



ADDENDUM #1

To: All Companies Interested in Submitting a Bid
From: Rebecca Johnson, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Bid: Water System Pipe, Fittings & Appurtenances (RFB #PUR0216-149); Dated: 03/01/16
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The following questions and/or clarifications were asked relative to the above-listed Request for Bid. This memo is sent for clarification to all companies to whom the bid was sent.

Question: Why will the City of Cedar Rapids only allow one type of Quick Connect Pumper Nozzle (Storz) Connection in your system? You currently have six (6) Hydrant Manufacturers in your specs and all have their own Quick Connect, which is compatible with all fire hoses equipped with Quick Connect Fittings. When you specify only one type, will the City be supplying that for all of the hydrants installed into the Fire Protection System?

Answer: To clarify, the City has specified four (4) acceptable hydrants, not six: Clow Medallion, Kennedy Guardian, Mueller Super Centurion, and Waterous Pacer WB67.

The intent of the Fire Hydrant Specifications is to specify a "type" of connection, not a "brand". Storz is a type of hose coupling invented by Carl August Guido Storz in 1882 that connects using interlocking hooks and flanges. It is expected that all manufacturers quick connect fittings are compatible with this type. The City is requesting a "Storz type" connector pumper nozzle, not necessarily "Storz brand".

However, for the "Thread to Storz Hydrant Adaptor" the City has added to the RFB this year, the Storz brand is required.

Question: Are the required insurance documents necessary since we are a distributor, not a contractor? The City has not included these insurance requirements with this bid in the past.

Answer: Yes, the insurance certificate and endorsement described in Attachment B are now required. The City's Contracting process has evolved over time and one of the requirements that has been added to be consistent with other similar contracts is to require that each vendor provide an insurance certificate documenting that they have the appropriate insurance coverage and the insurance company who is providing the coverage. The Certificate is also a helpful tool for the City to verify that suppliers are financially sound prior to entering a contract.

All addenda that you receive shall become a part of the contract documents and shall be acknowledged and dated on the bottom of the Signature Page (Attachment D). The deadline for bid submittal is Monday, March 21, 2016 before 3:00 p.m. CDT.