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2022 – 2027 Pressure Washing and Roof Gutter and Downspout Cleaning and Maintenance Services – Capital District DDSOO – IFB CAP 042722

### **Questions and Answers:**

Below is a compilation of the questions received for this bid. Questions that were repeated, or of a recurring nature, were consolidated. Thank you very much for your interest.

**1. Question: Which job description or category of prevailing wage would employees fall under when power washing?**

Answer: The proper classification for pressure washing services is Laborer – Building. The specific wage rate varies based on county and can be found by consulting the prevailing wage schedule PRC# 2021012626.

**2. Question: Would a different rate be paid for repairing gutters or downspouts?**

Answer: Maintenance service to gutters and downspouts for this contract shall only include preventive/minor maintenance, e.g., replacing missing pins, fasteners, screens, etc., as well as other possible routine issues as described in the Scope of Work. All other maintenance, including major repairs, are not handled under this contract.

For further questions about prevailing wage please contact the New York State Department of Labor by phone at 518-457-2744 or by mail at:

New York State Department of Labor  
Bureau of Public Work  
State Office Campus, Bldg. 12  
Albany, NY 12240

**3. Question: We bid on this work last year. Was a contract awarded to someone at that time?**

Answer: Quotes have been requested for these services in the past, but no formal bid has been conducted for the Capital District region, and no contract has been awarded previously.

**1. Question: The bid says it is for 5 years but is only asking for the annual cost. Will our price need to stay the same for all 5 years or is there an automatic annual increase?**

Answer: Per page 4 of the IFB, Section 9:

Prices are to remain constant for the initial year of the contract. Approaching every contract anniversary date, the Contractor may request, or OPWDD give notice of, an annual price adjustment for the subsequent year. The request or notice must be submitted in writing between 30 days and 60 days prior to the contract anniversary date. OPWDD has the sole discretion in determining the rate to be approved. The adjustment shall be based upon the most recently available, "CPI-U", not seasonally adjusted, Northeast Region, all items, with the adjustment calculated on a 12-month percent change based on the month 60 days prior to the contract anniversary. Any price adjustment shall not exceed 3.0% per annum.

Respectfully,



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