

**Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo (“RRC”)
Fort McMurray, Alberta
Request for Proposal (“RFP”)
For
Supply and Install Cooling Tower**

RFP # 2018-03-08-Supply-and-Install-Cooling-Tower

Closing Time: March, 22, 2018, 11:30PM MST

This is not a tender. This RFP will not be publicly opened and read.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the terms used throughout this document:

- 1.1 Closing Time means the date and time for the closing of this RFP as identified in section 3.1.
- 1.2 Contact means the position identified in section 2.2 and is responsible for managing the RFP process through whom all correspondence will flow, including receiving all commercial and technical questions and issuing addenda to this RFP.
- 1.3 Evaluation Team means the individuals who will evaluate the Proposals on behalf of the RRC.
- 1.4 Mandatory Requirements means those requirements in this RFP described with a “must”. Failure to provide mandatory information could result in a Proposal being rejected.
- 1.5 Proponent means a party responding to this RFP.
- 1.6 Proposal means the Proponent's response to the RFP and includes all the Proponent's attachments and presentation materials.
- 1.7 RFP means a Request for Proposal.
- 1.8 RMWB means the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
- 1.9 RRC means the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo.
- 1.10 Work means the goods and services described in section 2.1 and in detailed in Appendix A.

2.0 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INVITATION

2.1 *Project Overview:*

The RRC's procurement mandate promotes fair, transparent, and open exchange of opportunities to the public to develop relationships that will support the growth of the RRC.

This RFP is issued to invite Proposals for the RRC's requirements, hereinafter is referred to as Work. See Work definitions that are summarized below and detailed in Appendix A attached within.

Project Name: Supply and Install Cooling Tower
Location: MacDonald Island Park, Fort McMurray, AB
Work Description: Replace Cooling Tower for Refrigeration System

The Work is expected to be completed by September, 30, 2018

The contract term for services, warranties, licenses and any other support agreements will be specified in any contract resulting from this RFP.

The Proponent acknowledges and agrees that this procurement process is a RFP and is not a tendering process. It is part of an overall procurement process intended to enable the RRC to identify one or more potential vendors for the requested product or service. The submission of a Proposal does not constitute a legally binding agreement between the RRC and any Proponent.

2.2 Contact Information:

It is the Proponent's responsibility to clarify interpretation of any matter the Proponent considers to be unclear before the Close of Questions Deadline, by contacting:

Supervisor, Supply Chain
Email: RFP.Support@RRCWB.ca

All inquiries relating to this RFP shall be directed in writing via email to the Contact above no later than than five (5) business days (March 15, 2018) prior to Closing Time. Contact with any other RRC personnel, consultants, or others affiliates may result in non-acceptance of Proposals and Proponent disqualification.

The RRC is not responsible for any misunderstandings on the part of the Proponent regarding this RFP or its associated process. Questions will be deemed to be received once the questions submitted by Proponents have been received by the Contact noted above.

2.3 Delivery Requirements:

Proposals must be received via email to the email indicated in section 2.2 above before the Closing Time and the subject line must clearly reference this RFP number (RFP # 2018-03-08-Supply-and-Install-Cooling-Tower).

Proponents shall submit one copy of their Proposal, via email to the Contact in Section 2.2.

2.4 Proposal Validity Period:

Proposals shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the Closing Date or other such period as may be agreed by the Proponent and the RRC.

2.5 Proposal Eligibility:

In order for Proposals to be eligible for consideration, they must:

- 2.5.1 be received by the Contact on or before the Closing Time, at the email address specified in Section 2.2;
- 2.5.2 meet the Delivery Requirements, as specified in Section 2.3;
- 2.5.3 meet the Proposal Validity Period requirements, as specified in Section 2.4 and;
- 2.5.4 include a copy of the Acknowledgement Form – Appendix B signed by an individual authorized to do so on behalf of the Proponent.

3.0 Instructions to Proponents

3.1 RFP Timetable:

Interested parties should obtain the RFP directly from Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) or the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo (RRC) websites facilitate receiving any RFP amendments issued.

The timetable below shows the anticipated schedule to award this RFP. The dates shown are estimates. The RRC will strive to meet the activity dates shown; however, the RRC reserves the right to change the schedule as its sole discretion.

Activity	Date	Time
Issuance of RFP:	March 08 th , 2018	5:00 PM
Close of Questions Deadline:	March 15 th , 2018	11:30 PM
Closing Date and Time:	March 22 st ,2018	11:30 PM
Anticipated Award Date:	March 26 rd , 2018	5:00 PM

3.2 General Conditions:

3.2.1 Business Code of Conduct

Proponents must be aware that RRC employees hold exclusive loyalty to the RRC and must never be put in a position where personal or financial incentives or interests may impair their judgment and ability to make decisions in the best interest of the RRC. Proponents must not offer nor should a RRC employee accept any gifts, gratuities, discounts or any other favors from a supplier or potential supplier to the RRC.

