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Notice to Bidders

In accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law, State of New York, Jefferson County (herein called the County) invites the submission of sealed bids for:

B21-02 PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF SCALE AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

Bids will be received by the County until **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 @ 3:45 PM EST** at the office of the Purchasing Department, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, New York 13601. Bids may not be submitted via fax or email, and all bids submitted must remain valid for up to forty-five (45) days from the date of the bid opening. No bids will be considered if received after the due date and time and the Purchasing Department shall assume no responsibility for the premature opening of any bid not properly addressed and identified.

Copies of this bid may be examined and copies obtained at the County Purchasing Department. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

All questions regarding this bid should be submitted in writing (mail, fax, or email) to the County Purchasing Department.

A voluntary pre-bid meeting and on site review of the project will be conducted by the County and has been scheduled for **FEBRUARY 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST at the Jefferson County Recycling Department. 27138 NYS Rt. 12. Watertown, NY 13601.** Please contact the Jefferson County Purchasing Department at 315-785-3077 to confirm your attendance.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.11 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR CUOMO, THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THIS BID OPENING IN PERSON BUT THE BID OPENING WILL BE RECORDED AND MADE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW".

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. With submission of a bid, a Bidder agrees to be bound by the requirements set forth in the following general conditions. Whenever reference is made to "Contractor", "Bidder", or "Vendor", this shall include the party with whom the County has entered into an agreement, as well as any subcontractors whom the Bidder has engaged. Please submit three (3) copies one (1) original unbound two (2) copies.
2. The County does not assume responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of documents or documents that were not directly issued by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department. Any Vendor submitting a bid based on incomplete or inaccurate information resulting from documentation received from a third party shall not have cause for relief or completion of a contract in accordance with the official documents on file with the Purchasing Department. Verbal explanations or instructions regarding this bid provided by anyone other than an employee of the Purchasing Department shall be considered informal and will not be binding on the County unless confirmed in writing as an amendment to this solicitation, if such information is deemed necessary for the preparation of uniform bids. The County reserves the right to "Revise" or "Amend" the bid specification prior to the bid opening date by "Written Addenda"
Prior to submission of a bid it is the responsibility of each Bidder to become fully familiar with the requirements of this solicitation. No Bidder may plead misunderstanding because of the misinterpretation of estimates, scope of work, or other issues related to this request. It shall be the responsibility of each Bidder to identify any apparent discrepancy in the specifications or question of interpretation thereof. Failure to do so constitutes acceptance as written. The apparent silence of this specification as to any details or the omission from it of a detailed description concerning any part shall be interpreted as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials and workmanship of first quality are to be used. The County shall have the right to waive any technical defect, qualification, omission, informality, or irregularity in any bid received if, in its judgment, the best interest of the County shall thereby be served. **The County will issue no response to any request for clarification received within ten (10) days of the due date.**
3. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bid and the words "**SEALED BID**" written on the outside of the envelope. Please submit three (3) copies one (1) original unbound two (2) copies. No employee in the Purchasing Department will be held liable for the premature opening of any bid received not designated as such. Bids submitted by **FAX OR E-MAIL** will not be accepted.
4. Taxes. No charge will be allowed for federal, state, sales, and excise taxes from which the County is exempt. Exemption Certificates will be provided upon request.
5. Deviations. Deviations to the specifications must be fully explained, and if judged to be in the best interest of the County, may be accepted at the sole discretion of the County.
6. Qualifications. Each Bidder must be prepared to present satisfactory proof of his ability to successfully complete the requirements of this solicitation.
The County reserves the right to make whatever investigations or inquiries necessary to determine the competency and ability of any Bidder to complete the requirements of this solicitation. A review may include but not be limited to inspection of the Bidder's facilities and equipment, references or previous contract performance with the County or others.
7. Accountability - Bidder shall be fully accountable for his or her performance under any contract executed pursuant to this solicitation, and agrees to answer under oath all questions relevant to the performance thereof as to any transaction, or action done or omitted in connection therewith if called

before any Judicial, County or State Office or Agency empowered to investigate the contract or performance. By submitting a bid, the bidder affirms that all the requirements of the specifications are understood and accepted, and prices quoted shall be considered all-inclusive except as noted.

Each bidder affirms that all figures provided are correct to the best of their knowledge and understands that Jefferson County will not be responsible for any errors or omissions on the part of the bidder regarding estimates, calculations, or preparation of the bid, and will not be grounds for withdrawal or correction of the bid or bid security except as provided under General Municipal Law. In case of errors between unit and extension of prices, the unit price will govern.

8. **Award.** The County has endeavored to incorporate within these specifications all the elements which it reasonably anticipates will be required to obtain responses from qualified Bidders. By submission of a bid you agree to provide goods or services consistent with these specifications unless otherwise stated. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder meeting the specifications or providing acceptable deviation.

