1.2, trade secrets contained in a bid may be kept confidential if the bidder, at the time the bid is submitted, designates the secret and requests that it be kept confidential. This right of privacy will be construed as narrowly as possible to protect the interests of the BIDDER while attempting to maximize the availability of information to the public.

2.7 Deadline for Receipt of Bids

The deadline for receipt of bids is Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 2:00 PM. Bids will be opened

promptly and read aloud. Bidders or their authorized agents are invited to be present. Any bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be rejected.

2.8 Withdrawal of Bids

Proposers may withdraw or withdraw and resubmit their proposal at any time prior to the closing time for receipt of proposals. NO proposal may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals for a period of ninety (90) days.

2.9 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Please be advised that the person signing the bid must be authorized by your organization to contractually bind your firm with regard to prices and related contractual obligations for the delivery and installation period requested. **BIDS NOT SIGNED WILL BE REJECTED.**

2.10 SURETY BONDS

Bonds are not required for this project

2.11. E-VERIFY

Pursuant to N.C.G.S 147-33.95(g), New Hanover County shall not enter into a contract unless the Bidder and each of its sub-contractors comply with the E-Verify requirements of N.C.G. S. Chapter 64, Article 2. Bidders are directed to review the foregoing laws. The successful Bidder must submit a certification of compliance with E-Verify to the County, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the County.

2.12 RIGHT TO REJECT

The COUNTY reserves the right to **reject any or all Bids**, waive irregularities in **any Bid** and make the award in the best interest of the COUNTY.

Section 3 General Conditions

A. GENERAL

It is understood and agreed that by submitting a bid that the Contractor has examined these contract documents, drawings and specifications and has satisfied himself relative to the Work to be performed.

B. MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

The contractor shall, unless otherwise specified, supply and pay for all labor, transportation, materials, tools, apparatus, lights, power, fuel, sanitary facilities and incidentals necessary for the completion of his work, and shall install, maintain and remove all equipment of the construction, other utensils or things, and be responsible for the safe, proper and lawful construction, maintenance and use of same, and shall construct in the best and most workmanlike manner, a complete job and everything incidental thereto, as shown on the plans, stated in the specifications, or reasonably implied there from, all in accordance with the contract documents.

All materials shall be new and of quality specified, except where reclaimed material is authorized herein and approved for use. Workmanship shall at all times be of a grade accepted as the best practice of the particular trade involved, and as stipulated in written standards of recognized organizations or institutes of the respective trades except as exceeded or qualified by the specifications.

No changes shall be made in the Work except upon written approval and change order of the Designer/Owner. Change orders shall be subject to provisions in the current North Carolina Construction Manual.

Products are generally specified by ASTM or other reference standard and/or by manufacturer's name and model number or trade name. When specified only by reference standard, the Contractor may select any product meeting this standard, by any manufacturer. When several products or manufacturers are specified as being equally acceptable, the Contractor has the option of using any product and manufacturer combination listed.

However, the contractor shall be aware that the cited examples are used only to denote the quality standard of product desired and that they do not restrict bidders to a specific brand, make, manufacturer or specific name; that they are used only to set forth and convey to bidders the general style, type, character and quality of product desired; and that equivalent products will be acceptable. Substitution of materials, items or equipment of equal or equivalent design shall be submitted to the County for approval or disapproval; such approval or disapproval shall be made by the County prior to the opening of bids.

If at any time during the construction and completion of the work covered by these documents, the conduct of any workman of the various crafts be adjudged a nuisance to the Owner or if any workman be considered detrimental to the work, the Contractor shall order such parties removed immediately from the site.

The contractor shall designate a foreman/superintendent who shall direct the work.

C. CODES, PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

The Contractor shall obtain the required permits, if required, give all notices, and comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations bearing on the conduct of the work under this contract. If the Contractor observes that the drawings and specifications are at variance therewith, he shall promptly notify the Project Manager, Andy Johnson at 910-798-7565 or email anjohanson@nhcgov.com. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations, and without such notice to the Owner, he shall bear all cost arising there from.

All work under this contract shall conform to the current North Carolina Building Code and other state and national codes as are applicable.

D. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall be responsible for the entire site and the construction of the same and provide all the necessary protections as required by laws or ordinances governing such conditions and as required by the Owner or Designer. He shall be responsible for any damage to the Owner's property, or that of others on the job, by himself, his personnel or his subcontractors, and shall make good such damages. He shall be responsible for and pay for any claims against the Owner arising from such damages.

The Contractor shall adhere to the rules, regulations and interpretations of the North Carolina Department of Labor relating to Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry (Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1926 published in Volume 39, Number 122, Part 11, June 24, 1974 Federal Register), and revisions thereto as adopted by General Statutes of North Carolina 95-126 through 155.

The Contractor shall provide all necessary safety measures for the protection of all persons on the work, including the requirements of the AGC Accident Prevention Manual in Construction as amended, and shall fully comply with all state laws or regulations and North Carolina Building Code requirements to prevent accident or injury to persons on or about the location of the work. He shall clearly mark or post signs warning of hazards existing, and shall barricade excavations and similar hazards. He shall protect against damage or injury resulting from falling materials and he shall maintain all protective devices and signs throughout the progress

of the work.

E. TAXES

Federal Excise Taxes do not apply to materials entering into County work.

Federal Transportation Taxes do not apply to materials entering into State work.

North Carolina Sales Taxes and Use Tax do apply to materials entering into County, and such costs shall be included in the bid proposal and contract sum.

Local Option Sales and Use Taxes do apply to materials entering into County work as applicable and such cost shall be included in the bid proposal and contract sum.

F. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES FOR REFUND OF COUNTY SALES & USE TAX

Pursuant to G.S. 105-164.14(c), the County is entitled to a refund of sales and/or use taxes paid by contractors on purchases of building materials, supplies, fixtures and equipment that become a part of or are annexed to any building or structure that is owned or leased by the County and is being erected, altered or repaired for use by the County.

Contractors shall provide a **“certified statement”** containing the specific required information. The certified statement must include all of the following information:

- a.** the date the property was purchased;
- b.** the type of property purchased;
- c.** the cost of property purchased and the amount of sales and use taxes paid thereon;
- d.** the project for which the property was used;
- e.** if the property was purchased in this State, the county to which it was delivered; and
- f.** if the property was not purchased in this State, the county in which the property was used.

If the contractor makes several purchases from the same vendor, the certified statement must indicate each invoice number, the inclusive dates of the invoices, the total amount each invoice, and the state and local sales and use taxes paid on the purchase.

The statement must also include the cost of any tangible personal property withdrawn from the contractor's warehouse stock and the amount of state and local sales or use tax paid by the contractor. If subcontractors are used, similar certified statements by his/her subcontractors must be obtained by the general contractor and furnished to the County.

Local sales or use taxes included in the contractor's statements must be shown separately from the State sales or use taxes.

The contractor's statements must not contain sales or use taxes paid on purchases of tangible personal property purchased by the contractor for use in performing the contract which does not annex to, affix to or in some manner become a part of the building or structure that is owned or leased by the County and is being erected, altered or repaired for use by the County.

Examples of property on which sales or use tax has been paid by the contractor and which shall not be included in the contractor's statement are scaffolding, forms for concrete, fuel for the operation of machinery and equipment, tools, equipment, equipment repair parts and equipment rentals.

A certified statement must be provided with each pay request. If there was no sales or use tax paid during the period, the contractor shall provide a "Zero" sales and use tax statement.

G. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The non-discrimination clause contained in Section 202 (Federal) Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, relative to Equal Employment Opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and the implementing rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, are incorporated herein.

The Contractors agree not to discriminate against any employees or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employees or applicant is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices.

H. MINORITY PARTICIPATION

The bidder will make good faith efforts to subcontract with individuals who are minorities to include women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. Bidders should submit along with the bid information concerning minority business enterprises that they have contacted and those which will participate in the contract. The information will include:

1. Name, address, phone number, and email address of each minority firm
2. Description of the work to be performed by each minority firm named
3. Dollar value of the work to be performed by each firm names

I. INSURANCE

Before commencing any work or services, Contractor shall procure insurance in Contractor's

name and maintain all insurance policies for the duration of the Contract of the types and in the amounts listed in this Contract. The insurance shall provide coverage against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from operations or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors, whether such operations by itself or anyone directly or indirectly employed by it.

Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance

Commercial General Liability

Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) and if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance with a total limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this work or services, or the general aggregate shall be twice the required limit.