3.2.2 Consent to Use of Information

By responding to this RFP, the Proponent consents, and has obtained the written consent from any individuals identified in the Proposal for the RRC to use the personal information provided in the Proposal to evaluate the Proposal. The success Proponent shall provide proof of the consent of individuals as described in this paragraph to the RRC upon request.

3.2.3 Conflict of Interest

Proponents must fully disclose, in writing to the Contact on or before the Closing Time, the circumstances of any possible conflict of interest or what could be perceived as a possible conflict of interest if the Proponent were to become a contracting party pursuant to the RFP. The RRC shall review any submissions by Proponents under this provision and may reject any Proposals where, in the opinion of the RRC, the Proponent could be in a conflict of interest or could be perceived to be in a possible conflict of interest position if the Proponent were to become a contracting party pursuant to the RFP.

3.2.4 Alberta's Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA):

The RRC recognizes that each response may contain information in the nature of trade secrets or commercial, financial, labour relations, scientific or technical information of or about a Proponent. The RRC also understands that responses to this RFP are provided in confidence and protected from disclosure to the extent permitted under law.

The Proponent should identify appropriate parts of its Proposal as confidential since this will clearly establish its expectations toward the document, both to the the RRC as a public body and to the Information and Privacy Commissioner in any review or refusal of access. The RRC, however, may not be able to meet these expectations in every instance.

3.3 Pre-Submission Requirements:

3.3.1 Pre-proposal Meeting

A pre-proposal meeting will not be held for this RFP.

3.3.2 Request for Extension

Any request for an extension to the Closing Time will only be considered if received, in writing, five (5) (March 15th, 2018) business days before the Closing Time and is requested from multiple firms.

3.3.3 Addenda

The RRC reserves the right to respond to questions, make clarifications and changes, in its sole discretion, to this RFP at any time prior to the Closing Time through the issuance of addendums. Should the RRC issue any addendums to the RFP, the changes will be posted on the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) and the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo (RRC) website: no other notices will be issued. Proponents are cautioned to ensure they have received and reviewed all addenda (if any) prior to submitting a Proposal. All addenda issued by the RRC form part of this RFP.

3.3.4 Cost of Preparation

The Proponent is responsible for all costs of preparing and presenting the Proposal.

3.4 Submission Requirements:

3.4.1 In evaluating the Proposals received, the RRC will consider all of the criteria listed below in Section 3.6, and the RRC will have the sole and unfettered discretion to award up to the maximum number of points for each criteria as listed below. By

submitting a Proposal, the Proponent acknowledges and agrees that the RRC has, and is hereby entitled to exercise, the sole and unfettered discretion to award the points for the evaluation of the noted criteria.

3.4.2 By submitting a Proposal, each Proponent acknowledges and agrees that it waives any right to contest in any legal proceedings the decision of the RRC to award points in respect of the criteria noted below (the “Evaluation Criteria”).

3.4.3 Proposals and any accompanying documentation, upon receipt by the RRC, will become the property of the RRC and will not be returned to the Proponent.

3.5 Proposal Content

Proposals submitted should be in enough detail to allow the RRC to determine the Proponent’s qualifications and capabilities from the documents received. Every effort should be made to include complete details of the proposed Work.

Proposals should contain, at minimum, the following items and should be identified accordingly:

3.5.1 Introduction

Introduces the Proponent and provides a summary of the key features of the qualifications of the Proponent in its area of expertise.

3.5.2 Proponent Profile

The Proposal should include:

- i. A description of the overall company, in sufficient detail to explain how the Proponent is organized and its areas of business. The description should be in sufficient detail to demonstrate how the staff, organization and financial resources ensure the ongoing ability to provide timely and professional services to the RRC.
- ii. Summary of the corporate history including the full legal name of the company, company address, name of the President/CEO/Owner/Partner(s) and the date the company started business.
- iii. Provide details of any and all subcontracting arrangements proposed by the Proponent.
- iv. Details of any joint ventures, consortiums or partnerships that may be used to complete the Work.

3.5.3 Experience and Qualifications

Proponent should provide a minimum of three (3) experiences for the purpose of evaluation, of projects similar to the services requests in this RFP.

References should include:

- a. the name of the references organization;
- b. the contact name, title, address and telephone number;
- c. the size and nature of the client's business;
- d. the period of time dealing with the client; and
- e. a description of the project including the timing, duration, size and specific work performed.

