



**RFP #060920**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**for**  
**Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services**

**Proposal Due Date: June 9, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Central Time**

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than June 9, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

**Solicitation Schedule**

Public Notice of RFP Published:	April 16, 2020
Pre-proposal Conference:	May 19, 2020 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	June 2, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
<b>Proposal Due Date:</b>	<b>June 9, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Central Time</b> Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	June 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Central Time **

\*\* SEE RFP SUB-SECTION V. G. "OPENING"

## **I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL PARTICIPATING ENTITIES**

### **A. SOURCEWELL**

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and contract award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ participating entities across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with State of Minnesota law and policies, conforms to Canadian trade agreements, and results in cooperative contracting solutions from which Sourcewell's Participating Entities procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative contracting provides participating entities and vendors increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and contract expanding the reach of contracted vendors' potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

### **B. USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS**

In the United States, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Federal and state government entities;
- Cities, towns, and counties/parishes;
- Education service cooperatives;
- K-12 and higher education entities;
- Tribal government entities;
- Some nonprofit entities; and
- Other public entities.

In Canada, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Provincial and territorial government departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions, and similar agencies;
- Regional, local, district, and other forms of municipal government, municipal organizations, school boards, and publicly-funded academic, health, and social service entities referred to as MASH sector (this should be construed to include but not be limited to the Cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Calgary, Ottawa, and Winnipeg), as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities;

- Crown corporations, government enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by these entities through ownership interest;
- Members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and their represented Associations, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), Local Authority Services (LAS), Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL), Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), and Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM).

For a listing of current United States and Canadian Participating Entities visit Sourcewell's website (note: there is a tab for each country's listing): <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/sourcewell-for-vendors/member-locator>.

Access to contracted equipment, products, or services by Participating Entities is typically through a purchase order issued directly to the applicable vendor. A Participating Entity may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Participating Entities retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Participating Entities' needs, public notice of this RFP has been broadly published, including notification in the United States to each state-level procurement department for possible re-posting.

Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

## **II. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES**

### **A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION**

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and that are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

### **B. REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES**

It is expected that Proposers will offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services, including, but not to be limited to:

- a. Chassis and cabs as classified by gross vehicle weight ratings (GVWR):

Class 4: 14,001-16,000 lbs  
Class 5: 16,001-19,500 lbs  
Class 6: 19,501-26,000 lbs  
Class 7: 26,001-33,000 lbs  
Class 8: 33,001+ lbs

- b. A wide range of Class 4-8 chassis types and classifications, including conventional internal combustion, natural gas or propane autogas, hybrid or alternative fuel, and electric powered Class 4-8 Chassis.
  - c. Proposers may include Class 3 chassis provided that they are complementary to Proposer's offering of Class 4-8 chassis.
  - d. Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, and services to the extent that the solutions are an incidental portion of the response.
2. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include:
- a. Transit buses.
3. This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell:
- a. School Buses with Related Supplies, Parts and Services (RFP #102115); and
  - b. Vehicles, Cars, Vans, SUVs, and Light Trucks with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services (RFP #120716).

Generally, the solutions for Participating Entities are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment or products only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Participating Entities possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation the equipment or products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers vendors that provide a sole source of responsibility for the products and services provided under a resulting contract. If Proposer requires the use of dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the products or services, the Proposal should address how the products or services will be provided to Participating Entities and describe the network of dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Participating Entities under a resulting contract.

Sourcewell desires the broadest possible selection of equipment, products, and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and future Participating Entities.

#### C. REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that Proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities.

1. Safety Requirements. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
2. Deviation from Industry Standard. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.
3. New Equipment and Products. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, Proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal.
4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the Proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Participating Entity as operational.
5. Warranty. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

#### D. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM

Sourcewell anticipates that the term of any resulting contract(s) will be four (4) years. Up to two one-year extensions may be offered based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities.

#### E. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions from contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$150 Million; therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the contract(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting contract are not guaranteed.

#### F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Participating Entities. The Proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate Proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Participating Entities, as well as Proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that Proposer will promote and market any contract award.

## G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Contracts will be awarded to Proposers able to best meet the need of Participating Entities. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal, since Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not included in the Proposal. Sourcewell reserves the right to verify Proposer's information and may request clarification from a Proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.
3. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
4. A Proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Participating Entities occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell contract may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

## III. PRICING

### A. REQUIREMENTS

All proposed pricing must be:

1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:
  - a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the Vendor's published "List Price," as well as the "Contract Price."
  - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any Contract resulting from this RFP.
2. The Proposer's ceiling price (Ceiling price means that the proposed pricing will be considered as the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Participating Entity). However, it is permissible for vendors to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price;
3. Stated in U.S. and Canadian dollars (as applicable); and
4. Clearly understood, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Participating Entity's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer. Additionally, Proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the Proposal.

