Calcium Chloride
Sealed Bid (Bid-317)
Town of Salem, NH

June 2011

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COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS FOR
Calcium Chloride
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It is the intent of the Town of Salem, New Hampshire to engage the services of a qualified firm to provide the town with the following product(s) or services to be purchased. “Calcium Chloride”

Sealed bids must be received no later than June 21st 2011 at or before 11:00am from interested firms, to be eligible for consideration by the town. Each bid will be submitted in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked “Bid- 317 Calcium Chloride”

All sealed bids received will be considered confidential and not available for public review until after the bid opening on June 21st 2011 at 11:00am.

Sealed bids and all correspondence relating to this ITB shall be submitted to:

STEPHEN ARTEMIS
Purchasing Agent
Town of Salem
33 Geremonty Drive
Salem NH 03079

Qualified Firms requiring additional information or clarification relative to the contents of the bid may direct inquiries to Stephen Artemis, Purchasing Agent at 603-890-2090 or sartemis@ci.salem.nh.us. Bid documents may be picked up at the office of the Purchasing Agent at the above address during regular business hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please visit our website to download a copy of this Bid-317 www.townofsalemnh.org Finance-Purchasing /bids-proposals. Copies will not be faxed.

One original and (1) one copy is required and must be received at the above address no later than June 21th 2011 on or before 11:00am, late bids will not be considered.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals or any part thereof, to waive any informality or information in the bids/proposals, and to accept the bid/proposal considered to be in the best interest of the Town. The Town also reserves the right to conduct reasonable negotiations with low bidders and sole bidders. Failure to submit all information may declare a bid/proposal as non-responsive subject for disqualification.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PREPARATIONS OF BIDS/PROPOSALS Proposals shall be submitted on the forms provided and must be signed by the Bidder or his authorized representative. The person signing the proposal shall initial any corrections to entries made on the attached forms.

Vendors must provide pricing on all items appearing on the bid forms unless specific directions in the advertisement, on the bid form or in the special provisions allowed for partial bids. Failure to provide pricing on all items may disqualify the bid. Alternative bids will be considered, unless otherwise stated, only if the alternate is described completely, including, but not limited to, sample, if requested and specifications sufficient so that a comparison to the request can be made.

Any questions or inquiries must be submitted in writing, and must be received by the Purchasing Department no later than seven (7) calendar days before the Request for Proposal due date to be considered. Any changes to the Request for Proposal will be provided to all bidders of record.

The name of manufacturer, trade name, or catalog number mentioned in this request for bid description is for the purpose of designating a minimum standard of quality and type. Such references are not intended to be restrictive, although specified color, type of material and specified measurements may be mandatory.

Proposals will be considered for any brand that meets or exceeds the quality of the specifications listed. On all such proposals, the bidder shall specify the product they are proposing and shall supply sufficient data to enable a comparison to be made with the particular brand or manufacturer specified. Failure to submit the above may be sufficient grounds for rejection of the proposal.

SUBMITTED BIDS/PROPOSALS: Proposals must be submitted as directed in the Notice to Qualified Firms, and on the forms provided unless otherwise specified. Proposals must be typewritten or printed in ink. Proposals must be mailed or delivered in person. Proposals that are faxed or emailed will not be accepted.

WITHDRAWING BIDS/PROPOSALS: Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the opening date and time upon written request of the Proposer. Negligence on the part of the Proposer in preparing his/her proposal shall not constitute a right to withdraw a proposal subsequent to the proposal opening.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION: The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to the proposal. A proposal may be rejected, if the Firm:
   a. Fails to adhere to one or more of the provisions established in the proposal.
   b. Fails to submit its proposal at the time or in the format specified herein or to supply the minimum information requested herein.
   c. Fails to meet the minimum evaluation criteria specified in this proposal.
   d. Fails to submit its proposal to the required address on or before the deadline date established by the Town.
   e. Misrepresents its services, experience and personnel by providing demonstrably false information in its proposal or fails to provide material information.
f. Fails to submit its cost on the enclosed bid form.
g. Refuses a reasonable request for an interview.
h. Refuses to provide clarification requested by the town.

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS:
Proposals shall be submitted prior to the time fixed in the Request for Sealed Bids/RFP. Proposals received after the time so indicated shall be returned unopened.