CGL insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) "occurrence" form CG 00 01 covering CGL or its equivalent and shall cover the liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract, including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract.

County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees are to be covered as additional insureds under the CGL by endorsement CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 or an endorsement providing equivalent coverage as respects to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, leased or used by Contractor; and under the commercial umbrella, if any. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees.

Contractor's CGL insurance shall be primary as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees. Any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be excess of and not contribute with Contractor's insurance.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation as required by the general statutes of the State of North Carolina and Employer's Liability Insurance.

The Employer's Liability, and if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance shall not be less than \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease, and \$500,000 policy limit.

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work or services performed by Contractor for County.

Business Auto Liability

Contractor shall maintain Business or Personal Auto Liability and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident.

Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto, including owned, hired, and non-owned autos.

Business Auto coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide Contractual liability coverage equivalent to that provided in ISO form CA 00 01.

Contractor's Business Auto Liability insurance shall be primary as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees. Any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be excess of and not contribute with Contractor's insurance.

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. At the option of County, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, or employees; or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of deductibles or self-insured retentions.

Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles to which such policies are subject, regardless of whether County is an insured under the policy.

Miscellaneous Insurance Provisions. The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies listed in this Contract shall not affect coverage provided to County its officers, officials, agents, and employees.

Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County, 230 Government Center Drive #125, Wilmington, NC 28403.

If Contractor's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insureds provision, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.

Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers licensed to do business in the State of North Carolina with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A VII unless County has granted specific approval.

Evidence of Insurance

Contractor shall furnish County with a certificate(s) of insurance, executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements prior to commencing the work or services, and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of each certified coverage until all operations under this Contract are deemed complete.

Evidence of additional insured status shall be noted on the certificate of insurance as per requirements in this Contract.

With respect to insurance maintained after final payment in compliance with requirements, an additional certificate(s) evidencing such coverage shall be provided to County with final application for payment and thereafter upon

renewal or replacement of such insurance until the expiration of the period for which such insurance must be maintained.

Subcontractors. Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. CGL coverage shall include independent contractors' coverage, and Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that all subcontractors are properly insured.

Conditions

The insurance required for this Contract must be on forms acceptable to County.

Where circumstances warrant, County may, at its discretion subject to acceptance by the Risk Management and Finance Department accept letters of credit or custodial accounts in lieu of specific insurance requirements.

Contractor shall provide that the insurance contributing to satisfaction of insurance requirements in this Contract and shall not be canceled, terminated, or modified by Contractor without prior written approval of County.

Contractor shall promptly notify the New Hanover County Fire Services and New Hanover County Risk Management at (910) 798-7497 of any accidents arising in the course of operations under the Contract causing bodily injury or property damage.

County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

Failure of County to demand a certificate of insurance or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of County to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

By requiring insurance herein, County does not represent that coverage and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect Contractor and such coverage and limits shall not be deemed as a limitation of Contractor's liability under the indemnities

granted to County in this Contract.

If Contractor fails to maintain the insurance as set forth herein, County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase said insurance at Contractor's expense.

Contractor or its agent may apply to County for approval of higher deductibles based on financial capacity and quality of the carrier affording coverage.

County shall have the right, but not the obligation of prohibiting Contractor or any subcontractor from entering the work or service area or withhold payment until such certificates or other evidence that insurance has been placed in complete compliance with these requirements is received and approved by County.

J. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Payment will be made within thirty (30) days after acceptance of the work and receipt of invoice.

Executed contract documents, insurance certificates, invoices and other information requested are to be sent to:

New Hanover County Fire Services
Attn: Business Services
230 Government Center Drive, Suite 130
Wilmington, NC 28403

It is imperative that contract documents, invoices, etc., be sent only to the above address in order to assure proper and timely delivery and handling.

K. CLEANING UP

The Contractor shall keep the sites and surrounding area reasonably free from rubbish at all times and shall remove debris from the site from time to time or when directed to do so by the Owner. Before final inspection and acceptance of the project, the Contractor shall thoroughly clean the sites, and completely prepare the project and site for use by the Owner.