#### **B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES**

Proposers are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Participating Entities for all contracted equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

### **IV. CONTRACT**

Proposers awarded a contract will be required to execute a contract with Sourcewell (see attached template). Only those modifications the Proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Contract reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in the Proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must complete and submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications table, with all requested modifications, through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal at the time of submitting the Proposer's Proposal. Exceptions must:

1. Clearly identify the affected article and section, and
2. Clearly note what language is requested to be modified.

Unclear requests will be automatically denied.

Only those exceptions that have been accepted by Sourcewell will be included in the contract document provided to the awarded vendor for signature.

If a Proposer receives a contract award resulting from this solicitation it will have up to 30 days to sign and return the contract. After that time, at Sourcewell's sole discretion, the contract award may be revoked.

### **V. RFP PROCESS**

#### **A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

Sourcewell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted on page one of this RFP and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The

purpose of this conference is to allow potential Proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcewell's competitive contracting process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that have registered for this solicitation opportunity through their Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

#### B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a Proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcewell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the Proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcewell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

#### C. ADDENDA

Sourcewell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcewell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential Proposers through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Sourcewell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the Proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the solicitation due date and time.

If an addendum is issued after a Proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the Proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The Proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The Proposer is solely responsible to check the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account periodically after submitting its Proposal (and up to the Proposal due date). If the Proposer's Proposal status has changed to INCOMPLETE, the Proposer is solely responsible to:

- i) make any required adjustments to its proposal;
- ii) acknowledge the addenda; and
- iii) ensure the re-submitted proposal is received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time shown in the Solicitation Schedule above.

#### D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION



Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

It is recommended that Proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The time and date that a Proposal is received by Sourcewell is solely determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to twenty-four (24) hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the Proposer. If the Proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at [support@bidsandtenders.ca](mailto:support@bidsandtenders.ca).

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the Proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the Proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

Within the Procurement Portal, all proposals must be digitally acknowledged by an authorized representative of the Proposer attesting that the information contained in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, Proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the Proposer to remedies available by law.

#### E. GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be:

- In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
- Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
- Submitted in English.
- Valid and irrevocable for 90 days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the Proposer.

#### F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a Proposer may withdraw its proposal.

## G. OPENING

The Opening of Proposals will be conducted electronically through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. A list of all Proposers will be made publicly available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal after the Proposal Due Date, but no later than the Opening time listed in the Solicitation Schedule.

To view the list of Proposers, verify that the Sourcewell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed." The solicitation status will automatically change to "Closed" after the Proposal Due Date and Time.

## VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD

### A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcewell to award one or more contracts to responsive and responsible Proposer(s) offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities. The award(s) will be limited to the number of Proposers that Sourcewell determines is necessary to meet the needs of Participating Entities. Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- The number of and geographic location of:
  - Proposers necessary to offer a comprehensive selection of equipment, products, or services for Participating Entities' use.
  - A Proposer's sales and service network to assure availability of product supply and coverage to meet Participating Entities' anticipated needs.
- Total evaluation scores.
- The attributes of Proposers, and their equipment, products, or services, to assist Participating Entities achieve environmental and social requirements, preferences, and goals. Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcewell's knowledge about a specific vendor or product.

### B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the Proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcewell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	50
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100
Marketing Plan	50
Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>1000</b>

#### C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a Proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcewell's Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcewell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. The protest must be received no later than 10 calendar days' following Sourcewell's notice of contract award(s) or non-award and must be time stamped by Sourcewell no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time.

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the issues to be resolved;
- Identification of the legal or factual basis;
- Any additional supporting documentation; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000, except where prohibited by law or treaty.

Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

#### D. RIGHTS RESERVED

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any contract and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the Proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for contracts or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;

- Independently verify any information provided in a Proposal;
- Disqualify any Proposer that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, is debarred or suspended by the United States or Canada, State of Minnesota, Participating Entity's state or province; has an officer, or other key personnel, who have been charged with a serious crime; or is bankrupt, insolvent, or where bankruptcy or insolvency are a reasonable prospect;
- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Clarify any part of a proposal and discuss any aspect of the proposal with any Proposer; and negotiate with more than one Proposer;
- Award a contract if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities; and
- Award a contract to one or more Proposers if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities.

#### E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell considers that negotiations are complete upon execution of a resulting contract. It is the Proposer's responsibility to clearly identify any data submitted that it considers to be protected. Proposer must also include a justification for the classification citing the applicable Minnesota law.