PROPOSAL RESULTS:
All sealed bids received will be considered confidential and not available for public review until after the bid opening is conducted. Results will not be given over the phone. Please send your request in writing or send an email to sartemis@ci.salem.nh.us to receive sealed bid results after the public opening. Request for Proposals will remain confidential until the proposer has been selected.

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE: Provide a description of the firm’s knowledge and experience in the industry. Highlight your company’s experience to provide the highest quality and effective product and reliable service and support.

REFERENCES: Projects within the past ten years best illustrating current qualifications for this project: (Please See Reference List)

AWARD OF CONTRACT: It is the policy of the Town of Salem, NH that contracts are awarded only to responsible bidders. In order to qualify as responsible, a prospective vendor must meet the following standards as they relate to this request:
A. Have adequate financial resources for performance or have the ability to obtain such resources as required during performance.
B. Have the necessary experience, organization, technical and professional qualifications, skills and facilities.
C. Be able to comply with the proposed or required time of completion or performance schedule; and
D. Have a demonstrated satisfactory record of performance.
E. Adhere to the specifications of this bid and provide all documentation required of this bid.

The contract will be awarded to a responsive & responsible bidder based on the qualifications and experience of the bidder, the quality of the equipment/product /materials/services to be provided and the support that the bidder offers during the duration of the contract terms.

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT:
The successful proposer shall sign (execute) the necessary agreements for entering into the contract and return such signed agreements to the town within ten (10) calendar days from the date mailed or otherwise delivered to the successful Proposer.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT:
Upon receipt of the agreement that has been fully executed by the proposer, the owner will complete the execution of the agreement and return the agreement to the contractor. The Agreement accompanied by a Town issued purchase order will be delivered to the contractor and will constitute a mutual approval and agreement by both parties to abide by the terms and conditions of the agreement.
FAILURE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT:
Failure of the successful proposer to execute the agreement at the date and time agreed upon by the Town and the successful Proposer shall be just cause for cancellation of the award and forfeiture of all deposits.

CONTRACT TERMINATION:
If at any time the proposer fails to provide proper services during the contract period, the Town of Salem, NH will have the option to terminate the contract at any time without notice.

FAILURE TO SUPPLY GOODS OR SERVICES:
If during the contract period the successful vendor fails to supply the Town of Salem, New Hampshire with the equipment/service(s). The Town of Salem, will purchase this product/service(s) on the open market and the vendor will compensate the Town of Salem, New Hampshire with the difference between the bid price and the price incurred on the open market.

RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS:
The Town reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids, should the Town deem it to be in the best interest of the public.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATES:
The proposer must supply a current insurance certificate before any work commences. See; Insurance requirements.

WORKERS COMPENSATION:
All proposers and subcontractors at every tier under the proposer will conform to the requirements of RSA 281-A: 2 with close attention to sections VI (a), VI(c) and VII (a) as well as Section 281-A: 4.

PRICING:
Unless otherwise specified all prices listed are firm for the term of the contract. All prices should include all labor and material costs, and any discounts offered. All fuel surcharges, delivery charges and miscellaneous charges that are not part of the terms and conditions of this contract will only hold up payment if they are added to the submitted invoice.

INVOICING:
Unless otherwise specified, invoices will be submitted to Accounts Payable at 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem NH. The invoice must include an itemization of all items, supplies, repairs and labor furnished, including unit list pricing, net pricing and total amount due. Payment terms are net thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice.

TAX:
The Town is exempt from all sales and federal excise taxes. Our exemption number is 026000817 Please Invoice less these taxes.

DELIVERY:
Deliveries are to be made only to the department or division indicated on the order and in accordance with accepted commercial practices, without extra charge for packing or containers.

GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES:
All parts and labor related to agreements must be guaranteed and include a warranty. If any work is unable to be guaranteed, the contractor must inform the Town, in writing, prior to the delivery of an item or any work being performed.

FORCE MAJEURE:
Neither party shall be liable for any inability to perform its’ obligations under any subsequent agreement due to war, riot, insurrection, civil commotion, fire, flood, earthquake, storm or any other act of God.
Town of Salem, New Hampshire

Purchasing Department
33 Geremonty Drive
Salem, New Hampshire 03079
PH (603) 890-2090 FAX (603) 890-2091

Notice To Qualified Firms

*Do not alter bid documents in any way.
*All bid documents must be filled out to be considered.