L. GUARANTEE

The contractor shall unconditionally guarantee materials and workmanship against patent defects arising from faulty materials, faulty workmanship or negligence for a period of twelve (12) months following the final acceptance of the work and shall replace such defective

materials or workmanship without cost to the owner.

Where items of equipment or material carry a manufacturer's warranty for any period in excess of twelve (12) months, then the manufacturer's warranty shall apply for that particular piece of equipment or material. The contractor shall replace such defective equipment or materials, without cost to the owner, within the manufacturer's warranty period.

Additionally, the owner may bring an action for latent defects caused by the negligence of the contractor, which is hidden or not readily apparent to the owner at the time of beneficial occupancy or final acceptance, whichever occurred first, in accordance with applicable law. Guarantees for roofing workmanship and materials shall be stipulated in the specifications sections governing such roof, equipment, materials, or supplies.

M. CONTRACTOR-SUBCONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIPS

The Contractor agrees that the terms of these contract documents shall apply equally to a subcontractor as to the Contractor, and that the subcontractor is bound by those terms as an employee of the Contractor.

Section 4 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Scope of Work:** The scope of this contract shall be for the furnishing, delivery and installation of Fire Hydrants for New Hanover County Fire Services. New hydrants installed on existing active mains by means of wet tap, utilizing tapping sleeves and valves. All work is expected to be within the Right-of-Way, in dirt, within twenty (20) feet of the main.
- 4.2 General Requirements:** These fire hydrants shall conform to the most recent edition of AWWA Specifications C-502 and be installed to the Cape Fear Public Utilities current standard to include testing and disinfection.
- 4.3 Anticipated Line Size:** While hydrants may be designated for installation on lines of various size, the majority will be in the 6"-10" range. Use this range to determine tap size for bid purposes.
- 4.4 Fire Hydrant Models:** The following are acceptable models and manufacturers. Prior approval must be obtained for all other models and manufacturers. Request for approval must be submitted to lbutler@nhcgov.com no later than 5:00 PM on **Thursday, May 22, 2014**.
- Mueller 5 ¼" Super Centurion by the Mueller Company
 - Kennedy 5 ¼" Guardian No. K-81-D by Kennedy Valve, a division of McWane Industries
 - American Darling 5 ¼" B-84-B by the American Flow Control Division of American Cast Iron Pipe Company
 - Clow 5 ¼" Medallion by Clow Valve, a division of McWane Industries
- 4.5 PSI Pressure:** Fire hydrants shall be able to withstand a minimum of 250 psi of operating pressure.
- 4.6 Nozzles:** All fire hydrants shall be equipped with two (2) 2 ½" hose nozzles with National Standard Thread and one (1) 5" pumper nozzle with Storz connection).
- 4.7 Valve Opening:** All fire hydrants shall open by turning to the left or counter-clockwise with valve opening size preferred 5 ¼" but not less than 4 ½", except where noted in the bid, and furnished with a 6" mechanical joint and inlet.
- 4.8 Valve Seat:** All fire hydrants shall be constructed with a bronze main valve seat that screws into a threaded bronze connection at the base of the hydrants. The operating nut shall be 1 ¼" pentagon in size and shape.
- 4.9 Pumper Nozzle:** The 5" Storz pumper nozzle connection shall be brass, shall be of a one-piece design, and shall be integral to the fire hydrant assembly. An aluminum Storz compatible cap shall be provided and shall be attached to the hydrant by a vinyl coated ¼" diameter stainless steel cable. Aluminum shall be anodized bronze.
- 4.10 Paint:** Exposed portion of the hydrant assembly shall be painted with two (2) evenly applied coats of OSHA Safety RED enamel paint.

