

CITY OF ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND PROPOSALS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. **RFP #943-15**

**PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM**  
**DATE ISSUED: September 2, 2014**

The City of Asheville, NC is requesting sealed proposals, per North Carolina General Statutes § 143-129.8 Purchase of Information Technology Goods and Services, from qualified firms to provide equipment and services for a P25, trunked, simulcast, 800 MHz public safety radio system.

The City of Asheville is committed to maintaining fair and open competition. Every effort is made to maintain the highest level of ethical conduct in every aspect of the procurement process. Qualification and selection of vendors is based on those vendors who share the same high standards of ethical conduct.

The City requests proposals for the detailed design and implementation of an integrated system on a “turnkey” basis. This turnkey system shall include all hardware, software, installation, system design, warranty and maintenance, testing, training and documentation and all costs associated with providing a fully-functional, turnkey communications system as described in the Request for Proposals (“RFP”).

Proposals will be received until 4:00pm local time on November 21, 2014 to the attention of the following:

City of Asheville IT Services Department  
Attn: Jeff Reble, Radio System Project Manager  
70 Court Plaza  
Third Floor  
Asheville, NC 28801

A **Pre-Proposal Conference** will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 9:30am EDT in the IT Third Floor Conference Room, at Asheville City Hall Building, 70 Court Plaza Asheville, NC 28801.

Attendance at the conference is not required to submit a proposal. However, vendors are encouraged to attend, as it is expected that many relevant questions will be answered during the conference. The conference will include an inspection of the dispatch facilities and the anticipated radio site locations. The conference will begin on September 24 as noted above and will likely extend into September 25 to accommodate all of the site visits.

Proposal forms, instructions and specifications may be obtained electronically at <http://www.ashevillenc.gov/rfp>. If RFP addenda are issued, they will be posted to this web site no less than seven (7) days prior to the RFP due date. Each addendum will be identified by number. Respondents are urged to check this page prior to submitting a proposal to assure that they have obtained all addenda that may have been issued for the RFP in question. Addenda should be acknowledged (signed) and included with the RFP response. Responses submitted without acknowledged addenda may be rejected.

The requirements of the City of Asheville Minority Business Plan (MB) are hereby made a part of this request for proposals. These requirements shall apply to all contractors regardless of ownership.

Contractors Must Use E-Verify. Per Session Law 2013-418, no city may enter into a contract unless the contractor and the contractor's subcontractors comply with Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes.

Employers and their subcontractors with 25 or more employees as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes must comply with E-Verify requirements to contract with governmental units. E-Verify is a Federal 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. A new required form to be included in the submittal documents is the E-Verify Affidavit found in the Contract Documents, which may be obtained electronically at [www.ashevillenc.gov/purchasing](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/purchasing).

By submitting a response to this RFP, a prospective primary vendor certifies that it and all subcontractors will comply with the City of Asheville drug-free workplace requirement as stipulated in the RFP. A false certification or the failure to comply with the drug-free workplace requirements during the performance of a contract shall be grounds for suspension, termination, or debarment. The awarded vendor will be required to complete the certification included in the RFP.

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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