3.5.4 Proposed Services, Equipment and Resources

Proponent should identify persons or teams who will provide specific knowledge and experience in performing work for the projects and services requested in this RFP.

Proponents should include a schedule of milestone dates / schedule highlighting all critical dates to achieve a completion date of September 30th, 2018. This schedule should identify responsibilities of both the Proponent and the RRC.

3.5.5 Primary Contact Name

Provide the name of a single contact person for all future communications between the Proponent and the RRC. Also provide the name of a secondary contact in the event the primary is not available. These persons will be the sole contacts for the purposes of this RFP.

3.5.6 Proposal Pricing

Proponents should:

- a. detail all costs that will apply to the Work, throughout its life;
- b. provide all pricing information in Canadian funds, exclusive of G.S.T.;
- c. provide complete pricing, manufacturing lead times and related delivery information for the items, equipment and applicable services proposed, in a separate price sheet within the Proposal;
- d. clearly define firm price periods and price escalation and de-escalation formulas that will apply for the material, equipment and services being delivered; and
- e. should identify any discounts on material, equipment and labour that will be applied.

3.5.7 Additional Information from Proponents

If the Proponent wishes to include any other material not specifically requested by this RFP, it may do so by including additional materials, as appendices to the Proposal.

3.5.8 Execution of the Proposal

Proposals shall be properly executed in full compliance with the following:

- a. proposals shall be signed by the representative for the Proponent; (Appendix B)
- b. if the Proposal is made by a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be accurately printed immediately above the signatures of its duly authorized officers and the corporate seal shall be affixed;
- c. if the Proposal is made by a partnership, the firm name or business name shall be accurately printed above the signature of the firm and the Proposal shall be signed by a partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
- d. if the Proposal is made by an individual carrying on business under a name other than his own, his business name together with the individual's name shall be printed immediately above its signature; and
- e. if the Proposal is made by a sole proprietor who carries on business in his own name, the proprietor shall print his name immediately below his signature.

3.6 Evaluation of Proposals:

3.6.1 Clarification

The RRC reserves the right to seek clarification from any Proponent to assist in the evaluation of its Proposal.

3.6.2 Acceptance or Rejection

Proponents are advised that all of the Instructions to Proponents and conditions of the RFP must be strictly complied with and any non-compliance may invalidate the Proposal in question. The RRC reserves the right to reject any Proposal not adhering to material requirement set out in this RFP.

The RRC may, in its sole discretion, accept or reject for its consideration any and all Proposals that contain minor and inconsequential irregularity, or where practicable to do so, the RRC may, as a condition of acceptance of a Proposal, request a Proponent to correct a minor and inconsequential irregularity with no change in proposed price.

The determination of what is or is not a minor and inconsequential irregularity, the determination of whether to accept, waive, or require correction of an irregularity, and the final determination of the validity, will be at the sole discretion of the RRC.

3.6.3 Method

Once a proposal has been accepted as eligible, the RRC will evaluate it using a Weighted Matrix method. A sample matrix is shown in Figure 1 below. During the draft of the RFP, the RRC will select the evaluation criteria and assign a “weight” to each one. The weight indicates each criterion’s relative importance in determining the successful Bidder. Proposals will be evaluated against each criterion using a scoring scale from 0 to 5, with the resulting score then being multiplied by the assigned weight to give a Result. The Results are summed up to give a Total Score for the evaluation. The RRC will assign scores at its sole discretion.

Item	Criteria	Weight	Score	Result
1	Proposal Cost	60	3	180
2	Pass Experience	30	5	150
3	Proposal Content	10	4	40
	TOTAL	100	N/A	370

Figure 1 – Sample Weighted Matrix showing scores and Totals

In this sample, the vendor would have scored **three hundred and seventy (370) out of a possible total of five hundred (500)**. This Total will be compared against all other submissions, with the Proposal with the highest Total being deemed the Winning Proposal.

The RRC recognizes that “Best Value” is the essential part of purchasing a product and/or service and therefore the RRC may prefer a Proposal with a higher price, if it offers greater value and better serves the RRC’s interests, as determined by the RRC, over a Proposal with a low price. The RRC’s decision shall be final.

The RRC may, at its sole discretion, invite one or more Proponents for an interview or request further clarification to address any questions relating to their Proposal(s). Proponents will be responsible for any costs associated with the preparation for, and attendance at the interview to take place at a specified location in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

The RRC may, at its sole discretion, select the format for the interview (i.e. in-person, telephone, video-conference, etc.).