The County reserves the right to reject in whole or part, any or all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the County at the sole discretion of the County. If two or more Bidders submit identical bids as to price, the decision of the County to award a contract to one of such Bidders shall be final. If, after review it is determined that both bids are essentially equivalent the names of both bidders will be placed in a container and the winning bid selected by a draw witnessed by a minimum of two members of the Purchasing Department and a member of the County Audit department. The resulting contract award shall be deemed executory only to the extent of the monies appropriated and available, and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the County beyond the amount of such monies. It is understood that neither this contract nor any representation by any public employee or office creates any legal or moral obligation to request, appropriate or make available monies for the purpose of the contract. The County intends to issue a formal Purchase Order to purchase the goods and/or services described in this solicitation. It is understood that the successful Contractor is an independent Contractor and shall not be considered an agent of the County, nor shall any of the Contractor's agents or employees be considered subagents for the County.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COUNTY WILL NOT PROVIDE VERBAL RESULTS OF ANY BID. REQUESTS FOR BID RESULTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING (EMAIL IS ACCEPTABLE) TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AT purchasing@co.jefferson.ny.us RESPONSES WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

9. **New York State Wage Rates.** If any portion of work being bid is subject to the prevailing wage rate provisions of the NYS Labor Law, the successful bidder is responsible for complying with all current labor rates and regulations throughout the duration of any contract resulting from this bid and will conduct his business in strict compliance with County Law, New York State Labor Laws, Federal OSHA Laws, and all other laws that apply.

The current schedule(s) of the prevailing rates and hourly supplements for this project may be accessed at the New York State Department of Labor website @ www.labor.state.ny.us. The County has applied for and received a PRC number for this project. Copies of the schedule can be accessed by entering the assigned **PRC #2021000085** at the proper location on the website or rates can be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor.

If you do not have internet access you may contact the Jefferson County Purchasing Department at (315) 785-3077 to request a copy of the prevailing rate schedule for this project.

The County will only pay, and the bidder agrees to only charge prevailing wage rates to those employees of any organization that are required by New York State law to receive said rates in the course of performing work for the County as part of this contract. The County reserves the right to withhold payment to the successful bidder pending receipt of certified payrolls in accordance with New York State Department of Labor regulations. The County Department will provide the name and address of the individual to whom the certified payrolls must be forwarded before invoices will be approved and paid. The Contractor agrees to verify all rates with the New York State Department of Labor prior to submitting a proposal and prior to doing any work for the County as well as to establish which of those workers involved in any part of the contract for the County are required by law to receive said rates.

Vendors currently on the NYS Labor Department Debarred list will not be considered for award of this contract. By submitting a bid for consideration, the bidder is indicating to the County that they are currently in good standing with the NYS Department of Labor at the time of the bid.

Applicable: X

Not Applicable _____

10. **Insurance.** CONTRACTOR shall maintain or cause to be maintained, in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement, at its expense, Workers' Compensation Insurance, Employer's Liability Insurance, Disability Insurance, Commercial General Liability Insurance, Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance and other insurance with stated minimum coverages, all as listed below. Such policies are to be in the broadest form available on usual commercial terms, shall be written by insurers licensed to do business in the State of New York and which have an A.M. Best Rating of A(-) or better as determined in the most recent A.M. Best publication, and who have been fully informed as to the nature of the SERVICES to be performed, and shall cover risks and liability to CONTRACTOR resulting from this Agreement. Commercial General Liability shall include personal injury liability.

The COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents shall be named as additional insureds on a primary and non-contributory basis on CONTRACTOR'S Commercial General Liability policy. In addition, a waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of the COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents on CONTRACTOR'S Commercial General Liability policy. It is further understood that any obligations imposed upon the insured (including, without limitation, the liability to pay premiums) shall be the sole obligation of CONTRACTOR and not those of the COUNTY.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR irrevocably waives all claims against the COUNTY for all losses, damages, claims or expenses resulting from risks commercially insurable under this insurance described in this Section. The provision of insurance by CONTRACTOR shall not in any way limit CONTRACTOR's liability under this Agreement.

<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>MINIMUM Limits of coverage</u>
Workers' Compensation and NYS Disability	Statutory
Business Automobile Liability (Combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage arising out of the ownership, operation, use, loading or unloading of all owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles)	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit

Commercial General Liability, (including Broad form contractual Liability, combined bodily injury and property damage)	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence \$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000 Products-Completed Operations \$1,000,000 Advertising/Personal Injury \$5,000 Premises Medical Payment
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Each policy of insurance required herein shall be specifically endorsed to provide that in the event of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change on the part of the insurer, prior written notice shall be provided to COUNTY in accordance with the terms of the CONTRACTOR'S policy. The inclusion of such endorsement shall be confirmed on the certificates of insurance required herein.

At the time of execution of this Agreement, and upon each policy renewal, CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY certificates of insurance evidencing CONTRACTOR's compliance with the requirements of this Section, including certificates of insurance from any approved subcontractors. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish the appropriate ACORD Form Certificate of Insurance to COUNTY to evidence all coverage set forth above except Workers' Compensation and Disability Insurance. **A copy of the additional insured and waiver of subrogation endorsement forms must be submitted with the insurance certificates.**

Workers' Compensation coverage must be evidenced by Form C105.2 or New York State Insurance Fund Form U26.3. Disability Insurance coverage must be evidenced by Form DB120.

