

BIDDERS COMPANY NAME

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

#6049

SIGNAGE

FOR

VARIOUS COUNTY BUILDINGS

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 6049

April 14, 2003

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division on behalf of the Washtenaw County Facilities Department is issuing a Sealed Request for Proposal (RFP) #6049 for Signage at various County buildings.

Sealed Proposals: Consultant will deliver one (1) original and **three (3)** copies to the following address:

**Washtenaw County
Administration Building
Purchasing Division
220 N. Main St. Room B-35
P.O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI. 48107**

by 2:00 p.m. on THURSDAY MAY 1, 2003

Proposals received after the above cited time will be considered a late bid and are not acceptable unless waived by the Purchasing Manager.

- Please use the attached self-addressed label or the envelope must be clearly marked "**SEALED RFP #6049**".
- Please direct purchasing and procedural questions regarding this RFP to Crystal A. Wake at **734-222-6760**.
- Please direct technical questions regarding this RFP to Kyung Cho at **734-973-4657**.

Thank you for your interest.

I. PROPOSAL

Definitions: “County” is Washtenaw County in Michigan.

“Bidder” is an individual or business submitting a bid to Washtenaw County.

“Contractor” One who contracts to perform work or furnish materials in accordance with a contract.

Purpose of Proposal:

Washtenaw County Facilities Department is requesting a proposal for the supply and installation of signage in various County building in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area.

Proposal Terms:

- A. Washtenaw County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this RFP. If a proposal is selected, it will be the most advantageous regarding price, quality of service, the Vendor’s qualifications and capabilities to provide the specified service, and other factors that Washtenaw County may consider. The County does not intend to award a Bid fully on the basis of any response made to the proposal; the County reserves the right to consider proposals for modifications at any time before a Bid would be awarded, and negotiations would be undertaken with that provider whose proposal is deemed to best meet the County’s specifications and needs.
- B. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive or not waive informalities or irregularities in bids or bidding procedures, and to accept or further negotiate cost, terms, or conditions of any bid determined by the County to be in the best interests of the County even though not the lowest bid.
- C. The price quotations stated in the bidder’s proposal will not be subject to any price increase from the date on which the proposal is opened at the County Purchasing Office to the mutually agreed-to date of Bid. (See “Award: in Section IV.)
- D. Proposals must be signed by an official authorized to bind the provider to its provisions for at least a period of 90 days. Failure of the successful bidder to accept the obligation of the Bid may result in the cancellation of any award.

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- E. In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFP, addenda will be provided. Deadlines for submission of the RFP's may be adjusted to allow for revisions. The **entire** proposal document with any amendments should be returned in **triplicate**. To be considered, original proposal and two copies must be at the County Purchasing Division on or before the date and time specified.

- F. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically providing a straight-forward, concise description of the vendor's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP. Proposals shall be written in ink or typewritten. No erasures are permitted. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrected and must be initialed in ink by the person **signing** the proposal.

II. PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS

The proposal shall include all of the following information:

- A. State the vendor's qualifications, years in business, staff profile and experience to provide the materials or services required by Washtenaw County.
(Attach as Addenda A)

- B. References: List three (3) references from current corporate or government customers purchasing similar material or services. Include name, contact name and phone number.
(Attach as Addenda B)

- C. Give bank reference with name and phone number of contact person.
(Attach as Addenda C)

- D. Vendor's ability to provide Internet On-line ordering of items listed in the RFP. Include set up requirements and maintenance requirements.
(Attach as Addenda D)

III. STANDARD PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS

If a contract is awarded, the selected vendor will be required to adhere to a set of general contract provisions that will become a part of any formal agreement. These provisions are general principles that apply to all contractors of service to Washtenaw County such as the following:

ARTICLE III - REPORTING OF CONTRACTOR

Section 1 - The Contractor is to report to **Washtenaw County Facilities Department** and will cooperate and confer with him/her as necessary to insure satisfactory work progress.

Section 2 - All reports, estimates, memoranda and documents submitted by the Contractor must be dated and bear the Contractor's name.

Section 3 - All reports made in connection with these services are subject to review and final approval by the County Administrator.

Section 4 - The County may review and inspect the Contractor's activities during the term of this contract.

Section 5 - When applicable, the Contractor will submit a final, written report to the County Administrator.

Section 6 - After reasonable notice to the Contractor, the County may review any of the Contractor's internal records, reports, or insurance policies.

ARTICLE V - PERSONNEL

Section 1 - The contractor will provide the required services and will not subcontract or assign the services without the County's written approval.

Section 2 - The Contractor will not hire any County employee for any of the required services without the County's written approval.

Section 3 - The parties agree that the Contractor is neither an employee nor an agent of the County for any purpose.

ARTICLE VI - INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The contractor will protect, defend and indemnify Washtenaw County, its officers, agents, servants, volunteers and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, liens, fines, demands and costs, including legal fees, of whatsoever kind and nature which may result in injury or death to any persons, including the Contractor's own employees, and for loss or damage to any property, including property owned or in the care, custody or control of Washtenaw County in connection with or in any way incident to or arising out of the occupancy, use, service, operations, performance or non-performance of work in connection with this contract resulting in whole or in part from negligent acts or omissions of contractor, any sub-contractor, or any employee, agent or representative of the contractor or any sub-contractor.