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the Proposer to be confidential, proprietary, or trade secret materials. Financial information, including financial statements, provided by a Proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.

The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject proposals that are marked confidential or nonpublic, either substantially or in their entirety.



4/17/2020

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

Do you have a list of specifications for both the vehicles and equipment needed?

**Answer 1:**

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications or finite quantities for our cooperative contract awards. A respondent is allowed to propose the entire line of products and services falling within the scope of the RFP. Section II. B. of the RFP addresses the requested equipment, products, or services for this solicitation.

**Question 2:**

How are delivery charges handled at the time of order? Is there a list of potential destinations?

**Answer 2:**

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to propose a method for delivery charges that fits with their business practices. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Sourcewell participating entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada.

**Question 3:**

How do I join the Pre-proposal conference on May 19, 2020?

**Answer 3:**

Refer to Section V. A. of the RFP for additional detail on the pre-proposal conference. All entities that have registered for this solicitation opportunity in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will receive log-in instructions via email two business days prior to the webcast.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 4/16/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



4/22/2020

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

Will this bid be awarded by Class and Fuel type within that class? For example, separate awardees for Class 4 Gasoline, Class 4 Electric, Class 4 CNG, Class 4 Propane, Class 4 Diesel?

**Answer 1:**

Sourcewell is seeking "... the broadest possible selection of products/equipment and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and future Participating Entities " (see, RFP Section II. B.). A Proposer should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope. Depending on the responses received, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories, and awards may be based on a subcategory (see, RFP Section II. G. 1 & 3). However, Sourcewell typically does not find it necessary to award by subcategory.

**Question 2:**

Will it now be mandatory for a Saskatchewan Rural Municipality to use this system to purchase class 4 - 8 trucks?

**Answer 2:**

- Refer to RFP Section I. B., ... "Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Participating Entities retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources."

**Question 3:**

Are the references that are to be submitted, required to be an existing participating entity of Sourcewell?

**Answer 3:**

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine how to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell participating entities and satisfy all the requirements included in the questionnaire tables. Table 4 – References/Testimonials, Line Item 21, seeks information from “three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.”

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 4/22/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.





4/29/2020

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

In demonstrating Financial Strength as part of Question 9, will the supporting documents provided, end up in the public domain or is this just for Sourcewell internal use only?

**Answer 1:**

RFP Section VI., E., Disposition of Proposals, addresses the handling of materials submitted in response to the RFP under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591. Financial information, including financial statements, provided by a Proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 4/29/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



5/4/2020

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

Would we be allowed to just bid the equipment we manufacture as we do not manufacture chassis?

**Answer 1:**

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). A proposal that is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of the RFP will be considered nonresponsive.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 5/4/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



5/12/2020

Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

How will the Administrative Fees for the resulting contracts from this RFP be determined? At what percentage rate or what flat fee can we expect to be charged?

**Answer 1:**

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 5/12/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



5/13/2020

Addendum No. 6

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

Is Sourcewell responsible for the registration of vehicles, or for the determination and collection of State/Provincial or Federal taxes due, on participating entity purchases under the contract (or contracts) awarded as a result of the RFP?

**Answer 1:**

No, Sourcewell is not involved in vehicle registration, or tax determination or collection, for participating entity transactions under the awarded contracts. A Proposer is to identify any transaction costs or fees that are not included in equipment pricing as described in RFP Section III. A. – Pricing and in template Contract Section 3. A. – Pricing. To the extent that a participating entity may be exempt from taxes or fees, the participating entity is responsible for providing a tax exemption certificate as described in template Contract Section 3. B. – Sales Tax.

**Question 2:**

Is Sourcewell financially responsible for participating entity purchases under the contract (or contracts) awarded as a result of the RFP?

**Answer 2:**

Participating entities are solely responsible for payment. See template Contract Section 6. A. – Participating Entity Use and Purchasing.

**Question 3:**

Does Sourcewell bear the risk of loss in the event that a vehicle is damaged or stolen, or a transaction is terminated, before title passes to the participating entity?

**Answer 3:**

No. Transactions under the contract are between the participating entity and the awarded vendor. Sourcewell has no liability for a participating entity's transaction or payment, and bears no risk of loss in the events described.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 5/13/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



5/18/2020

Addendum No. 7

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

What will be the effective dates (start and ending) for pricing submitted with the bid?  
Will that time frame be consistent for the 3 remaining annual periods?

**Answer 1:**

Refer to Section 3. - Pricing and Section 4. – Product and Pricing Change Requests, in the Sourcewell template Contract (available on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal), for guidance on pricing during the term of awarded contracts.

**Question 2:**

To what extent will Sourcewell make public the pricing files (IE: data books) supplied by bidders?