The RRC may, if necessary, re-evaluate and adjust the previously determined scores based on the results of the interview(s).

3.7 *Recapitulation of Proposals*

The RRC reserves the right to internally publish the names of Proponents and any summary cost information deemed appropriate.

3.8 *Proposal Return*

Proposals and accompanying documentation, upon receipt by RRC, will become the property of RRC and shall not be returned to the Proponent.

3.9 *Negotiation and Selection*

By submitting a Proposal, a Proponent accepts that a contract may be negotiated between the RRC and the Proponent whose Proposal is evaluated as the best value. The RRC reserves the right to negotiate with any Proponent, or more than one Proponent. If the parties after having negotiated in good faith are unable to conclude a formal agreement, the RRC and the Proponent will be released without further obligations other than any surviving obligations regarding confidentiality and the RRC may, at its discretion, contact the Proponent of the next best rated Proposal and attempt to conclude an agreement with it, and so on until an agreement is reached.

The RRC may at its discretion 1) negotiate with a Proponent to award a contract for all or a portion of the Work; 2) cancel this RFP and issue a new RFP with a new scope of work; or 3) cancel this RFP in its entirety.

3.10 *Commitment*

Proponents are advised that the RRC makes no commitment under this RFP. Any commitment resulting from this RFP will be made by means of a duly authorized contract.

3.11 *Business License*

The successful Proponent will be required to obtain licenses to operate in the Province of Alberta. To perform work within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo the successful Proponent will be required to obtain a municipal business license. All costs associated with licensing, insurance and all other requirements are to be borne by Proponent.

3.12 *Amendment or Revocation of Proposal*

A Proponent may amend its Proposal prior to the Closing Time by submitting a clear and detailed written notice to the Contact. A Proponent may revoke its Proposal at any time prior to an agreement being entered into with RRC by submitting a clear and detailed written notice to the Contact.

3.13 *Independent Determination*

A Proposal will not be considered by the RRC if it was not arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement as to any matter, such as prices, with any other Proponent.

3.14 Funding

The RRC may cancel this RFP or decide not to enter into an agreement pursuant to this RFP if appropriate budget funding approval is not available.

3.15 Disclaimer of Liability and Indemnity

By submitting a Proposal, a Proponent agrees:

- 3.15.1** to be responsible for conducting its own due diligence on data and information upon which its Proposal is based;
- 3.15.2** that it has fully satisfied itself as to its rights and the nature extended to the risks it will be assuming;
- 3.15.3** that it has gathered all information necessary to perform all of its obligations under its Proposal;
- 3.15.4** that it is solely responsible for ensuring that it has all information necessary to prepare its Proposal and for independently verifying and informing itself with respect to any terms or conditions that may affect its Proposal;
- 3.15.5** to hold harmless the RRC, its directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and all of their respective successors, from all claims, liability and costs related to all aspects of the RFP process;
- 3.15.6** that it shall not be entitled to claim against the RRC, its directors, officers, employees, insurers, agents, advisors and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo on grounds that any information, whether obtained from the RRC or otherwise, regardless of the manner or form in which the information is provided is incorrect or insufficient;
- 3.15.7** that the RRC will not be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses, damages or liability incurred by the Proponent as a result of, or arising out of, preparing, submitting, or disseminating a Proposal, or for any presentations or interviews related to the Proposal, or due to the RRC's acceptance or non-acceptance of a Proposal; and
- 3.15.8** to waive any right to contest in any proceeding, case, action or application, the right of the RRC to negotiate with any Proponent for the Contract whom the RRC deems, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to have submitted the Proposal most beneficial to the RRC and acknowledges that the RRC may negotiate and contract with any Proponent it desires.

3.16 Discretion of RRC

Notwithstanding any other provision of this RFP to the contrary, the provisions in this Article prevail, govern and override all other parts of this RFP. The RRC is not bound to accept any Proposal. At any time prior to execution of the Contract, the RRC may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, or for its own convenience, terminate the procurement process, cancel the Work or proceed with the Work on different terms. All of this may be done with no compensation to the Proponents or any other party.

The RRC reserves the right, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to:

- 3.16.1** utilize any designs, ideas or information contained in any of the Proposals for its sole use and benefit without making payment or otherwise providing consideration or compensation to any Proponent or any other party;
- 3.16.2** negotiate the specific contractual terms and conditions, including but not limited to the fee or price of the Work;
- 3.16.3** waive any formality, informality or technicality in any Proposal, whether of a minor and inconsequential nature, or whether of a substantial or material nature;
- 3.16.4** receive, consider, and/or accept any Proposal, regardless of whether or not it complies (either in a material or non-material manner) with the submission requirements or is the lowest priced proposal, or not accept any Proposal, all without giving reasons;
- 3.16.5** determine whether any Proposal meets the submission requirements of this RFP;
- 3.16.6** negotiate with any and all Proponents, regardless of whether or not the Proponent has a Proposal that does not fully comply, either in a material or non-material way with the submission requirements for the RFP or any requirements contained within this RFP; and
- 3.16.7** transfer any negotiated or executed contractual documents to a related corporation.

