

June 26, 2024 - Jay Fire District Commissioners Special Meeting

Commissioners present: Matt Miller, Kurt Williams, Morris Coolidge, Kevin Lincoln, Scott McDonald

Commissioners absent:

Firemen Present: Jamie Coolidge

Meeting was opened by Matt at 6:35

Email was sent to attorney Dean Schneller on questions regarding bid submission, engine and award date. The questions and responses are attached to minutes.

Kevin made motion to reject all bids, Morris seconded, all in favor.

Bid specs were reviewed and updated

Matt made motion to adjourn meeting, Kurt seconded, all in favor 8:30 pm

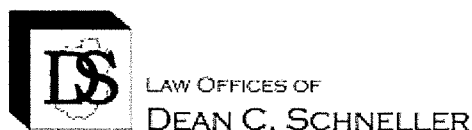
Deb

From: Dean Schneller <dean@schnellerlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 2:18 PM
To: Deb
Subject: RE: Jay Fire District - truck bids

Deb,

Responses below underlined.

Thanks,
Dean



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From: Deb <Deb@adkforester.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 6:24 AM
To: Dean Schneller <dean@schnellerlaw.com>
Subject: Jay Fire District - truck bids

Dean,

We received two bids for the fire truck from representatives that came to the meeting. One bid was emailed in. We were a little confused if we should accept the email bid. Our specs said that they needed to be 2 copies mailed to the PO Box. The specs also said emails had to be in pdf format. So we should accept the emailed bid? You still have our bid specs that you reviewed and edited? Generally, the respondents need to strictly follow the bid specs, which were sufficiently clear here with respect to the submission format. That being said, the overarching goal for any RFP process is to get best value and fairness. So, if the non-conforming bid is the best bid for price and content, but it was sent in an improper format, we could massage this to accept the e-mailed bid. Alternatively, if it's not a winner, then we can use various basis to reject or just not award.

One of the items on the bid was the specification for the engine. The engine was for an older engine that was going to be discontinued in the next few years. We had “NO EXCEPTION” on the bid specs for that older type engine. Both companies that bid said they could not place that engine in the truck – they were no longer able to get the older type engine. They priced in on the newer engine. Can we make the decision that since the engine is not available, we can continue to review these bids and award one. Or do we need to rebid? We don’t know if any other companies would have bid on it but since they could not get the older engine, they did not submit a bid. If there is no rush for the truck, and in light of the discontinuance on the older engine, my suggestion would be to re-bid with the new engine because that may open up more responses with a potentially lower price.

One of the bidders said in their bid the price was good to July 2. They would extend it in writing. In the bid we had the award date but they put in an earlier deadline. If we decided on the truck from this bidder, can we award the bid sooner than we had in the bid specs. No we need to honor the dates from the specs for the award but as noted above we may re-bid. If that’s the case, we need to reject all bids and then go again.

We are having truck meetings on Weds and Thurs this week – going through the specs of each truck line by line. If you could get back to us on these questions by Thursday the latest, that would be most helpful.

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