If you wish to offer comments, additional information or alternate bids, please do below or on a separate sheet and attach it to the bid sheet.

- ____________________________________________________
- ____________________________________________________
- ____________________________________________________
- ____________________________________________________

The purpose of the attached specifications is to define minimum requirements only. They are not meant to be restrictive. All manufacturers meeting or surpassing these minimum specifications are invited to submit a bid/proposal.

Please don’t hesitate to call me if you need any additional information.
Stephen Artemis, Purchasing Agent (603) 890-2090

For questions or clarification on specifications please contact
Dave Wholley, Operations Manager (603)-890-2159

The Town of Salem reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids/proposals that it deems non-conforming to the specifications enclosed. All information must be filled out correctly for consideration.

DO NOT FAX BIDS, THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Specifications Exception Form

In the interest of fairness and sound business practice, it is mandatory that you state any exceptions taken by you to our specifications.

It should not be the responsibility of the Town of Salem to ferret out information concerning the materials, which you intend to furnish.

If your bid/proposal does not meet all our specifications you must state it in the space provided below.

_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Bids/proposals on equipment, vehicles, computers, supplies, services and materials not meeting specifications may be considered by the Town, however, all deviations must be listed above.

If your bid does not meet our specifications, and your exceptions are not listed above or in space provided, the Town of Salem may claim forfeiture on your bid, if submitted.

Signed ____________________________________________
I DO meet specifications

Signed ____________________________________________
I DO NOT meet specifications as listed in this bid, exceptions are in space provided.

Failure to submit this form with your Bid/Proposal response may result in your Bid/Proposal being rejected as unresponsive.
Form for General Bid

In compliance with all specifications enclosed the Bidder hereby proposes to supply the listed materials/services in strict accordance with the contract documents provided. The undersigned will provide materials and services at the pricing listed below. The contract will last (1) year from the date of award.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE
   Approximately 6000 gallons of 32% solution of calcium chloride to be delivered and stored in tank at the Public Works facility. Approximately 6000 gallons of 35% solution to be applied to several roads, as directed by Public Works.

   Cost per gallon 32% stored $__________
   Cost per gallon 35% applied $__________
   Cost per gallon w/anti-corrosion additive $__________

The undersigned declares the materials and methods to be used conform to the attached specifications.

NOTE
   A detailed description of material to be used, preparation and application process of the Calcium Chloride is to be provided along with your bid. It is the responsibility of the lowest responsible bidder to determine the type and size of the tanker truck used for application.

   • Proposal Submitted by (Business Name)
   • Title of person authorized to sign proposals
   • Name of person authorized to sign proposals (printed)
   • Signature of person authorized to sign proposals
   • Business Phone _______________ Business Fax _______________________________
   • Business Address __________________________ Date _____________________________
   • Business Email __________________________
   • Business Type __________________________ (Individual, Partnership, Corporation etc.)
Specifications/Scope of Work(A)

COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION
FOR
CALCIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION
STABILIZATION AND DUST CONTROL

Salient Characteristics:

The product shall be a 35% solution of calcium chloride in water. The solution shall conform to the following requirements as to the chemical composition:

Calcium chloride……………………..32-35% +/- 1%
Total alkali chlorides……………………….2% maximum
(as of sodium chloride)
Magnesium chloride……………………..0.01% maximum

The product shall be provided by the manufacturer in a true solution and shall not be reconstituted from flake calcium chloride.

Test Procedures:
Sampling, examining and testing shall be one in accordance with ASTM methods D345 an E449. The calcium chloride shall be rejected if it fails to conform to any of the requirements of the salient characteristics.

Certification:
The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description, conforms to the producer’s own drawings, specification, standards and quality assurances practices, and is the same product offered for sale in the commercial marketplace.
Specifications/Scope of Work(B)

Packaging and Packing:

The product shall be packed in a manner which will ensure arrival at destination in a satisfactory condition.