3.17 Selection

Selection of the successful Proponent, if any, is at the sole and unfettered discretion of the RRC.

3.18 Disqualification

The failure to comply with any aspect of this RFP (either in a material way or otherwise), shall render the Proponent subject to such actions as may be determined by the RRC, including disqualification from the RFP process, suspension from the RFP process and/or imposition of conditions which must be complied with before the Proponent will have its privilege of submitting a Proposal reinstated.

3.19 Representations and Warranties

- 3.19.1** The RRC makes no representations or warranties other than those expressly contained herein as to the accuracy and/or completeness of the information provided in this RFP.
- 3.19.2** Proponents are hereby required to satisfy themselves as the accuracy and/or completeness of the information provided in this RFP.
- 3.19.3** No implied obligation of any kind by, or on behalf of, the RRC shall arise from anything contained in this RFP, and the express representations and warranties contained in this RFP, and made by the RRC, are and shall be the only representations and warranties that apply.

3.19.4 Information referenced in this RFP, or otherwise made available by the RRC or any of its directors, officers, employees, agents or advisors, is provided for the convenience of the Proponent only and none of the RRC, its Directors, employees, agents and advisors warrant the accuracy or completeness of this information. The Proponent is required to immediately bring forth to the RRC any conflict or error that it may find in the RFP. All other data is provided for informational purposes only.

Appendix A – Project Details

Scope of Work

The Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo (“RRC”) is requesting Proposals from refrigeration contractors to supply and install a cooling tower system for the refrigeration system at the Suncor Community Leisure Center at MacDonald Island.

The scope of work for this project is to undertake all necessary engineering review, design, drawings, specifications, and so on for the implementation of the following:

- Decommission, disconnect and remove existing cooling tower
- Supply and install new cooling tower in same location, confirming structural integrity of support structure, reconnect all piping, tubing, wiring and required controls.
- The cooling tower system must be able to maximize the efficiency of the refrigeration plant.
- The cooling tower should use as little water as possible (zero preferred) during the winter and be able to handle the load of the refrigeration system during the summer utilizing water.
- A full description of proposed system will be required outlining the benefits of the system and references of similar systems presently in use.
- Provide a detailed equipment list with pricing.
- A full timeline for ordering unit and installation will be required.
- Include full disclosure of associated costs i.e.: engineering fees and sub-trades.

A surety bond will be required upon award.

If selected as the successful Proponent, the Proponent, at its own expense, must provide a certificate of insurance on which the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are named as an additional insured, and must maintain, with Insurers allowed by the laws of the Province of Alberta to issue insurance policies in Alberta the following insurance policies:

Workers Compensation Insurance – The firm or individual shall procure and maintain during the life of the Agreement, workers compensation insurance, including employer’s contingent liability coverage, in accordance with all applicable statutes.

Commercial General Liability Insurance – The firm or individual shall procure and maintain for the life of the Agreement commercial general liability insurance, including Contractual liability coverage, against claims for personal injury, bodily injury and property damage on an “occurrence basis” with coverage in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence combined single limit.

Motor Vehicle Liability – The firm or individual shall procure and maintain during the life of the Agreement motor vehicle liability insurance with limits of the liability not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence. Coverage shall include all owner, non-owned and hired vehicles.

Professional Liability - The firm or individual shall procure and maintain during the life of an Agreement professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for each claim.

The said insurance policy is to include provision for the insurers to endeavour to provide the RRC with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation.

Proponent shall furnish documentary evidence satisfactory to the RRC of such policies and of the renewal or continuance of such insurances prior to thirty (30) business days of any expiry date or dates thereof.

Proponent, and not the RRC, shall be responsible for any deductible that may apply in any of the said insurance policies.

Appendix B – Acknowledgement Form

Company / Proponent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Website: _____ GST#: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Office: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Office: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

By signature below, the Proponent hereby acknowledges that 1) its understands and agrees with the RFP process described in this document, and 2) it has thoroughly reviewed the information contained in this RFP and has complied with the documents making up this Proposal, including all drawings and specifications as may be listed in the Index, and any amendments or addenda thereto:

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date

(Detach this page and return with your Proposal)