

RFP Paper Supplies & Janitorial Items

**COMMUNITY RENEWAL TEAM
INVITATION TO BID**



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1. INVITATION TO BID

Beginning January 28, 2020, bid package and specifications for CRT Bid# NutritionPaperJanitorialSupplies2020 may be downloaded on the CRT web site: www.crtct.org under Business Solutions/Vendors **OR** from the CT State Department of Administrative Services contracting portal at <https://www.biznet.ct.gov>.

BY EMAIL: Proposals will be accepted by electronic mail to, crt-bids@crtct.org (please have the subject line identified as NUTRITIONPAPERJANITORIALSUPPLIES2020 however no responsibility will be attached to any person or persons for the non-receipt of a proposal submitted by electronic mail due to spam, incorrect email address, or any other like circumstance. The proposal sent by email will have to be received by **Friday, February 28th, 2020 at 12:00p.m.**

BY US POST MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY: Sealed proposals will be received at the Community Renewal Team, Inc., 555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT 06120 until **Friday, February 28th, 2020 by 12:00p.m.** Please place bids in sealed envelope marked: NutritionPaperJanitorial Supplies2020.

Pricing sheet MUST be sent in electronically to crt-bids@crtct.org. Bidder will be disqualified if not sent in electronically. This is a separate document that can be found on our Agency website at www.crtct.org Business Solutions/Vendors.

QUESTIONS: Please direct all questions regarding this RFP to Jeanette Dunbar dunbarj@crtct.org

Bids must be addressed to:

Jeanette Dunbar
Community Renewal Team, Inc.
555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT 06120
860-560-5161

Proposals must be clearly marked with the bid number and title on the exterior of the sealed envelope. Two hard copies of proposals must be included in the sealed envelope. No responsibility shall be attached to any person or persons for the premature opening of proposals not properly marked.

Bids will be publicly opened on **Monday, March 2, 2020 at 9 a.m.** CRT 555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE



CRT's overall purpose is to prepare communities to meet life's challenges. The Community Renewal Team Inc. was founded in 1963 an anti-poverty agency serving people and families throughout the Connecticut River Valley. Meals on Wheels, alternatives to incarceration, supportive housing and shelter, and many other CRT programs give people the skills and the resources to become self-sufficient and to thrive. In 1999, the Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford Inc. merged with Community Action for Greater Middlesex County to form the Community Renewal Team Inc. CRT now runs major programs in 59 Connecticut towns, including Meals on Wheels, Head Start, homebuyer and energy assistance, nutrition, Veteran, Senior and Youth services.

2.2 PROJECT PURPOSE

The Community Renewal Team, Inc. is soliciting for a vendor to provide paper supplies and janitorial items for our food production facility located at 555 Windsor Street in Hartford. Contract period will be from 4/1/2020 – 3/31/2021 with the right to extend with approval from both parties.

2.3 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BIDDER

- Sealed Bids will be received at the Central Office of the Community Renewal Team (henceforth referred to as "CRT"), 555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT until **Friday, February 28, 2020 by 12:00p.m.** The bids will be opened on **Monday, March 2, 2020 at 9a.m.**
- Late bids will not be accepted – no exceptions.
- Submit the completed bid forms and any necessary attachments in a sealed opaque envelope clearly labeled with the name of the bidder, address, and the words "BID DOCUMENTS". Clearly mark your envelope with the bid number and bid title as to prevent opening of a sealed bid prior to the opening date.
- Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed form and all blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in ink or typewritten.
- Once bids are opened, the bid shall stand firm for ninety (90) days after the bid opening.
- Bidders are responsible for obtaining all addenda related to this Bid. Bidders are advised to check for any addenda a minimum of twenty-four hours in advance of the response deadline.

2.4 DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- Completed Bid Form (Attachment I)



- Name, address, phone number, and email address of firm/person(s) responsible for the project, if different from the Bid Form signatory
- Bid Pricing Spreadsheet Completed electronically
- Sample Certificate of Liability Insurance

If the bidder finds any omissions, discrepancies or errors in the specifications or other Contract Documents or should she/he be in doubt as to the meaning of the specifications or other Contract Documents, she/he should immediately notify the Department of Business Administration, which may correct, amend or clarify such documents by a written interpretation or addendum. No oral interpretations shall be made to any bidder and no oral statement of CRT or its agents shall be effective to modify any of the provisions of the Contract Documents.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1 BID SPREADSHEET

- Please complete the CRT-NUTRITION DEPARTMENT PAPER SUPPLIES AND JANITORIAL ITEMS BID PRICING spreadsheet found on our agency website at crtct.org Business Solutions/Vendors. Provide brand, pricing and any comments you see fit. This must be sent in electronically. Failure to do so will disqualify the bidder.
- CRT is exempt from State or Federal taxes.