**Answer 2:**

Refer to RFP Section VI. E. - Disposition of Proposals for guidance on pricing material submitted in response to the RFP and applicable public data laws.

**Question 3:**

Can respondents to the solicitation expect that references provided to Sourcewell will not become public?

**Answer 3:**

Refer to RFP Section VI. E. - Disposition of Proposals, for guidance on materials submitted in response to the RFP and applicable public data laws.

**Question 4:**

For a Proposer that is a dealer representing multiple OEM brands, some of which will be submitting a response and some of which will not be submitting a response to the Sourcewell RFP, do we leave out our OEM's who are responding from our proposed solution?

**Answer 4:**

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. So, it is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the equipment, products, and services that the proposer will include. The solicitation is a competitive process and proposals are evaluated on the content submitted.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 5/18/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



5/21/2020

Addendum No. 8

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

What is expected in the Marketing Plan requirement? Is the marketing plan to be reviewed by the agency?

**Answer 1:**

Refer to RFP Section II. F. – Marketing Plan for guidance on the marketing plan requirements. Each proposer, in its discretion, will determine the content of its marketing plan. The solicitation is a competitive process and proposals will be evaluated on the content submitted.

**Question 2:**

Will the Marketing Plan be given to participating entities? Or is this just for Sourcewell?

**Answer 2:**

Refer to RFP Section VI. E. – Disposition of Proposals, for guidance on materials submitted in response to the RFP and applicable data laws.

**Question 3:**

Will the agency/customer be willing to sign an NDA in order for a vendor to share technical specification details?

**Answer 3:**

Refer to RFP Section VI. E. – Disposition of Proposals, for guidance on materials submitted in response to the RFP and applicable data laws.



**Question 4:**

Will the agency accept redlines on the contract during the procurement process?

**Answer 4:**

Refer to RFP Section IV. - Contract for guidance on the process for requesting a modification to the template contract terms, conditions, or specifications.

**Question 5:**

Is the administrative fee set or is this fee negotiable prior to the award or when awarded?

**Answer 5:**

Refer to Addendum 5, Answer 1, posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on May 12, 2020.

**Question 6:**

What marketing support does Sourcewell provide to an awarded vendor after a contract is issued?

**Answer 6:**

Refer to the "Sourcewell Vendor Resources" link provided on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal "Bids Homepage."

**Question 7:**

Are all cutaway passenger buses considered a transit bus, regardless of size, for this solicitation?

**Answer 7:**

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B. (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). A proposal that is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of the RFP will be considered nonresponsive.

**Question 8:**

Will purchase orders originate from Sourcewell or the participating entity?

**Answer 8:**

Refer to RFP Section I. B. – Use of Resulting Contracts, for additional guidance on the order process.

**Question 9:**

Do we need to register with the Secretary of State for a certificate to transact business in the State of MN?

**Answer 9:**

Each proposer, in its discretion, will determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate its ability to serve Sourcewell participating entities and fulfill the requirements set forth in the RFP. A Certificate of the Minnesota Secretary of State is not a mandatory submittal requirement for this solicitation.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 5/21/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



5/26/2020

Addendum No. 9

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

Federal and State incentives typically apply when quoting electric-powered truck chassis. Should we quote prices before incentives with a note that we will apply any applicable incentives? If not, how do you suggest we handle this issue?

**Answer 1:**

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. So, each proposer, in its discretion, will determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 060920 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 5/26/2020, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



5/27/2020

Addendum No. 10

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

Can Sourcewell Participating Entities include US or Canadian Federal entities?

**Answer 1:**

Refer to RFP Section I. B. Use of Resulting Contracts for information on Sourcewell Participating Entities.

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End of Addendum

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Addendum No. 11

Solicitation Number: RFP 060920

Solicitation Name: Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

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**Question 1:**

Can we attach videos & power points, if so, how do we accomplish this? What size videos or product literature is permitted on each attachment?

**Answer 1:**

All relevant information should be included in the proposal (RFP Section II., G.). It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the method it deems best suited to submit its relevant information in a timely fashion through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The maximum upload size is 500 MB per upload, however, items may be combined in a zipped file format should they exceed the 500MB limit.

**Question 2:**

Is there a way to download our Table responses to a hard copy for proof reading?

**Answer 2:**

After selecting "Start Submission," a proposer may navigate to Step 4 – "Preview Bid" and select "Preview My Bid in PDF," if a downloadable PDF of the questionnaire tables is desired.

**Question 3:**

Table 8 Value Added Attributes - 40. Please define what a hub partner constitutes?

**Answer 3:**

A hub partner is identified as a historically underutilized business partner. Examples of historically underutilized businesses are listed in Table 8, Question 40.

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End of Addendum

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