

RFP Questions

Bid Title	Snow Plowing and Removal Services RFP Questions
Bid #	RFP#09192025
CORRECTION	Beginning on page 13, paragraph 1(a) should be updated to read "0" to 0.9". This correction should be applied to every subsequent page where the same error applies.
Question 1	Does your organization recognize a WBE company certified through WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise National Council) as meeting your BEP criteria?
Answer	No. WBENC certification does not automatically meet the criteria for BEP.
Question 2	Do you have measurements for the sidewalks at the main campus that we'd be responsible for?
Answer	No. You are more than welcome to come to campus and measure or use Google Maps and get a rough estimate of the sidewalks.
Question 3	Can you confirm no sidewalks are included at the radio station?
Answer	No. There are sidewalks at the radio station that will need to be cleared. One goes into the building and one towards the back .
Question 4	For section 9.f. stating: <i>Move snow from parking lots to a pre-designated remote location to prevent ends of parking rows from being covered by mounds of snow. This process may be done by using a loader and dump truck, or comparable method, to ensure safe and timely removal. This snow must be hauled to locations noted on the attached maps. Parking stalls cannot be lost due to mounds of snow. No snow shall be piled in end caps where parking lot cross traffic will be impaired.</i> Is this service preapproved and done on a time and material basis?
Answer	Yes
Question 5	Are you open to an alternate bid for snow melting onsite (T&M) instead of hauling it to a remote lot?
Answer	No. Snow is moved to designated locations on campus. Please see Campus Maps in bid document for specific locations. We will not expect snow to be hauled off campus to a remote lot.
Question 6	I'm seeking clarification on what a "snow event" is. Reading the definition provided in the packet does not clarify the timing. Is a snow/ice event a singular action? For example, one snow event = 1 full plowing cycle of the campus. Or is the event based on the duration of snowfall? If based on duration of snowfall, what is used to show when one event stops, and another begins?
Answer	Snow event is the duration of the continuous snow fall or ice event time. If 2 full hours have elapsed and no snow or ice has accumulated, then a new snow event will begin after. For example, if it is scheduled to snow for 5 hours, those 5 hours would be considered 1 snow event. If it snows again in 3 hours, that is a second snow event.
Question 7	Suppose it snows 3 inches in the evening, stops for a few hours overnight, and begins again in the early morning hours, is that considered 2 snow events?
Answer	Yes, if 2 full hours have elapsed between the first event and the beginning of the second event.

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Question 8	Along the same lines, ice storms have varying durations and intensities, is an ice event considered 1 full salt application on the campus? Or, is an ice event based on the duration of the precipitation, where multiple applications of salt will need to be applied, and covered under the single ice event price? Freeze over night means another salt event.
Answer	One Ice Event is one full salt application on campus.
Question 9	<p>I'm looking for the method in which the total contract price is calculated, so we can put a dollar amount on the BEP expectation.</p> <p>Because there are so many line items in this bid, there does not appear to be a clear way of understanding the value of the contract to be able to set a dollar amount to what needs to be achieved.</p> <p>Something similar to this below, I just mocked this up as an example...</p> <p>0.01-0.09 price x 5 events = 1"-3" price x 7 events = 3.1"-6" price x 4 events = 6.1-9" price x 2 events = 9.3"-12" price x 1 event = Full Lot & Walk Salt Application Price x 20 events =</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>TOTAL COST OF ALL EVENTS ADDED TOGETHER</p>
Answer	We are not looking for total contract price. We are looking for price per event listed in the bid documents.
Question 10	One other thing I noticed, in the events table there is a jump from 0.09 to 1". Should that not be 0.9"?
Answer	Yes. Please see CORRECTION above.
Question 11	And if that is the case and the correction is to be made, if that first tier supposed to apply to an ice event or just a snow event only? There is a massive difference between a few hundredths of an inch of ice and 2-3 tenths of an inch of ice. It may be a good idea to not use that tier for ice events, and instead go by with per flat rate salt application because the amount of salt used in different ice storms greatly varies, and every contractor bidding this is going to increase their numbers to account for the unknown to ensure they don't risk losing money if they have to guess in this very broad range of accumulation.
Answer	Please see CORRECTION above. All pricing should include snow and ice events.
Question 12	For each location there is incremental per event pricing requests per attachment 1. Then there are subsequent boxes requesting pricing for individual lots, road, etc but no areas for incremental pricing for those areas, just one box for each. How would you like the pricing for those boxes to be presented?
Answer	Please add an additional sheets with the information and add it to your bid documents that you are submitting.