REQUIRED EXTENDED REPORTING COVERAGE FOR CLAIMS BASED POLICIES

In the event that CONTRACTOR'S Commercial General Liability Policy is a "claims made" policy, and coverage thereunder is cancelled or otherwise not renewed, and such policy is not replaced with another "claims made" Commercial General Liability Policy which provides continuing, uninterrupted coverage, CONTRACTOR shall be required to purchase extended reporting products-completed operations coverage for a minimum of three (3) years after completion of all work required of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

REQUIRED MINIMUM RETROACTIVE DATE FOR CLAIMS BASED POLICIES

In the event that CONTRACTOR'S Commercial General Liability Policy is a "claims made" policy, the retroactive date for products-completed operations coverage under such policy must be at least one (1) year prior to the commencement date of this Agreement and must be shown on the appropriate ACORD Form Certificate of Insurance furnished to COUNTY.

11. Indemnification. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless COUNTY, and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, liens, demands, judgments, penalties, fines, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs and expenses of whatever kind or nature (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements), known or unknown, contingent or otherwise, whether incurred as a result of a claim by a third party or any other person or entity, arising out of or in any way related to: (a) the work or operations of CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement; or (b) CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement or of the Law. Insofar as the facts and Law relating to any claim would preclude COUNTY or its officers, employees or agents, from being completely indemnified by CONTRACTOR, COUNTY and its officers, employees and agents, shall be partially indemnified by CONTRACTOR to the fullest extent permitted by Law. The acts or omissions of any party employed directly or indirectly by CONTRACTOR, shall be deemed to be that of CONTRACTOR for the purposes of the CONTRACTOR's obligations to defend, indemnify and hold harmless under this Section. The fact that a party so employed by CONTRACTOR is alleged to or is proven to have acted outside the scope of employment, agency or contract, shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of any of its duties under this Section.

12. Venues and Disputes. The exclusive means of disposing of any dispute arising under a contract with Jefferson County, which is not disposed of by agreement, shall be decided in a New York State Court of competent jurisdiction located within Jefferson County, New York. There shall be no right to binding arbitration. Pending final resolution of a dispute, the Vendor must proceed diligently with contract performance. The Vendor waives any dispute or claim not made in writing and received by the County within thirty (30) days of the occurrence giving rise to the dispute or claim. The claim must be in writing for sum certain and must be fully supported by all cost and pricing information.
13. Contract Term and Renewal Option. The initial contract term shall be for the period **FROM THE DATE OF AWARD UNTIL FINAL INSTALLATION AND ACCEPTANCE**
14. Contract Cancellation. Unless otherwise noted, the County of Jefferson retains the right to cancel any contract without cause provided the Vendor is given at least thirty (30) days notice of intent to cancel. This provision should not be understood as waiving the County's right to terminate the contract for cause or stop work immediately for unsatisfactory work, but is supplementary to that provision. The County may cancel a contract for any of, but not limited to the following:
- If a pattern develops where a vendor consistently fails to deliver product or services which do not meet the original specifications of the award
 - It is determined that gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise were offered or given by a Vendor, his agent, or representative to any County official or employee with intent toward securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of a contract or the performance of an agreement
 - It is determined that the successful bidder engaged in any other illegal or improper scheme promotive of favoritism or unfairness incidental to the solicitation process or the performance of the agreement
 - It is determined that said improper or illegal acts occurred, the County shall be entitled to terminate any agreement and/or exercise any other remedy available to it under existing law.

In the event of any termination, postponement, delay, suspension, or abandonment the Vendor shall deliver to the County all data, reports, plans, or other documentation related to the performance of the contract, including, but not limited to guarantees, warranties, plans, and shop drawings. In any of these events the County shall make settlement with the Vendor upon an equitable basis as determined by the County and shall fix the value of the work which was performed by the Vendor prior to the postponement, suspension, abandonment, or termination of the contract.

15. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 109 of the General Municipal Law, no Bidder to whom a contract is granted or awarded shall assign, transfer, convey, subcontract, or otherwise dispose of all or part of such contract, or of his right, title, and interest herein, including the performance of the contract or the right to receive monies due, or to become due, or of his power to execute the contract without the prior written consent of the Jefferson County Purchasing Department.

Prior to submitting a subcontractor for approval, bidder shall diligently inquire into the capability, qualifications, and background of the subcontractor, and the submission of a subcontractor for approval shall constitute an affirmative representation by the bidder that the subcontractor is fully capable, qualified, and licensed to provide the subcontracted services. Any subcontract entered into by the bidder pursuant to this bid shall provide that the bidder will retain ultimate control and responsibility for the service provided under the subcontract and that the subcontractor shall be bound by the provisions of the agreement between the bidder and the County and any other requirements applicable shall be deemed to exist between any subcontractor and the County, nor shall the bidder be relieved of any of the bidder's obligations under this contract, as a consequence of any subcontract approved by the County.

In the event the Bidder shall, without prior written consent, assign, transfer, convey, subcontract or otherwise dispose of the contract, or of his right, title, and interest herein, including the performance of the contract, or the right to receive monies due, or to become due, or his power to execute such contract, to any other person or corporations or upon receipt by Jefferson County of an attachment against the Bidder, the County of Jefferson shall be relieved and discharged from any and all liability and obligation growing out of such contract to such Bidder and the person or corporation to which such contract shall have been assigned, his assignees, transferees, or sublessee shall forfeit and lose all monies theretofore assigned on this contract, except so much as may be required to pay his employees.

