
SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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**FORMAL INVITATION FOR BEST VALUE BIDS (BVB)
FOR METER READING SYSTEM
ADDENDUM 1**

Sealed bids, one (1) Original and seven (7) copies, addressed to the Purchasing Manager, San Antonio Water System, 2800 US Hwy 281 North, Administration Bldg., 5th Floor, P.O. Box 2449, San Antonio, TX 78298-2449 will be received until **3:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2013** and then publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing materials or services as described received herein below,

The San Antonio Water System Purchasing Department is willing to assist any bidder(s) in the interpretation of bid provisions or explanation of how bid forms are to be completed. Assistance may be received by visiting the Purchasing Office in the SAWS Main Office, 2800 US Hwy 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212, or by calling (210) 233-3819.

This invitation includes the following:

Invitation for Best Value Bids
Terms and Conditions of Invitation for Bids

Specifications and General Requirements
Price Schedule

The undersigned, by his/her signature, represents that he/she is authorized to bind the Bidder to fully comply with the Specifications and General Requirements for the amount(s) shown on the accompanying bid sheet(s). By signing below, Bidder has read the entire document and agreed to the terms therein.

Signer's Name: _____ Firm Name: _____
(Please Print or Type)

Address: _____

Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

Please complete the following:

Prompt Payment Discount: _____% _____days. (If no discount is offered, Net 30 will apply.)

Please check the following blanks which apply to your company:

Ownership of firm (51% or more):

Non-minority Hispanic African-American Other Minority (specify) _____

Female Owned Handicapped Owned Small Business (less than \$1 million annual receipts or 100 employees)

Indicate Status: Partnership Corporation Sole Proprietorship Other (specify) _____

Tax Identification Number: _____

The following is a list of questions asked and the responses to those questions:

1. Will the system be required to have direct read? Do you need the system to have direct read?

Answer: No automation direct reading functions (walk-by, drive-by, probe, radio, AMR, AMI) should be considered as part of this bid document. However, if the meaning of “direct read” means that a meter reader should have the ability to enter reads directly into the handheld system, then yes, direct read should be considered a primary function of the system.

2. What is the billing system you currently use?

Answer: The billing system that SAWS currently utilizes is an in-house developed Common Business Oriented Language (COBOL) system which runs on an IBM ZOS Operating System. The proposed solution shall also be forward compatible to work Hansen version 8.2

3. What interfaces do you currently use?

Answer: The following system interfaces and system requirements are currently being utilized:

- 1) Handhelds must support 802.1x and encryption.
- 2) Support virtualization using VMware 5.1 or later
- 3) Support Server 2008 R2 64-bit
- 4) Support Windows 7 client systems
- 5) Be web-based vs. client based. But if a full client is needed, then the client should NOT require local admin rights.
- 6) Support IE8 or higher
- 7) Support SQL 2008 R2 64-bit
- 8) Or be supported by Oracle 12g
 - a. Support for Oracle RAC
- 9) Supported by Netbackup.

4. Will all the devices be centrally located or will there need to connectivity between them?

Answer: The devices will be housed at a single location which will be at SAWS Mission Rd. Service Center facility.

5. Will there be any migration into AMR or AMI?

Answer: Migration to AMR/AMI is not being considered as part of this bid document, but references should be made on how the proposed solution can migrate to these systems in the future.

IT IS NECESSARY TO RETURN THIS ADDENDUM WITH YOUR BID.