

# Negometrix Supplier Guide

Learning how to submit an offer using Negometrix





### Getting started

- Find all published solicitations on the Negometrix3 website: <u>www.platform-</u> <u>us.negometrix.com</u>
- Use the search bar or scroll through all the solicitations to find one you are looking for



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### Participate in a solicitation

- Once you have found the solicitation and you clicked on it, you will see a short description.
- To find out more, click **Participate** on the bottom.
- You will be asked to log in or register on the platform (next slide).

2146 RFQ No. 2019-36 - Water Supply Feasibility Study

### Back to published solicitations

### Buyer



Information

Contact person: Public Works Palm Beach (561) 227-7009 owsolicitations@townofpalm Description: **BID DOCUMENTS** o see the full details of this solicitation you will need to select the 'PARTICIPATE' below. You will be prompted to login to your Negometrix account. If you do not have an account you can create one at no cost. If you select 'PARTICIPATE' you are not obligated to submit an offer to this solicitation. However, you will need to participate in order to access all bid documents GENERAL INFORMATION The Town of Paim Beach is seeking a qualified consultant who will collect/review all available data. Based on the data collected and analyzed, the selected consultant will develop a suite o alternatives for water supply and identify water distribution options. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE NON-MANDATORY" pre-proposal meeting/site visit will be held on: Date/Time: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 10:00 am Location Public Works Building Meeting Room 951 Okeechobee Road West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 QUESTION DEADLINE The deadline for guestions is SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS before the end of the Offer Phase (due date) Questions should be submitted through this software platform using the Question & Answer feature. The Town may provide written addenda up to FIVE (5) calendar days before the date fixed for receiving the bid proposals. Any oral explanation(s) given before the bid opening will not be binding. DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE The Designated Procurement Representative for this Solicitation is Eric Shibley eshiblev@townofpalmbeach.com (561) 227-7009 ALL communications regarding this solicitation will be handled by this Town representative **ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT** Attached below is a file titled 'Getting Started in Negometrix - Sup submit their own Solicitation Response. Suppliers may also conta Type: Sealed without Preselection NEGOMETRIX SUPPORT (Technical) Assistance (Mon - Fri: 8 am to 6 pm) Negometrix Service Desk Published on: Sep 17 2019 4:15 PM Telephone: (724) 888-5294 Email: servicedesk@negometrix.com Offer phase: Sep 17 2019 4:00 PM - Oct 18 2019 2:00 PM Generate hyperlink 📘 Documents Advertisement RFQ No. 2019-36 - Water Supply Feasibility Stu NEGOMETRIXGettingStarted (3).pptx 1717 Kb Participate Palm Beach Vendor Registration Guide.pdf 1746 Kb Type: Sealed without Preselection Published on: Sep 17 2019 4:15 PM Offer phase: Sep 17 2019 4



### Register company

 After clicking Participate, click Register Company on the next window.

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| Log in or register                   |      |
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| Forgot password?<br>Register company |      |
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| * Company Name   | * Language<br>English (US)                         | \$ |
|--|--|----|
| * Country<br>United States (US)  | * Federal Employer<br>Identification Number (FEIN) |    |
| * State<br>Select a state  |  |    |
| * City   | * ZIP Code   |    |
| * Address  |  |    |
| * Company will use Negometrix<br>Supplier     Purchasing/Procurement Organ | 3 as:  |    |

Next

company's information (2 pages) and click **Register.** 

Fill out your

You will get an email with a link to activate your account.

| Personal data              |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Gender<br>⊛ Mr. ⊚ Ms./Mrs. |  |
| * First name               | * Last name                                  |
| * Phone                    | * Time zone<br>(UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (L ♦ |
| * Email                    |  |
| * Username                 |  |
| * Password                 |  |
| * Confirm password         |  |

### Which emails do you want to receive?

 $\hfill\square$  Updates, maintenance and technical changes in Negometrix3 (e.g. Release Notes)

Negometrix events and promotions

Published Solicitations Digest

Ensure your company can be found by buyers!

### **NIGP Codes**

No NIGP Codes added

Select NIGP Code





### Solicitation Information

- This is the top half of the page that provides General Information
- The bottom half is explained on the next slide

| 3 | Home   |
|---|--|
|   | 2275 Landscaping Services Offer phase Ends on Nov 1 2019 3:00 PM |
|   | 1 Information 2 Fill out & submit 3 Submitted                    |
|   | Remaining time for submission: • 21 day/days 22 Hours            |

### Description:

### **General Information**

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### **Submissions**

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### Solicitation Information

- The bottom half of the screen provides more specific information related to the solicitation.
- Schedule: see important deadlines
- **Question & Answer**: pose questions and view published answers
- Price lists: display price list(s)
- **Settings**: general information related to the solicitation
- **Documents**: all documents posted for supplier to review
- **Questionnaires**: these are the items a supplier must respond to for a bid response
- Solicitation ZIP-export: will create a ZIP export for all the solicitation information

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|              | Price lists (Read-Only) 1. Cost proposal Settings   |   |  |
| < <u>O</u> } | PROCEDURE: Unsealed<br>View all<br>Documents  |   |  |
|              | Related to this Solicitation<br>Attention: Here you can only see the attachments. To make a digital<br>offer please click 'start' |   |  |
|              |   |   |  |

Add colleague / colleague overview Archive

• Add colleague/colleague overview: use this to add a colleague to work on the solicitation with you



### Start a solicitation

- When you are ready to start, click the **Start** button on the right side of the page.
- Selecting Start does not obligate you to submit a response.