16. The Successful Bidder agrees to comply with any and all applicable laws, codes, and regulations in connection with the goods and services called for in this bid as well as the non-discrimination and employment practices as required by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations regarding employment discrimination. The bidder assures the County that in accordance with applicable law: it does not and agrees that it will not discriminate in any manner on the basis of age, color, creed, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual preference or handicap.
17. Audit. The County, or its duly authorized agent, shall have access to and copies of the Contractor's records, including any books, electronic media, or programs, or material pertaining to work performed under the contract, at no cost to the County, to determine and verify the compliance with all contractual conditions. The County shall be granted access to such records at all reasonable times during the contract period and for three (3) years thereafter.
18. FOIL. All material submitted in response to this Bid becomes the property of the County and will be considered public records after the award of the contract. Proposals shall not be shared with any competing offerors during the selection phase of this procurement; however, after award of the contract to the successful offeror, proposals received in response to this Request for Proposal may be subject to disclosure under a provision of the Freedom of Information Act. Information in proposals that is clearly identified as proprietary will not be disclosed at any time. Blanket statements that all contents of the proposal are confidential and proprietary will not be honored by the County. The New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), as set forth in Public Officers Law, Article 6, mandates public access to certain government records. Generally, proposals submitted in response to this Bid may constitute government records subject to FOIL. Proposals may contain, among other things, certain technical, financial, or other data and information that constitute trade secrets, if publicly disclosed, could cause substantial injury to the commercial enterprise's competitive position. To protect this information from disclosure under FOIL, Proposers should specifically identify the pages of the proposal that contain such information by properly marking the top of the applicable pages as "CONFIDENTIAL" and inserting the following statement in the front of its proposal:

The information or data on pages _____ of this proposal, identified on the top thereof as "CONFIDENTIAL", contain financial, technical, or other information which constitute government records subject to FOIL. Proposals may contain, among other things, certain technical, financial, or other data and information that constitute trade secrets, if publicly disclosed, could cause substantial injury to the commercial enterprise's competitive position. We request that the County use such information only for the evaluation of this proposal but we understand that the Authority must comply with the provisions of the New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and public disclosure of the information contained in this proposal whether or not marked as "CONFIDENTIAL", and to make no claim for any damages as a result of any such disclosure by the County pursuant to FOIL.

In the event the County receives a FOIL request for disclosure of information marked as "CONFIDENTIAL", the Proposer shall be notified of the request and may expeditiously submit a detailed statement and explanation indicating the reasons the Proposer has for believing that the information requested is exempt from disclosure under the law. This detailed statement and explanation shall be used by the County in making its determination as to whether disclosure is required under the law.

"When submitting a bid for consideration, unless otherwise noted, all bidders understand that Jefferson County may reject all submissions that are marked "confidential" either substantially or in their entirety (other than narrowly defined data considered a 'trade secret'. All submissions are considered non public information until the evaluation is complete and a Contract or Purchase Order is issued. At that point all submissions become public record."

19. Warranty. In providing goods and services pursuant to this contract seller agrees to be bound by all warranties required by New York State Law.
20. Equivalency. In submitting a proposal, the Bidder is agreeing to provide goods and services consistent with the specifications. Where a brand name or equivalent specification is used in this solicitation, the use of any brand name noted is for the purpose of describing the standard of quality, performance and characteristics desired and is not intended to limit or restrict competition.

A Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of materials and equipment as described in the Drawings, or the Specifications, and "or equal" items submitted by the Bidder and accepted by the County. The Bidder may offer "or equal" items that meet the same performance or reliability standards as specified herein. If the Bidder offers an "or equal" item, the Bidder must include with the bid package, documentation establishing equality of construction, operation and utility. Said "or equal" items shall be accepted or rejected based upon the County's evaluation of the submitted documentation. All costs associated with the review of any "or equal" items prior to recommendation to award, shall be at the Bidder's expense.

If a submitted "or equal" item is rejected, the Bidders shall be afforded an opportunity to meet with the County to offer additional qualifying opinions and information prior to the County rejecting the bid. The Bidder shall not have the opportunity to submit any alternative materials or equipment after the bids are opened.

The decision to accept or reject an "or equal" item rests solely with the County. If a substitute "or equal" item is not accepted by the County, the bid will be deemed non-responsive and the County shall reject this bid. The next lowest responsive bid shall then be reviewed for recommendation of award.

21. Force Majeure: Except for the County's obligation to make payment for goods and/or services delivered hereunder, neither party hereto shall be liable for any failure to perform the terms of the contract when such failure is due to "force majeure" as hereinafter defined. The term "force majeure" as employed in this specification shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or industrial dispute or disturbances, civil disturbances, arrests and restraint from rulers or people, interruption by government or court orders, present and future valid orders of any regulatory body having proper jurisdiction, acts of the public enemy, wars, riots, blockades, insurrections, inability to secure or a delay in securing labor or materials, including delay in securing or inability to secure materials by reason of allocations promulgated by authorized governmental agencies, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, explosions, inability to obtain easements or right-of-way.