3.4 PROPOSAL COMPLIANCE

- CRT shall be the sole judge as to whether any and all bids comply with these specifications, and as such a decision shall be final and conclusive. Bidders shall state in their bid any exceptions taken to the Bid specifications.
- All terms and conditions of this bid will be incorporated into any subsequent contract between CRT and the bidder. If the bid and contract are found to be in conflict, these terms and conditions shall prevail.
- Either party may terminate the agreement solely for convenience, for any reason with thirty (30) days written notice. Upon receiving such written notice, the receiving party shall confirm, in writing, their acknowledgment and receipt of the correspondence within 5 business days. Failure to acknowledge the correspondence within the allotted time automatically will constitute the acceptance of the intent to terminate this agreement. Termination shall not terminate or adversely affect any obligations hereunder, specially



including but not in any way limited to any warranties, or indemnity obligations, arising out of the Contractor's services prior to any notice of termination.

- CRT reserves the right to change quantities. Bidders agree to accommodate reasonable variations above and below bid quantities.

3.5 RIGHT OF REJECTION

- This is not an offer to contract. Acceptance of a proposal neither commits CRT toward a contract to any bidder, even if all requirements stated in this bid are met, nor limits the right to negotiate in the best interest of CRT. CRT, in its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right not to contract with any bidder for any reason.
- CRT also reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to accept or reject any and all bids in whole or in part, to waive any irregularity and/or informality in any bid and to request and receive additional information from any bidder when such acceptance, rejection, waiver or request as deemed by CRT to be in the best interest of CRT.
- The Director of Business Administration, their designee, or Department Head may reject or accept any and all bids in whole or in part or to waive any informality in bids received if in their opinion, it is deemed in the best interest of the organization to do so.

3.6 METHOD OF AWARD

- Bids will be awarded to the most responsible, responsive and qualified bidder as determined by CRT. Lowest price is a factor but there are other things taken into consideration when an award is made, including, but not limited to, past vendor history and response to RFP.
- CRT reserves the right to split the Bid Award if it is in the organization's best interest.
- The delivery date shall be a factor considered in awarding and may result in an award offered to a vendor other than the low bidder.
- Until a contract has been executed, no vendor can claim any contract rights by virtue of the receipt of the notice of acceptance of proposal alone. Awarding of the contract shall mean that a contract agreement has been executed by both the accepted vendor and CRT.
- In the event that there is a discrepancy between price written in words and in figures, the price written in words shall govern.



3.7 FAMILIARITY WITH LAWS, SITE CONDITIONS AND DOCUMENTS

Each bidder is required to be familiar with and to comply with the terms and conditions of the specifications and all other contract documents and with all Federal, State and Local Laws, Ordinances or Regulations which in any manner relate to the furnishing of the equipment, material or services in accordance with the Contract.

3.8 QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDER

CRT may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder. The bidder shall furnish to CRT all such information necessary to complete this investigation as the organization may request. CRT reserves the right to reject any or all bidders if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of vendor fails to satisfy CRT that such bidder is qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to the work contemplated therein.

3.9 ERRORS, INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA

All information given by CRT except by written addenda shall be informal and shall not be binding upon CRT nor shall it furnish a basis for legal action by any bidder against CRT.

3.11 INDEMNIFICATION

The selected bidder shall at all times indemnify and hold harmless CRT and its officers, agents and employees on account of and from any and all claims, damages, losses, judgments, workers' compensation payments, litigation expenses and legal counsel fees arising out of injuries to persons (including death) or damage to property.

3.12 RIGHT OF THE OWNER TO TERMINATE CONTRACT

- Failure of a contractor to deliver within the time specified or to deliver within the time extended by CRT, and failure to make replacements of rejected articles when so requested, immediately or as directed by CRT shall constitute contract default.
- In the event of default or that any of the provisions of this Contract are violated by the Vendor, or by any of his Subcontractors, CRT may serve written notice upon the Vendor of their intention to terminate the Contract, such notices shall contain the reasons for such intention to terminate the Contract, and unless within five (5) days after the serving of such notice upon the Contractor, such violation or delay shall cease and satisfactory arrangement of correction be made, the Contract shall, upon expiration of said five (5) days, cease and terminate. In the event of any such termination, CRT shall immediately serve notice thereof upon the Vendor.