ARTICLE VII - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor will maintain at its own expense during the term of this Contract, the following insurance:

1. Workers' Compensation Insurance with Michigan statutory limits and Employers Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of \$100,000 each accident for any employee.
2. Comprehensive/Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The County shall be added as "additional insured" on general liability policy with respect to the services provided under this contract.
3. Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with Personal Protection Insurance and Property Protection Insurance to comply with the provisions of the Michigan No Fault Insurance Law, including residual liability insurance with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury and property damage.

Insurance companies, named insureds and policy forms shall be subject to the approval of the Washtenaw County Administrator. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Insurance policies shall not contain endorsements or policy conditions which reduce coverage provided to Washtenaw County. Contractor shall be responsible to Washtenaw County or insurance companies insuring Washtenaw County for all costs resulting from both financially unsound insurance companies selected by Contractor and their inadequate insurance coverage. Contractor shall furnish the Washtenaw County Administrator with satisfactory certificates of insurance or a certified copy of the policy, if requested by the County Administrator.

No payments will be made to the Contractor until the current certificates of insurance have been received and approved by the Administrator. If the insurance as evidenced by the certificates furnished by the Contractor expires or is canceled during the term of the contract, services and related payments will be suspended. Contractor shall furnish the County Administrator's Office with certification of insurance evidencing such coverage and endorsements at least ten (10) working days prior to commencement of services under this contract.

Certificates shall be addressed to the County Administrator, P. O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI, 48107, and shall provide for 30 day written notice to the Certificate holder of cancellation of coverage.

ARTICLE VIII - COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Contractor will comply with all federal, state and local regulations, including but not limited to all applicable OSHA/MIOSHA requirements and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ARTICLE IX - INTEREST OF CONTRACTOR AND COUNTY

The Contractor promises that it has no interest which would conflict with the performance of services required by this contract. The Contractor also promises that, in

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the performance of this contract, no officer, agent, employee of the County of Washtenaw,

or member of its governing bodies, may participate in any decision relating to this contract which affects his/her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which he/she is directly or indirectly interested or has any personal or pecuniary interest. However, this paragraph does not apply if there has been compliance with the provisions of Section 3 of Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1968 and/or Section 30 of Act No. 156 of Public Acts of 1851, as amended by Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1978, whichever is applicable.

ARTICLE X - CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor promises that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than bona fide employees working solely for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than bona fide employees working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this contract. For breach of this promise, the County may cancel this contract without liability or, at its discretion, deduct the full amount of the fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee from the compensation due the Contractor.

ARTICLE XI - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical handicap, age, height, weight, marital status, veteran status, religion and political belief (except as it relates to a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the business).

The Contractor will take affirmative action to eliminate discrimination based on sex, race, or a handicap in the hiring of applicant and the treatment of employees. Affirmative action will include, but not be limited to: Employment; upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertisement; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selection for training, including apprenticeship.

The Contractor agrees to post notices containing this policy against discrimination in conspicuous places available to applicants for employment and employees. All solicitations or advertisements for employees, placed by or on the behalf of the Contractor, will state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical handicap, age, height, weight, marital status, veteran status, religion and political belief.

ARTICLE XII - LIVING WAGE

The parties understand that the County has enacted a Living Wage Ordinance that requires covered vendors who execute a service or professional service contract with the County to pay their employees under that contract, a minimum of either \$8.70 per hour with benefits or \$10.20 per hour without benefits. Contractor agrees to comply with this Ordinance in paying its employees. Contractor understands and agrees that an adjustment of the living wage amounts, based upon the Health and Human Services poverty guidelines, will be made on or before April 30, 2002 and annually thereafter

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which amount shall be automatically incorporated into this contract. County agrees to give Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of such change. Contractor agrees to post a notice containing the County's Living Wage requirements at a location at its place of business accessed by its employees.

ARTICLE XIII - EQUAL ACCESS

The Contractor shall provide the services set forth in Article I without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, physical handicap, or age.

ARTICLE XIV - OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATION

All documents developed as a result of this contract will be freely available to the public. None may be copyrighted by the Contractor. During the performance of the services, the Contractor will be responsible for any loss of or damage to the documents while they are in its possession and must restore the loss or damage at its expense. Any use of the information and results of this contract by the Contractor must reference the project sponsorship by the County. Any publication of the information or results must be co-authored by the County.

ARTICLE XV - ASSIGNS AND SUCCESSORS

This contract is binding on the County and the Contractor, their successors and assigns. Neither the County nor the Contractor will assign or transfer its interest in this contract without the written consent of the other.

ARTICLE XVI - TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Section 1 - Termination without cause. Either party may terminate the contract by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

ARTICLE XVII - PAYROLL TAXES

The Contractor is responsible for all applicable state and federal social security benefits and unemployment taxes and agrees to indemnify and protect the County against such liability.