- 4.11 Warranty:** All equipment supplied under these contract specifications shall be covered by the manufacturer's normal written guarantee and/or warranty (minimum of one year) against defects in materials, workmanship and performance.
- 4.11.1** A copy of the manufacturer's written warranty shall be supplied with the equipment.
- 4.11.2** It shall be the responsibility of the manufacturer to pay all shipping and crating costs associated with warranty repairs.
- 4.11.3** Warranty repairs shall be performed by the contractor at the customer's site on request.
- 4.12 Asphalt, Concrete, and Sod:** The installation of hydrants is not anticipated to require repair of asphalt, concrete or replacement of sod.
- 4.13 Time Allotted for Installation:** Under normal conditions, from the date a hydrant is designated for installation, the expected time for performance is sixty (60) to ninety (90) days.
- 4.14 Invoices:** All invoices must clearly indicate Purchase Order Number, Quantity, Unit Price and Extended Prices, Description, Remittance Address, and be sent to the following address:
- New Hanover County
Attn: Business Services
230 Government Center Drive, Suite 130
Wilmington, NC 28403
- 4.15 Quantities:** The quantities specified are offered to each bidder as a minimum estimate of the current needs of the County.
- 4.16 Items Under Agreement:** The County reserves the right to add/delete items to this contract if a particular items should become discontinued or an upgraded items becomes available to the industry market. The County may also add/delete parts numbers included in this contract as items are need or no longer used for County projects.
- 4.17 Bid Evaluation:** Bids are requested on the items and/or equipment as hereinafter specified or approved items similar in design, function and performance. The County reserves the right to reject any bid on the basis of function, compatibility with user requirements of utility as well as costs. Bidders are cautioned that any/all information furnished or not furnished on this bid may be used as a factor in determining the award of this contract. The County reserves the right to award the contract in whole or part.
- 4.18 Exceptions:** Any exceptions from specifications and requirements herein must be clearly pointed out by bidder. Otherwise it will be considered that equipment offered is in strict compliance with these specifications and requirements, and successful bidder will be held responsible therefore. **Exceptions must be explained in detail within the bid or on an attached sheet.** However, no implication is made by the County that exceptions will be acceptable. Bidder is advised that the response (or lack thereof) on this exception question does not take precedence over specific responses or non-responses provided elsewhere in this bid.

- 4.19 Information and Descriptive Literature:** Bidders must furnish with their bid accurate descriptions of the exact materials, supplies, and/or equipment on which a bid(s) is made. Copies of detailed descriptive literature and general specifications and other pertinent data necessary for their evaluation such as factory specifications, ratings, technical data, etc.
- 4.20 Applicable Laws:** The Suppliers must be familiar with, have a working knowledge of, and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations as applicable to the service requirements of this RFB. These shall include the rules, regulations and interpretations of the North Carolina Department of Labor relative to Occupational Safety and Health Standards.
- 4.21 Permitting Responsibilities:** All permits and inspections are the sole responsibility of the successful Bidder.
- 4.22 Award of Contract:** The County reserves the right to award this contract based on the lowest responsive responsible bidder taking into consideration vendor qualifications and experience, quality, delivery, workmanship, recycling and buyback programs offered, service of equipment, on-line ordering capabilities and any applicable environmentally preferable attributes associated with the product or services.

The County also reserves the right to award contract(s) by item, combination of items or grand total, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

Multiple awards may be made as a result of this RFB if doing so will ensure that any ensuing contract(s) will allow the County to fulfill current and future requirements or in the best interest of the County.

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The undersigned, as bidder, hereby declares that the only person or persons interested in this proposal as principal or principals is or are named herein and that no other person than herein mentioned has any interest in this proposal or in the contract to be entered into; that this proposal is made without connection with any other person, company or parties making a bid or proposal; and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud. The bidder further declares that he has examined the site of the work and the contract documents relative thereto, and has read all special provisions furnished prior to the opening of bids; that he has satisfied himself relative to the work to be performed. The bidder further declares that he and his subcontractors have fully complied with NCGS 64, Article 2 in regards to E-Verification as required by Section 2.(c) of Session Law 2013-418, codified as N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-129(j).

Item	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost
1	Hydrants, Up to 5' Bury Depth on 8" or less water mains	30	\$	\$
2	Hydrants, Up to 5' Bury Depth on 10" water mains	10	\$	\$
3	Hydrants, Up to 5' Bury Depth on 12" water mains	2	\$	\$

License Number _____

Manufacturer: _____

* The actual number of hydrants to be installed during the fiscal year by the County is unknown. The number requested is only an estimate provided solely for the purpose of assisting Bidders in preparing their Proposal. Orders will be placed only on an as needed basis.

New Hanover County does not represent or guarantee any minimum amounts during the term of this contract.

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Attachments to Proposal

- 1. Exceptions to bid (if any)
- 2. Sample Certificate of Insurance
- 3. Product Brochures

Signature Printed Name/Title

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2014 by and between **NEW HANOVER COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as "County"; and _____, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor."