The "force majeure" shall, so far as possible, be remedied with a reasonable dispatch. The settlement of strikes or lockouts or industrial disputes or disturbances shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty and the above requirement that any "force majeure" shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts, or industrial disputes or disturbances by acceding to the demands of any opposing party therein when such course is inadvisable in the discretion of the parties having the difficulty.

22. Site Visit. All Contractors must attend the site visit at the same time. Contractors should attend a site visit to become familiar with any local conditions that may in any manner affect the work to be done, as well as equipment, materials, labor, or services required. Contractors are required to carefully examine the specifications and to familiarize themselves thoroughly with regards to any and all conditions and requirements of the installation. During the site visit, Contractors may specify if there are any necessary modifications or additions to the site, which are required. No allowances will be made because of lack of knowledge of these conditions. Ignorance of the requirements does not relieve the Contractors of their liability and obligations under these contracts.

A voluntary pre-bid meeting and on site review of the project will be conducted by the County and has been scheduled for **FEBRUARY 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST at the Jefferson County Recycling Department. 27138 NYS Rt. 12. Watertown, NY 13601.** Please contact the Jefferson County Purchasing Department at 315-785-3077 to confirm your attendance.

23. Iranian Energy Sector Divestment. Contractor hereby represents that said Contractor is in compliance with New York State General Municipal Law Section 103-g entitled "Iranian Energy Sector Divestment", in that said Contractor has not:
- a. Provided goods and services of \$20 Million or more in the energy sector of Iran including but not limited to the provision of oil or liquified natural gas tankers or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquified natural gas for the energy sector of Iran; or
 - b. Acted as a financial institution and extended \$20 Million or more in credit to another person for forty-five days or more, if that person's intent was to use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran.

Any Contractor who has undertaken any of the above and is identified on a list created pursuant to Section 165-a (3)(b) of the New York State Finance Law as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran, shall not be deemed a responsible Bidder pursuant to Section 103 of the New York State General Municipal Law.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, every Contractor submitting a bid in response to this Request for Bids must certify and affirm the following under penalties of perjury:

- a. "By submission of this bid, each Bidder and each person signing on behalf of any Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, that each Bidder is not on the list created pursuant to NYS Finance Law Section 165-a (3)(b)."

Jefferson County will accept this statement electronically in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, any Bid that is submitted without having complied with subdivision (a) above, shall not be considered for award. In any case where the Bidder cannot make the certification as set forth in subdivision (a) above, the Bidder shall so state and shall furnish

with the bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the reasons therefore. The County reserves its rights, in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103-g to award the Bid to any Bidder who cannot make certification, on a case-by-case basis under the following circumstances:

1. The investment activities in Iran were made before April 12, 2012, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after April 12, 2012, and the Bidder has adopted, publicized and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or
 2. The County of Jefferson has made a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the County to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the County of Jefferson would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the Bid is offered. Such a determination shall be made by the County in writing and shall be a public document.
24. Sexual Harassment. By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law. Where competitive bidding is not required, state departments and agencies may, at their discretion, require the above certification. A model policy and training has been created by the NYS Department of Labor and can be found here: <https://www.ny.gov/programs/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace>

BID #21-02
PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF SCALE AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY RECYCLING DEPARTMENT
BID SPECIFICATIONS

Jefferson County is soliciting bids for the purchase & installation of scales at the Jefferson County Recycling Department with the following minimum specifications:

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1 Furnish and install one steel deck truck scale and associated electronic controls
- 1.2 The scale shall have a clear and unobstructed weighing surface of not less than 80 feet long and 11 feet wide.
- 1.3 The scale shall have a profile not to exceed 14-1/2 inches, which is measured from the top of the scale to the top of the foundation slab or pier at the load cell bearing points.
- 1.4 The scale shall be fully electronic in design and shall not incorporate any mechanical weighing elements, check rods or check stays.
- 1.5 The scale shall be designed to perform as a single weighing platform and shall be of flat-top design. Side rail support beams are not acceptable.
- 1.6 The scale shall have a gross weighing capacity of 100 tons.
- 1.7 The scale shall have a Concentrated Load Capacity (CLC) of 100,000 pounds.
- 1.8 The scale shall be designed to accept vehicles that generate up to 80,000 pounds per tandem axle.
- 1.9 The scale shall be designed to accept an average daily traffic volume of up to 250 vehicles per day, 365 days per year, for 20 years, assuming that 100% of the vehicles are fully loaded with the equivalent of 80,000 pounds of their dual tandem axle.
- 1.10 In order for the bid to be considered, the supplier must provide written confirmation of empirical testing data to validate the design of the weighbridge through actual life-cycle testing. During the testing process, the weighbridge must see a minimum of 2 million cycles, with at least 80,000 pounds of test load, applied on the 8 contact points of a standard truck's dual tandem axle tires. The documentation must be provided with the proposal submittal. Failure to provide this information will result in the bid being considered non-responsive.
- 1.11 The scale shall be calibrated to a minimum of 120,000 pounds by 20-pound increments and not to exceed 200,000 pounds. System configurations with increments of greater than 20-pound increments will not be accepted; therefore scales with gross capacities in excess of 200,000 pounds will not be acceptable in order for the scale to meet NTEP Legal-for-Trade regulatory requirements.
- 1.12 The scale's weighing-related electronics shall consist solely of load cells, load cell cables and digital weight display. No other devices shall be permitted between the load cell and the digital weight display. Junction boxes, summing boards, gathering boards, gathering boxes, totalizers, external analog-to-digital converter boxes, and sectional controller boxes will not be accepted because of their significant and inherent maintenance issues.
- 1.13 The load cells and load cell mounting hardware shall be constructed of stainless steel. The cables shall be stainless steel sheathed. Load cells which are not stainless steel and hermetically sealed shall not be acceptable because of their inability to prevent moisture from entering the load cell and causing a premature failure.
- 1.14 The scale shall meet the requirements set forth by the current edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44 (NIST HB-44). The scale manufacturer shall provide a Certificate of Conformance (NYEP Certification) to these standards upon request.
- 1.15 The design and manufacture of the scale weighbridge, load cells and digital instrument shall all be of one manufacturer to maximize compatibility and availability of components and to insure maximum benefit from the system's lightning protection capability. Also, the manufacturer shall