2275 Landscaping Services Offer phase Ends on Nov 1 2019 3:00 PM



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Read less

Buyer



(UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)



### Fill out & submit

- Once you are in the Fill out & submit tab, you will see the core of the solicitation.
- You can see the remaining time to submit highlighted in yellow.
- Progress bars are updated when you enter your responses.

| 2275 Landscaping    | Services       | Offer phase     | Ends on <b>Nov 1 2019</b> | 3:00 PM      |               |                       |                   |        |       |
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| Offer phase         |                |                 |                           |              |               |                       |                   |        |       |
| Pricing sheets      |                |                 |                           |              |               |                       |                   |        |       |
| Cost proposal       |                |                 | -                         | 0%           | 3 not filled  | :                     | 3 Products        |        |       |
| Questionnaires      |                |                 |                           |              |               |                       |                   |        |       |
| 1                   | osal           |                 | -                         | 0%           | 10 not filled | 10                    | ) Questions       |        |       |
|                     |                |                 |                           |              |               |                       |                   |        |       |

Attention: During this phase you can submit or withdraw (and submit again). When you have submitted, your answers will only be visible to the buyer after the deadline of the current phase.

Submit



### Definitions

- Offer phase: the period of time that suppliers are able to start, fill out, and submit responses/bids to a solicitation.
- **Pricing sheets:** the price(s) the suppliers are submitting for their responses.
- **Questionnaire**: the software uses the term "questionnaire" to signify the questions the supplier must answer in response to the solicitation. Each solicitation is different so the questionnaires/questions will differ based on the commodity being purchased.



### Questionnaire

- Select the Request for Proposal questionnaire on the previous screen.
- In this window the question groups are displayed.
- You can expand any of the groups to see the individual questions

| Questionnaire  |   |                           |              |          | (      |
|--|---|---------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|
| Select questionnaire   |   |                           |              |          | Hel    |
| Request for Proposal   |   | ◆ View                    |              |          |        |
| Request for Proposal   |   |                           |              |          |        |
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| 10 Questions 0%  | 10 not filled                                     |                           |              |          |        |
| Show not answered questions  |   |                           |              |          |        |
| Groups of questions  | Nr. of<br>questions                               | Status                    | KO<br>status | Weight   |        |
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| 1.3. O Product/Services Specifications   | 4   | 4 questions not<br>filled |              | 50%      | 0      |
|  |   | 1 questions not           |              | 10%      | 0      |



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### Answering Questions

- Each question is marked by a **Q**, and suppliers will respond in the answer section, marked by an **A**.
- On the top, you will see your progress for the entire questionnaire, and within each question group you see how many questions you have not filled.
- In the top right side of the window, you can save the answers as you go by clicking **Interim save**.





### Attached Documents

- To view an attached document you have two options:
  - 1. Click **Download** to download the document to your computer
  - 2. Click **Preview** to view the document in a new window.





### Example: Table Question

- There are different question types in every solicitation.
- This question requires the supplier to enter contact information for three references.

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|------------|---|---|
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| equest     | for Proposal                                    |   |
| he Request | t for Proposal questionnaire will be used to ev | aluate the quality of goods and services your organization can provide. |
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| 1.2.2.     |   |   |
| Q:         | Please fill out the contact information for 3 r | eferences.  |
|            | No questions through Question & Answe           | ir (  |
|            | Pose a question to the buyer                    |   |
|            |   |   |
| <b>A:</b>  |   |   |
|            |   | Evaluation method:<br>Multiple-choice                                   |
|            |   | Name Value Weight   |
|            |   | Exceeds Expectations 5 10%  |
|            |   | Meets Expectations 3 6%   |
|            |   | Below Expectations 1 2%   |
|            |   |   |
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## Pricing Sheet

- By clicking Cost proposal, another window appears displaying the pricing sheet.
- Start filling out prices by clicking on the empty textboxes.
- Click **Save** once you filled the prices.



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|                 | <u>Cost proposal</u> Questionnaires   | remaining in<br>Pricing sheets      | 0% 3 not filled                         |  | 3 Products         |
|                 | 1  Request for Proposal Attention: During this phase you can su                   | and<br>Questionnaire                | 0% 10 not filled                        | d<br>• the buyer after the deadline of the | 10 Questions       |
|                 | Export pricing sheet(s) and questionnaire   | e(s) with all answers as ZIP-file   |   |  | Submit 🕨           |
|                 |   |                                     |   |  |                    |

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### **Questions & Answers**

### Warranty

**1.3.2. (a)** not filled Knockout question Document attachment is missing Weight: 15%

Q: Please provide documentation of the warranty you provide. No questions through Question & Answer

Pose a question to the buyer

• Suppliers can ask a question by clicking the **Pose a question to the buyer**, which is found with every question, the pricing sheet, and the schedule.



### Submission

- When everything is filled out, you will see all the progress bars are green.
- If you are ready to submit your offer, press the blue Submit button.

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Export pricing sheet(s) and questionnaire(s) with all answers as ZIP-file



### Submission

- Enter your account password to confirm the submission.
- Once submitted, you will see a time stamp for the submission.

| Submit/Unsubmit                                |        | ۵ 🙁      |
|--|--------|----------|
| * Please enter your password for confirmation: | Cancel | Submit 🕨 |





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