WITNESSETH:

That the Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter fully set out, hereby agrees with the County as follows:

1. Scope of Services. Contractor shall furnish, deliver, and install fire hydrants for New Hanover County Fire Services on an as needed basis, as more specifically described in and in compliance with all terms of the County's Request for Bids and Bid Specifications, along with Contractor's Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A. Fire hydrant installation shall conform to the most recent edition of AWWA Specifications C-502 and be installed to the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority's current standard to include testing and disinfection. All as needed work shall be completed within the time established by and agreed to by both parties prior to beginning the specific work.

2. Contract Term. The initial term of this Agreement shall begin on Notice to Proceed and end at midnight on June 30, 2015. The County shall have the option to renew for two additional one year periods.

3. Payment. County hereby agrees to pay for the cost of this Contract not to exceed a sum of _____ (\$_____) Dollars. Payment will be made to the Contractor within 30 days of receipt of a correct and approved invoice.

4. Extra Work. County and Contractor shall negotiate and agree upon the value of any extra work or services prior to the issuance of a County Change Order or Renewal/Amendment (CRA) form covering said extra work or services. Such Change Order or CRA shall set forth the corresponding adjustment, if any, to the Contract Price and Contract Time.

5. Warranty. The Contractor warrants County that any and all services provided under this contract will be provided in accordance with the prevailing standards of care for professional excessive prevailing in North Carolina at the time of performance and that any and all materials and equipment furnished will be of good quality and new unless otherwise permitted by this contract. All work not conforming to these requirements may be considered defective. All work shall conform to applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. Contractor shall be responsible for all costs, damages and expenses including, but not limited to, penalties, fines and fees, that the County may incur as a result of Contractor's failure to perform under this Agreement.

6. Indemnity. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees, harmless against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or other liability, including attorney fees, on account of Contract or personal injuries or death or on account of property damages arising out of or relating to the work or services to be performed by Contractor hereunder, resulting from the negligence of or the willful act or omission of Contractor, its agents, employees and subcontractors.

7. Insurance. Before commencing any work or services, Contractor shall procure insurance in Contractor's name and maintain all insurance policies for the duration of the Contract of the types and in the amounts listed in this Contract. The insurance shall provide coverage against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from operations or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors, whether such operations by itself or anyone directly or indirectly employed by it.

8. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance

8.1 Commercial General Liability

8.1.1 Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) and if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance with a total limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this work or services, or the general aggregate shall be twice the required limit.

8.1.2 CGL insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) "occurrence" form CG 00 01 covering CGL or its equivalent and shall cover the

liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract, including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract.

8.1.3 County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees are to be covered as additional insureds under the CGL by endorsement CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 or an endorsement providing equivalent coverage as respects to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, leased or used by Contractor; and under the commercial umbrella, if any. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees.

8.1.4 Contractor's CGL insurance shall be primary as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees. Any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be excess of and not contribute with Contractor's insurance.

8.2 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

8.2.1 Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation as required by the general statutes of the State of North Carolina and Employer's Liability Insurance.

8.2.2 The Employer's Liability, and if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance shall not be less than \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease, and \$500,000 policy limit.

8.2.3 The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work or services performed by Contractor for County.

8.3 Business Auto Liability

8.3.1 Contractor shall maintain Business or Personal Auto Liability and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident.

8.3.2 Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto, including owned, hired, and non-owned autos.

8.3.3 Business Auto coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall

be endorsed to provide Contractual liability coverage equivalent to that provided in ISO form CA 00 01.

8.3.4 Contractor's Business Auto Liability insurance shall be primary as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees. Any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be excess of and not contribute with Contractor's insurance.

8.4 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

8.4.1 Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. At the option of County, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, or employees; or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of deductibles or self-insured retentions.

8.4.2 Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles to which such policies are subject, regardless of whether County is an insured under the policy.

8.5 Miscellaneous Insurance Provisions. The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

8.5.1 Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies listed in this Contract shall not affect coverage provided to County its officers, officials, agents, and employees.

8.5.2 Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County, 230 Government Center Drive #125, Wilmington, NC 28403.

8.5.3 If Contractor's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insureds provision, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.

