

Unit Price Service Contracts Instructions

The City/County Purchasing Division has established “unit price” bids from our local repair and service contractors in an effort to streamline the process necessary to obtain services from various trades to perform small emergency and routine maintenance and repair for our facilities. Without this type of arrangement the specification and notice to proceed were unduly delayed or administratively prohibitive.

1. **DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this process the following definitions shall apply:
 - 1.1 **Unit Price Contract:** This series of contracts for routine maintenance, repair and /or remodel with the Owners for labor and material projects equal to or less than \$25,000.00 per project will establish approved hourly rates for the same utilizing a fair and competitive bid process. The Purchasing Division will require proof of insurance and a \$25,000 performance bond from each contractor for the duration of the contract. During the course of the contract period (which is one year with two each one year renewal options), any Owners Department / Division / Agency may utilize the established unit price contract for maintenance, repair and small remodeling projects under \$25,000. In addition, for contracts over \$5,000, involving the repair of any public building or other public structure or improvement, and to which the general provisions of the mechanics’ lien laws do not apply, a payment bond in the project estimate amount shall be provided. Unit Price Service Contracts shall not include contracts involving: a) any street, alley bridge or highway, or b) the new construction, furnishing, erection or installation of any building or structure.
 - 1.2 **Labor and Materials:** (time and materials) The contractor will be paid for labor and materials instead of charging a fixed price or percentage of costs. Contractor shall provide a quote to the Owners for time and materials for the actual projected labor hours and material incorporated into or used solely for the project.
 - 1.3 **Unit Price Contractor:** Shall mean any person that enters into a Unit Price Service Contract as a service provider.
 - 1.4 **Maintenance and Repair:** Unit price contracts are restricted to ONLY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR SERVICES AND LIMITED REMODELING THAT TOTAL **no more than** \$25,000 FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT. Project Managers shall not divide work or phase project to avoid this limitation. Maintenance and repair shall be limited in scope to expenditure needed to preserve a property's original status and functionality or to compensate for wear and tear and minor remodeling to improve the regular compliance for the facility.
 - 1.5 **Owners** shall mean the agencies, departments and offices of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, or City of Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission, Nebraska.

- 1.6 **Owner's Project Manager:** The "Project Manager" as used in this process shall mean the Owner's department / division or agency manager / supervisor or by or through that person's duly authorized assistants. The Project Manager shall be responsible for general management (getting quotes, selecting contractor, scheduling work, supervising the work and insuring payment to the contractor for said work) of work performed utilizing the Unit Price Contracts.
- 1.7 **Project:** The Unit Price Contracts are restricted to projects for \$25,000 or less. Projects shall mean the entire scope of the work incorporated into a planned undertaking of related activities to reach an objective that has a beginning and an end.
- 1.8 **Quotation:** A proposed estimation of the labor and materials of the individual project to determine an appropriate price to complete the work. May be verbal for small projects (under \$5,000) and written for projects \$5,000 and over.

2. **SELECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

- 2.1 Any Owner Department, Division or Agency may utilize the unit price contracts for maintenance and repair services with a total project cost of \$25,000 or under.
 - 2.1.1 0 to \$5,000: Verbal quote obtained from approved unit price contractor(s).
 - 2.1.2 \$5,001 to \$9,999: Written (fax is acceptable) price quotes from two or more (if available) approved unit price contractors.
 - 2.1.3 \$10,000 to \$25,000: Written (fax is acceptable) price quotes from two or more (if available) approved unit price contractors, and a notice of approval from the Purchasing Division. (See link on Unit Price Contract page for this form)
- 2.2 **Right to Audit:** The Purchasing Agent has the right to audit any project for compliance with this procedure. The Purchasing Agent may suspend any Project Manager from using this procedure for non-compliance including, but not limited to the following:
 - 2.2.1 Project is over \$25,000
 - 2.2.2 Project was subdivided into small phases to avoid the \$25,000 Project limit
 - 2.2.3 If proper documentation has not been retained by the Project Manager.
 - 2.2.4 If Purchasing Agent has reason to believe the Project Manager is not providing fair and open access to all available Unit Price Contractors for the work covered under this program.

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