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- If contract is terminated, CRT reserves the right to award bid to next lowest responsible bidder or purchase on the open market. In either event, the defaulting contractor (or his surety) shall be liable to CRT for cost to CRT in excess of the defaulted contract prices.

3.13 RISK OF LOSS

Bidders agree to bear all risk of loss; injury or destruction of goods and material ordered herein which occurs prior to acceptance. Such loss, injury or destruction shall not release the bidder from any obligation under this bid.

3.14 INSURANCE AND WAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Bidder shall provide proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance, Commercial Automobile Insurance, Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance with limits acceptable to CRT.
- Amounts acceptable to CRT not less than the following:
 - General Liability (\$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$2,000,000 general aggregate);
 - Automobile Liability (\$1,000,000 each accident);
 - Umbrella Liability (\$1,000,000 each occurrence);
 - Crime (\$100,000 each occurrence);
 - Workers Compensation (\$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 each employee, \$1,000,000 disease policy limit).
- As a substitute for Workers Compensation Insurance, the Contractor may provide CRT with a "Certificate of Solvency" issued by Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission for self-insurers.

3.15 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

CRT shall not enter into any contract for purchasing with any person, agency, or organization if it has knowledge that such person, agency, or organization discriminates against any applicant, employee, or service recipient on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation or disability; or any person, agency, or organization who fails to comply with all federal and state anti-discrimination laws.

3.16 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

During the course of its contract with CRT, bidder may encounter confidential agency and/or client information. Bidder agrees, as a condition of this bid to save and protect any such confidential information, shall hold the same in confidence, shall not use the Confidential Information other than for the purposes of its business with CRT, and shall not disclose it to anyone without the specific prior written authorization of CRT.



3.17 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

It is understood and agreed that if production is delayed that damages will be uncertain and difficult to ascertain, and it is agreed that the reasonable foreseeable value of such delays would be the sum of One Hundred and no Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per day for each day's delay in fully completing said project beyond the time specified in a subsequent written agreement, plus any written extensions of time allowed by CRT.



ATTACHMENT I

SPECIFICATIONS

- To participate in this RFP you must bid on at least 50% of the items.
- Please complete the Bid Pricing Spreadsheet when submitting your bid. This is a separate document and **MUST** be completed and sent in electronically – failure to do so will disqualify the bidder.
- If awarded bid item(s) does not meet CRT standards, CRT reserves the right to acquire such item(s) from the next responsible, responsive, qualified bidder.
- All requests for further information should be directed in writing to: dunbarj@crtct.org
- All requests for further information will be shared with all prospective bidders, via addendum(s) being posted.
- All proposals must conform to the product/service/pricing specifications. Any alternatives that you think will be advantageous to “CRT” should also be addressed. **Samples of alternative must be submitted with bid.**
- Supplier must clearly identify any proposed collaboration, subcontracting or relationships with other suppliers.
- Email proposals need to be sent to crt-bids@crtct.org
Subject Line: NUTRITIONPAPERJANITORIALSUPPLIES2020



BID PRICING SPREADSHEET MUST BE COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY

PLEASE ENTER THE INFORMATION ON THE EXCELL BID PRICING SPREADSHEET FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON OUR AGENCY WEBSITE:

www.crtct.org under Business Solutions/Vendors

This will be a separate document listed under the RFP on the website.