8.6 Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers licensed to do business in the State of North Carolina with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A VII unless County has granted specific approval.

8.7 Evidence of Insurance

8.7.1 Contractor shall furnish County with a certificate(s) of insurance, executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements prior to commencing the work or services, and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of each certified coverage until all operations under this Contract are deemed complete.

8.7.2 Evidence of additional insured status shall be noted on the certificate of insurance as per requirements in this Contract.

8.7.3 With respect to insurance maintained after final payment in compliance with requirements, an additional certificate(s) evidencing such coverage shall be provided to County with final application for payment and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of such insurance until the expiration of the period for which such insurance must be maintained.

8.8 Subcontractors. Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. CGL coverage shall include independent contractors' coverage, and Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that all subcontractors are properly insured.

8.9 Conditions

8.9.1 The insurance required for this Contract must be on forms acceptable to County.

8.9.2 Where circumstances warrant, County may, at its discretion subject to acceptance by the Risk Management and Finance Department accept letters of credit or custodial accounts in lieu of specific insurance requirements.

8.9.3 Contractor shall provide that the insurance contributing to satisfaction of insurance requirements in this Contract and shall not be canceled, terminated, or modified by Contractor without prior written approval of County.

8.9.4 Contractor shall promptly notify the New Hanover County Fire Services and New Hanover County Risk Management at (910) 798-7497 of any accidents arising in the course of operations under the Contract causing bodily injury or property damage.

8.9.5 County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

8.9.6 Failure of County to demand a certificate of insurance or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of County to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

8.9.7 By requiring insurance herein, County does not represent that coverage and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect Contractor and such coverage and limits shall not be deemed as a limitation of Contractor's liability under the indemnities granted to County in this Contract.

8.9.8 If Contractor fails to maintain the insurance as set forth herein, County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase said insurance at Contractor's expense.

8.9.9 Contractor or its agent may apply to County for approval of higher deductibles based on financial capacity and quality of the carrier affording coverage.

8.9.10 County shall have the right, but not the obligation of prohibiting Contractor or any subcontractor from entering the work or service area or withhold payment until such certificates or other evidence that insurance has been placed in complete compliance with these requirements is received and approved by County.

9. Independent Contractor. The parties mutually agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an agent of the County, and as such, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any County employment benefits, such as, but not limited to, vacation, sick leave, insurance, workmen's compensation, or pension and retirement benefits.

10. Default and Termination. If Contractor fails to prosecute the work or services with such diligence as will insure its completion within the Contract time, or if Contractor breaches any of the terms or conditions contained in this Contract and fails to cure said breach within two (2) days of County's mailing of Notice of Default, or otherwise fails to perform the work or services hereunder to the County's reasonable satisfaction, County may terminate this Contract forthwith. Upon termination, County may, without prejudice to an action for damages or any other remedy, take the prosecution of the work or services out of the hands of Contractor. County may enter into another Contract for the completion of the Contract, or use such other methods as may be required for the completion of the Contract. County may deduct all costs of

completing the Contract from any monies due or which may become due to Contractor. In the event this Contract is terminated prior to completion of the services by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be paid for work or services performed to the date of termination. In no event will the amount due Contractor in the event of termination exceed that amount set forth in this Contract. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the County from pursuing any other remedy, which it may have against Contractor, including claims for damages.

11. Termination for Convenience. County may terminate this Contract for convenience at any time and without cause. Upon receipt of notice, Contractor shall immediately discontinue providing the work or service and, if applicable, placing any orders for any materials, facilities, and supplies in connection with the performance of the work or services of this Contract.

12. Non-waiver of Rights. The parties mutually agree that either party's failure to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of this Contract or to exercise any right based upon a breach thereof, or the acceptance of any performance during such breach, shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this Contract.

13. Conflict of Interest. No paid employee of the County shall have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, as a contracting party or otherwise, in the performance of this Contract.

14. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall utilize no subcontractors for carrying out the services to be performed under this Contract without the written approval of the County.

15. Entire Contract. This Contract constitutes the entire understanding of the parties.

16. Binding Effect. This Contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns.

17. Further Actions. The parties will make and execute all further instruments and documents required to carry out the purposes and intent of this Contract.