have a quality system that has been registered to the standards of ISO 9001.

- 1.16 The manufacturer or bidder shall provide with the bid proposal, a listing of the total cost (labor, parts, travel time, and mileage) for two service technicians to travel to the scale site with a heavy duty test truck, stay on site for four (4) hours to troubleshoot and replace one load cell in the scale and the main printed circuit board in the weight display. This listing shall be provided for service in the following three timeframes: 6 months after installation, 36 months after installation and 58 months after installation. Listings of the same costs at these three time periods must also be provided assuming the failure is a result of a lightning strike. The cost of recalibration must be included in each service cost summary. Failure to provide the information required in this section will cause your bid submittal to be considered non-responsive and disqualified from consideration.
- 1.17 The scales shall be a METTLER TOLEDO Model VTS231 or equivalent.
- 1.18 Bidder must be able to provide parts and service within 4 hours after contact. Bidder must be able to provide a negotiated preventative maintenance program twice a year.

2. SCALE FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

Bidder must be able to provide a technical assistance and specifications for the foundation being constructed by Jefferson County as well as wiring schematics, locations, and specifications outside the wiring provided with this scale bid. Coordination with the construction of a new scale house will be necessary for a compatible 'end product'.

3. WEIGHBRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.1 The scale weighbridge shall be constructed of four (4) prefabricated scale modules each with a nominal surface dimension of 11' wide by 20' long.
- 3.2 The scale weighbridge shall be capable of weighing trucks that have dual tandem axle weights (4 feet minimum between dual axles and at least 10 ft from next axle) of up to 80,000 pounds, and shall have a Concentrated Load Capacity (CLC) of 100,000 pounds
- 3.3 All welding shall be completed in accordance with the American Welding Society (AWS) D1.1 Structural Welding Code.
- 3.4 All welding shall be performed by welding operators who have been certified to the AWS D1.1 Structural Welding Code.
- 3.5 All welding shall be performed in position 1F to ensure maximum weld integrity.
- 3.6 Longitudinal weighbridge members shall be welded continuously, using a high-penetration, submerged arc welding process. The use of intermittent or stitch welds on longitudinal members or deck tread plate is unacceptable.
- 3.7 The weighbridge shall be designed to allow access to load cell cables, base plates, and all foundation anchor bolts from the top of the scale platform.
- 3.8 The weighbridge and load cell mounting assemblies shall be designed to allow installation or replacement of a load cell with only one additional inch of clearance required between the top of the foundation and the bottom of the weighbridge on pitless installations.
- 3.9 There shall be no bolted connections between the load cell and weighbridge assemblies.
- 3.10 The load cell assembly shall be designed so that when you are at the scale weighbridge with a lifting jack, the load cell can be replaced in less than 5 minutes.
- 3.11 There shall be no field welding required for the installation of the scale.

4. SURFACE PREPARATION AND FINISH

- 4.1 The weighbridge shall be shot blasted to a minimum SSPC-SP6 specification prior to painting.
- 4.2 All enclosed chambers created by joining two steel members must be hermetically sealed to eliminate internal corrosion.
- 4.3 All exterior surfaces of the scale shall have a two-component, high-build epoxy finish,

impregnated with aluminum flake for increased corrosion resistance and UV protection, providing total Dry Film Thickness of 8-10 mils (International/Akzo Nobel Intergard 7562 or equivalent).

- 4.4 The finish shall be force cured in order to reduce risk of contamination and ensure durability of the surface.