CRT-NUTRITION DEPARTMENT PAPER SUPPLIES AND JANITORIAL ITEMS BID 2020		
VENDOR NAME:		
ITEM	CASE SIZE	PROJ. USAGE
*PCA 7139TP 3 Compartment Container w/ Lid (Aluminum)	250/cs	50
10 oz. Foam containers (Handicap)	1m/cs	300
Lids for 10 oz foam cups	1m/cs	10
6" shallow paper plates 1m/cs	2m/cs	600
Heavy wt. Plastic knife	1m/cs	900
Heavy wt. Plastic spoon	1m/cs	1200
Heavy wt. Plastic fork	1m/cs	1000
5 oz. Translucent Cup	2500/cs	150
8 oz Coffee cups Dart 8Lx	1000/cs	10
Dixie Liddles 4 oz. w/ Translucent Tops	900/cs	200
10 x 14 White Placements	1m/cs	200
P & G Dawn Liquid Detergent	6/50 oz.	30
GoJo Antibacterial Refills (27 fl. oz.)	12/cs	20
43 x 48 Heavy density trash bag	200/cs	10
Heavy Duty Foil	18" x 1000	150
Disp. Foil ½ St.table Pan 4" deep	100/cs	50
Disp. Foil full St.table Pan 4" deep	50/cs	65
13" x 12" Dispenser Napkins White	6m/cs	350
Liquid Bleach must be EPA approved (seal)	6/cs	50
Plastic aprons	1m/bx	20
Bordens sealwrap	18 x 2000	40
Plastic gloves (Large or Medium)	1 m	75
Latex gloves (Large)	10 bx/cs 1m/cs	52
HI-D Sandwich bag 6.75 x7	3m/cs	10



Boufant White Caps	case	10
Dark Brown hairnets	1gr	30
3M Scotch Brite Pad	20/bx	50
Tablecloth 60 x120		35
Mr Muscle Oven Cleaner aerosol	6/cs	10
P & G Liquid Comet		4
P & G Powder	24/21 oz.	20
1.5 x 50 masking tape	24/cs	35
Multi fold bleach towels size is 13x24 and 72count	4000/cs	200
Foam trays 7"x9" Celebrity 87900	500/cs	150
7 oz. cups (paper)	2400/cs	200
4S Foam trays	500/cs	275
4S Foam trays blue	500/cs	300
2S foam trays	500/cs	20
Catering trays 16" black	50/cs	24
Dome Covers for Catering trays 16" black	50/cs	25
Overable Pan Liners for 18"x26" "Pan Pals"	1000/cs	10
5 Compartment Lunch Foam Tray	500/cs	100
Sterno	12/cs	10
Sports Towels/Chix wipe 8290	600/cs	12
12 oz bowls	1000/cs	50
3 compartment tray-Pact IV-hinged	200/cs	10
1 compartment tray, large-hinged 7"	200/cs	25
Chlorine Test Kits	2 roll/pk	30
Chinet-First Choice 81239 plastic 3 compartment 9" plates	500/cs	1000
5 oz Genpak Chinet 81204 bowl	1M/cs	300
6" Square Clear Hinged Lid Container		20
24 oz. Black Microwaveable Container	300/cs	20
24 oz. Clear Microwaveable Lid	300/cs	20
24 oz. Clear Hinged Bowl	150ct.	
Designed Plates w/colors all matching		
	Classic Cup 10 oz.	5
	Classic Plate 9"	5
	Classic Plate 7"	5
Sporks Packet	1000/cs	30
Alcohol Pad individual wrap	12 bx/cs	15
Coffee Stirrers	10m/cs	10
Heavy Wt Plastic Soup Spoon	1m/cs	1000

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ATTACHMENT II

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS & PROJECTED USAGE CATALOG



ATTACHMENT III

BID FORM

AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION OF BID

- I. The undersigned bidder, having fully informed themselves regarding the accuracy of the statements made herein, agrees to abide by the conditions set forth in the attached bid document, and certifies that:
 - a. The propose bid has been presented by the bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action designed to limit independent bidding or competition, with any other vendor of materials, supplies, equipment or services described in the invitation to bid.
 - b. The bidder has submitted this bid without collusion with CRT, any of its affiliated companies, or any employee thereof, and is unaware of any direct, personal pecuniary interest of any employee of CRT or any of its affiliated companies in the outcome of this bid.
 - c. The bidder has not communicated the contents of the bid to its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid.
 - d. The bidder has not been debarred, suspended or excluded from any publicly-funded projects or programs.
 - e. The bidder has become familiar with and has agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of the specifications and all other contract documents and with all Federal, State and Local Laws, Ordinances or Regulations which in any manner relate to the furnishing of the equipment, material or services in accordance with the Contract.
2. The undersigned bidder further certifies that this statement is executed for the purpose of inducing the Community Renewal Team to consider the bid and make an award in accordance therewith.
3. Complete & Sign

Legal Name of Bidder	
Business Address	
Phone # & Email	
Print Name & Title of Authorized Agent	
Signature	