The product shall be delivered in bulk in tank trucks. Delivery shall be in load lots of 1,500 gallons or more and shall be made within 48 hours of request for delivery. Each delivery truck shall be equipped with pumps and hand hoses for the unloading and spraying of liquid calcium chloride as required. The distributor for spraying calcium chloride shall be capable for applying liquid calcium chloride in accurately measured quantities at any rate between 0.1 to 2.0 gallons per square yard of roadway surface, at any length of spray bar up to sixteen feet. The distributor shall be capable of maintaining a uniform rate of distribution of material regardless of change in grade, width or direction of the road. The distributor shall be equipped with a tachometer, volume and measuring device and shall be equipped with a power unit for the pump so that application is by pressure, not gravity. The spray nozzles and pressure systems shall provide a sufficient and uniform fan-shaped spray of material throughout the entire length of the spray bar at all times while operating, and shall be adjustable laterally and vertically. The spray shall completely cover the roadway surface receiving the treatment. An approved liquid meter or scale ticket will be used to accurately determine the amounts of calcium chloride delivered.
Specifications/Scope of Work(C)

Product Identification:
Any sample of calcium chloride that meets the salient characteristics of this description and has been deemed acceptable, shall be retained for spectrophotometer analysis so as to ensure that the properties of the sample and the product supplied are consistent.

It is the intent of the Town of Salem, New Hampshire to purchase the following products. The quantities are estimates only. The obligations incurred by the acceptance of any bid are limited to the purchase of the Departments actual requirements.

Approximately 6000 gallons of 32% solution of calcium chloride stored at 21 cross street DPW.
Approximately 6000 gallons of 35% solution of calcium chloride applied to roadways.
No Bid Questionnaire

Reference: Sealed Bid-317
If you choose not to bid, please complete the questionnaire below and return it with your response by the
bid opening date. Your assistance in helping us to analyze no bid rationale is very much appreciated.
Thank You.

* * * * No Bid Questionnaire * * * *

A no bid is submitted in reply to the Town of Salem, NH invitation for bids for (enter requirement
description): ________________________________________
Dated ___________________________, for the following reasons:

______ Item not supplied by our company.

______ Bid Specification (Give reason(s) e.g., too restricted, not clear etc.)

______________________________________________________________________

______ Profit Margin too low

______ Past experience with the Town of Salem (give specific’s e.g. payment
delay, bid process, admin problems, etc.)

______________________________________________________________________

______ Insufficient time allowed to prepare and respond to bid request.

______ Bid requirements too large ____ or too small ____ for our company.

______ Priority of other business opportunities limits time.

______ Other reason(s) Please Specify: ___________________________________

______________________________________________________________________

Company Name_____________________________________________________
Address___________________________________________________________
Phone________________________________________________________________

_________________________   __________________________
(Signature)      (Name & Title)
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Insurance Requirements

A current Insurance certificate must be provided prior to commencing any work on this project, in the following amounts:

- Commercial General Liability $1,000,000.00
- Workmen’s Compensation & Employers Liability $500,000.00 per accident

The Contractor shall maintain for the duration of this project Workmen’s Compensation Insurance as required by State Law for all of his employees that are engaging in any work at the site of the project. Contractor shall require any subcontractor providing on-site work to carry insurance coverage’s in a form and amount consistent with the insurance requirements specified.

Non-Collusion Statement

The Undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid in all respects is bonafide, fair and made without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this paragraph, the “PERSON” shall mean any natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.

Title ________________________________
Signature ________________________________
Company ________________________________
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The successful vendor agrees to indemnify, investigate, protect, defend and save harmless the Town of Salem, NH, its officials, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, equipment or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation which may be injured or damaged by the vendor in the performance of this contract. In any case, the forgoing provisions concerning indemnification shall not be construed to indemnify the Town for damage arising out of bodily injury to persons or damage to property caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the Town or its employees. This indemnification shall survive the expiration or early termination of this contract.

- Company ______________________
- Taxpayer Identification Number_______________
- Authorized Signature _______________
- Contact Phone _____________________
- Address __________________________
- Date _____________________________
Form W-9
Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box: □ Individual/sole proprietor □ Corporation □ Partnership
□ Limited liability company Enter the tax classification (P=partnership, C=corporation, S=LLC or LLC
of one person)

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN on page 3.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and

2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest and dividends, or (b) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification Instructions: You must check Item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, Item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or distributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien) to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note: If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

• An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,

• A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,

• Any estate other than a foreign estate, or

• A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

• The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,