5. LOAD CELL SPECIFICATIONS

- 5.1 Each load cell shall have a minimum capacity of 50 metric tons (110,000 pounds) with 300% ultimate overload rating.
- 5.2 All load calls shall be certified by NTEP and meet the specifications as set forth by NIST HB-44 for Class IIIIL devices. The manufacturer shall provide a Certificate of Conformance to these standards upon request.
- 5.3 All load cells shall be certified to meet the specifications set forth by the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) in document R60 for C3 load cells, which requires 60% tighter accuracy tolerances than NIST HB-44 for Class IIIIL devices. The manufacturer shall provide a Certificate of Conformance to these standards upon request.
- 5.4 Load cells shall be digital with an integral microprocessor and analog-to-digital conversion function located within the load cell housing
- 5.5 Load cells shall output only converted digital information without load correction for load position to the scale instrument. Analog output of signals from the load cell is not acceptable due to susceptibility of signal interference.
- 5.6 The load cell assembly shall be constructed so as to perform as a rocker pin and shall have no positive fixed mechanical connectors, such as bolts or links that are required in mounting the load cell to the weighbridge or foundation base plates.
- 5.7 The load cell shall not require check rods, flexures or chain links for stabilization, as these items are sources of ongoing maintenance requirements.
- 5.8 The load cell shall not require a junction box to communicate between the load cell and scale instrument. No other devices shall be permitted between the load cell and the digital weight display. Junction boxes, summing boards, gathering boards, gathering boxes, totalizers, external analog-to-digital converter boxes, and sectional controller boxes will not be accepted because of their significant and inherent maintenance issues.
- 5.9 The load cell shall be of stainless steel construction and hermetically sealed with a minimum NEMA 6P / IP68 (submersible) and IP69K rating
- 5.10 The load cell shall contain integral Transient Voltage Surge Suppressors (TVSS) for all input and communication lines. Each TVSS shall contain self-resetting thermal breakers to protect the load cell components from voltage and current surges.
- 5.11 The load cell shall come equipped with a neoprene rubber boot to keep debris from contaminating the lower bearing surface.
- 5.12 The load cell shall have a positive-lock quick connector integral to its housing for connecting and disconnecting the load cell interface cable at the load cell. The connector shall be a glass-to-metal, pin-type construction to maintain a hermetic seal.
- 5.13 System shall be so designed as to permit a load cell cable to be replaced without either splicing the load cell cable or replacing the load cell, either of which will contribute to eventual system failure and unnecessary service costs. System shall be so designed as to permit the replacing the load cell cable without requiring that the scale must be recalibrated, further reducing service and maintenance costs.
- 5.14 The load cell shall have the following specifications:
- 5.14.1 Vmin: 5.0 pounds maximum
 - 5.14.2 Hysteresis: +/- 0.025% of full scale
 - 5.14.3 Non-Linearity: +/- 0.015% of full scale
 - 5.14.4 Creep (30 minutes): +/- 0.017% of applied load

- 5.14.5 Temperature range: -10°C + 40°C
- 5.15 The load cell interface cable shall be stainless steel sheathed for environmental and rodent protection. Neoprene covered load cell cable shall not be permitted.
- 5.15.1 Load cells cables which are hard wired directly to the load cell are not acceptable due to the failure rates associated with moisture wicking into the load cell from aged cables or damaged cables, and due to the unnecessary expense associated with replacing entire load cells when only a cable has been damaged.
- 5.16 The load cell shall have a minimum 10-year warranty against defects in materials and workmanship and failure resulting from lightning or surge voltages. The warranty shall cover all costs associated with replacement parts, travel, mileage, on-site labor, and recalibration after repair, the full cost of which shall be supported solely by the manufacturer and not in part by any other third party.
- 5.17 Load cells shall be METTLER TOLEDO POWERCELL® PDX® load cell or equivalent.

6. JUNCTION BOXES AND CABLES

- 6.1 Junction boxes shall not be permitted in the scale, attached to the exterior of the scale, or remotely mounted from the scale. Sectional controllers with encapsulated PCBs shall not be permitted due to the failure rates associated with PCBs that have wired connections made within enclosures which are not hermetically sealed.
- 6.2 Load cell cables and scale instrument cables shall be stainless steel sheathed for environmental and rodent protection.
- 6.3 In order to minimize maintenance issues, only a single cable shall be used to transmit data or weight signals between the weighbridge and the digital weights display.

7. LIGHTNING PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS

- 7.1 A comprehensive lightning protection system shall be provided with the scale.
- 7.2 The system shall not require complicated wiring or devices to provide this protection.
- 7.3 Major scale components including load cells and scale instrument (terminal) shall be included in the lightning protection system.
- 7.4 Grounding of all scale components including load cells, scale instrument, and accessories shall be to one common point. Systems with multiple ground points are not acceptable.
- 7.5 An AC line surge protector shall conveniently plug into a common electrical outlet and have a receptacle.
- 7.6 Each AC line surge protector required shall have one isolated, grounding, hospital-grade duplex receptacle, and an internal 15-amp circuit breaker.
- 7.7 Verification of the lightning protection system's performance shall be available in writing from a third-party verification laboratory upon request. Proposals submitted without confirming the availability of third-party verification that the load cells, cables, and instrument as a system have been able to withstand the equivalent of a lightning strike with 80,000 amperes will be rejected.
- 7.8 The lightning protection system shall be a METTLER TOLEDO StrikeShield Lightning Protection System or equivalent.

8. WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS AND SERVICES

- 8.1 The scale manufacturer shall warrant the scale assembly including the weighbridge structure, scale instrument, and associated cables from failures due to a defect in manufacturing, workmanship, lightning or surge voltages.
- 8.2 The warranty be a minimum of one (1) year and shall support 100% coverage of repair parts, labor, travel time and mileage from the closest service location, or at the manufacturer's sole discretion, replacement of the product under warranty. The full cost of warranty as specified on bid page

shall be supported solely by the manufacturer and not in part by any other third party or service provider. Bidder shall promptly correct any such defect appearing within the warranty period.

9. ACCESSORIES

- 9.1 Six inch riser plates to access under scales.
- 9.2 Single height side rails (guiderails) on weighbridge.
- 9.3 Traffic light kit including 2 traffic lights with aluminum pole and base (8' x 4.5 O.D – Schedule 40).

BID #21-02
PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF SCALE AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY RECYCLING DEPARTMENT
BID PAGE

MANUFACTURER OF SCALE BID: _____

MODEL OF SCALE BID: _____

TOTAL COST OF INSTALLATION: \$ _____

WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS (PLEASE DEFINE): _____

LENGTH OF WARRANTY: _____

NUMBER OF DAYS FOR INSTALLATION TO BE COMPLETE/ARO: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE COST OF A PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE/SERVICE AGREEMENT THAT WILL COMMENCE UPON EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL WARRANTY PERIOD AND WILL BE IN FORCE FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS.

IF AVAILABLE, EACH VENDOR SHOULD PROVIDE THE COST BASED ON BOTH PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AS WELL AS FULL MAINTENANCE WITH ALL PARTS & LABOR INCLUDED.

\$ _____

COMPANY NAME: _____ DATE: _____

BID PROPOSAL CERTIFICATIONS

Firm Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____ Federal ID Number: _____

I. General Bid Certification

The bidder certifies that he will furnish, at the prices herein quoted, the materials, equipment, and/or services as proposed on this bid.

Any deviation to specifications is fully explained and attached. By signing and submitting this bid for consideration to the County of Jefferson, the vendor acknowledges that they have read, understand, and agree to the specifications as presented without reservation or alteration.

Deviations: Yes _____ No _____

II. Non-Collusive Bidding Certification

By submission of this bid proposal, the bidder certifies that he is complying with Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law as follows:

Statement of non-collusion in bids and proposals to political subdivision of the state. Every bid or proposal hereafter made to a political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, or local law, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the following statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalties of perjury: Non-collusive bidding certification.

A. By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

B. A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where A. (1)(2) and (3) above have not been complied with; provided, however, that if in any case the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which set forth in detail the reasons therefore. Where A.(1)(2) and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the head of the purchasing unit of the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

(1) The fact that a bidder (a) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (b) has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (c) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning subparagraph one (a).

Printed Name of Signer _____

Authorized Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

NON-BIDDER'S RESPONSE

For purposes of maintaining accurate Bidder's lists and facilitating your firm's response to our invitation for bid, the County of Jefferson is interested in ascertaining reasons for prospective Bidder's failure to respond to invitations for bids. If your firm is not responding to this bid, please indicate the reason(s) by checking any appropriate item(s) below and returning this form to the Jefferson County Purchasing Director, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, New York 13601. This form may be returned by mail or fax. Faxes may be sent to 315-785-7591. Failure to submit either a bid proposal or return this form will result in removal of your firm's name from our Bidder's lists. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are not responding to this invitation for bid for the following reason(s)

- ☐ Items or materials requested not manufactured by us or not available to our company.
- ☐ Our items or materials do not meet specifications.
- ☐ Specifications not clearly understood or applicable (too vague, too rigid, etc.)
- ☐ Quantities too small.
- ☐ Insufficient time allowed for preparation of bid.
- ☐ Incorrect address used. Correct mailing address is:

- ☐ Our branch/division handles this type of bid.
Correct name and mailing address is:

- ☐ We are unable to bid at this time but would like to continue to receive invitations for bids.
- ☐ We are unable to bid and wish to be removed from the Bidder's list.

NAME OF FIRM: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

BY: _____

Signature of Representative

DATE: _____

Bid Number: **B21-02**

Bid Name: **PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF SCALE AT THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY RECYCLING DEPARTMENT**

Attachment
Certification Pursuant to Section 103-g
of the New York State
General Municipal Law

- A. By submission of this bid, each Bidder and each person signing on behalf of any Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each Bidder is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the New York State Finance Law.
- B. A Bid shall not be considered for award, nor shall any award be made where the condition set forth in Paragraph A above has not been complied with; provided, however, that in any case the Bidder cannot make the foregoing certification set forth in Paragraph A above, the Bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefore. Where Paragraph A above cannot be complied with, the Purchasing Unit to the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to whom the bid is made, or his designee, may award a bid, on a case by case basis under the following circumstances:
1. The investment activities in Iran were made before April 12, 2012, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after April 12, 2012, and the Bidder has adopted, publicized and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or
 2. The political subdivision makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the political subdivision to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the political subdivision would be unable to obtain the goods and services for which the contract is offered. Such a determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

Signature

Title

Date

Company Name