18. Severability. If any provision of this Contract is held unenforceable, then such provision will be modified to reflect the parties' intention. All remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

19. Inclusive Terms. Use of the masculine herein shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall include the plural.

20. Governing Law. All of the terms and conditions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

21. E-Verify Compliance. Pursuant to Session Law 2014-418, Contractor shall fully comply with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security employee legal status E-Verify requirements for itself and all its subcontractors. County shall be provided affidavits attesting to Contractor's compliance. Violation of the provision, unless timely cured, shall constitute a breach of Contract.

22. Accounting Procedures for Refund of County Sales & Use Tax. Pursuant to G.S. 105-164.14(c), the County is entitled to a refund of sales and/or use taxes paid by contractors on purchases of building materials, supplies, fixtures and equipment that become a part of or are annexed to any building or structure that is owned or leased by the County and is being erected, altered or repaired for use by the County.

Contractors shall provide a "certified statement" containing the specific required information. The certified statement must include all of the following information:

- a. the date the property was purchased;
- b. the type of property purchased;
- c. the cost of property purchased and the amount of sales and use taxes paid thereon;
- d. the project for which the property was used;
- e. if the property was purchased in this State, the county to which it was delivered; and
- f. if the property was not purchased in this State, the county in which the property was used.

If the contractor makes several purchases from the same vendor, the certified statement must indicate each invoice number, the inclusive dates of the invoices, the total amount each invoice, and the state and local sales and use taxes paid on the purchase. The statement must also include the cost of any tangible personal property withdrawn from the contractor's warehouse stock and the amount of state and local sales or use tax paid by the contractor. If subcontractors are used, similar certified

statements by its subcontractors must be obtained by the general contractor and furnished to the County. Local sales or use taxes included in the contractor's statements must be shown separately from the State sales or use taxes. The contractor's statements must not contain sales or use taxes paid on purchases of tangible personal property purchased by the contractor for use in performing the contract which does not annex to, affix to or in some manner become a part of the building or structure that is owned or leased by the County and is being erected, altered or repaired for use by the County.

Examples of property on which sales or use tax has been paid by the contractor and which shall not be included in the contractor's statement are scaffolding, forms for concrete, fuel for the operation of machinery and equipment, tools, equipment, equipment repair parts and equipment rentals.

A certified statement must be provided with each pay request. If there was no sales or use tax paid during the period, the contractor shall provide a "Zero" sales and use tax statement. .

22. Notices. All notices required hereunder to be sent to either party shall be sent to the following designated addresses, or to such other address or addresses as may hereafter be designated by either party by mailing of written notice of such change of address, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested:

To County:
New Hanover County
Attn: Frank Meyer
230 Government Center Drive, Ste. 130
Wilmington, NC 28457

To Contractor:

24. Assignability. The parties hereto agree that this Contract is not transferable and shall not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party to this Contract.

25. Contract Under Seal. The parties hereto expressly agree to create a Contract under seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals, the day and year first above written and by authority duly given.

[SEAL]

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

County Manager

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

CONTRACTOR

President (Seal)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST:

Secretary

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Approved as to form:

County Finance Director

County Attorney

NORTH CAROLINA

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, certify that Sheila L. Schult acknowledged that she is Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Board, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its _____ County Manager, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by herself as its Clerk.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

NORTH CAROLINA

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, certify _____, President of _____ personally came before me this day and the foregoing instrument was signed in its name as its name and sealed with its corporate seal.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____ (hereinafter Affiant), being duly authorized by and on behalf of _____ (hereinafter "Employer") after first being duly sworn hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. Employer understands that E-Verify is the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law in accordance with NCGS §64-25(5).
2. Employer understands that Employers Must Use E-Verify. Each employer, after hiring an employee to work in the United States, shall verify the work authorization of the employee through E-Verify in accordance with NCGS§64-26(a).
3. Employer is a person, business entity, or other organization that transacts business in this State and that employs 25 or more employees in this State. **(Mark Yes or No)**
 - a. YES _____, or
 - b. NO _____
4. Employer's subcontractors must comply with E-Verify and Employer will ensure compliance with E-Verify by any subcontractors subsequently hired.

This ____ day of _____, 2014.

Signature of Affiant

Print or Type Name: _____

State of North Carolina County of _____

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this the _____ day of _____, 2014.

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

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(Affix Official/Notarial Seal)