ARTICLE XVIII - PRACTICE AND ETHICS

The parties will conform to the code of ethics of their respective national professional associations.

ARTICLE XIX- CHANGES IN SCOPE OR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Changes mutually agreed upon by the County and the Contractor, will be incorporated into this contract by written amendments signed by both parties.

ARTICLE XX - CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM

This contract is to be interpreted by the laws of Michigan. The parties agree that the proper forum for litigation arising out of this contract is in Washtenaw County, Michigan.

ARTICLE XXI - EXTENT OF CONTRACT

This contract represents the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior representations, negotiations or agreements whether written or oral.

IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Award: Washtenaw County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this RFP. If a proposal is selected it will be the most advantageous regarding price (See: "Low Bidder" following), quality of service, the Vendors' qualifications and capabilities to provide the specified service, and other factors which the County may consider. The County does not intend to award a Bid fully on the basis of any response made to the proposal; the County reserves the right to consider proposals for modifications at any time before a Bid would be awarded, and negotiations would be undertaken with that Vendor whose proposal is deemed to best meet the County's specifications and needs.

The County intends to award the bid based upon the individual items to be purchased but retains the right to package the items as a class or as the entire bid if it proves to be advantageous to the County.

Low Bidder:

Low Bidder will be determined either for each item or by the entire bid which ever is in the best interest of the County.

Term of Bid:

The Bid is for a one (1) year term from the date of the award. This contract can be extended for years two (2) and three (3) upon the mutual agreement of both the County and Contractor. Terms and Conditions will remain unchanged during the term of the bid.

Estimated Quantity:

The quantity indicated in the Bid Sheet is for one of each. The County has the right to order any quantity the responsible department manager and/or the Manager of the Purchasing Division deem necessary during the contract period.

Cost Of RFP:

The County will not be liable for any costs associated with the preparation, transmittal, or presentation of any materials submitted in response to this RFP.

Inspection of Facilities:

The Manager of the Purchasing Division reserves the right, before making an award to have the premise of the bidder inspected, or to take any other action necessary to determine fitness, reliability and ability to perform. The inspection could check the physical location, and facilities.

Addenda

Attach requested **ADDEND A** through **D** to the balance of this RFP.

For information to include on Addenda **A** through **D** see page 2.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK

- a. Washtenaw County is attempting to set up a contract for the supply and installation of signs on an “as needed” basis. The contractor selected will be expected to supply signage based on the prices contained in this bid.
- b. When signs are required, the Contractor will be contacted and supplied a drawing showing the requested signage. The Contractor will supply a written estimate for the project. Upon acceptance of written estimate, Contractor will fabricate and install the signs in a timely manner.
- c. The Contractor will be expected to fully complete the attached price breakdown in the Bid sheet. These are examples of typically used signage throughout the County. Contractor will be expected to construct these types, and other types of signs.
- d. Refer to Drawing A. Signs are white vinyl letters on dark bronze material – “ALOUCOBOND” or County approved equal. Contractor will supply all materials. Parking Lot signs are to be mounted on a 4” x 4” wolmanized wood post. The other signs are mounted on a brick building. Contractor shall provide a price for each sign and a combined installation price.
- e. Refer to Drawings B & C. Drawing B shows white vinyl letters that will be mounted to a County supplied plastic laminate that’s glued to a sheet of plywood. This is a portion of the overall sign shown on Drawing C. Contractor is to provide a price only for the portion shown on Drawing B. Contractor is to supply a price for the letters and a separate price for installation of the letters on the supplied material.
- f. In all projects, the letters are to be cut from vinyl that is “high performance” 2 mill or greater thickness. Vinyl manufacturer is to be “3M” or County approved equal.

2. COMPLETION OF WORK

- a. Upon completion of each installation, or when directed by the Architect, the Contractor shall conduct careful inspections with the Architect, and shall correct all defective work to the satisfaction of the Architect.
- b. Contractor is responsible for removal of all scrap, litter and debris resulting from the operations specified herein, leaving the work area and premises in clean and satisfactory condition.

3. WARRANTY

The Contractor shall warrant all work performed under this contract for a period of two (2) years from the date of acceptance of the completed job. Any defects in materials or workmanship appearing during this period shall be corrected without cost to the County.

BID SHEET

Specification

Drawing A	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Parking Lot Signs	2	\$ _____	\$ _____
Entry Sign	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
Building Sign	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
Installation of signs	4	\$ _____	\$ _____

Drawings B & C	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Vinyl Lettering	\$ _____	\$ _____
Installation on County supplied laminate	\$ _____	\$ _____

SIGNATURE PAGE

_____ Signature	_____ Company Name
_____ Print Name	_____ Company Address
_____ Title	_____
_____ Date	_____ City State Zip
_____ Telephone #	_____ Fax #
_____ Federal Tax ID #	_____ URL or Email Address

The above individual is authorized to sign on behalf of company submitting proposal.

Proposals must be signed by an official authorized to bind the provider to its provisions for at least a period of 90 days.