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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS ADDENDA#002

TO THE BID FOR: B024-34 Janitorial & Paper Products for Meriden Public Schools

**FOR: City of Meriden** 

BID DUE DATE: December 20, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Ouestions on Invitation to Bid:

1: For the Von Drehle was recently bought, and now owned by, Marcal Nittany. Now that they're all the same company would the Marcal/Nittany item number be considered an "approved equal" suitable to bid?

Answer: Von Drehle does still exist, labeled as separate group of products. White 600 ft white towel, must fit current.

2: For Bid Item #3: Can you please clarify if this line is for the actual #3275 dispenser, or a refill toilet tissue item that works with this dispenser?

If for the actual toilet tissue, please clarify which toilet tissue you want us to bid on (there are 3 different options). If for the actual #3275 dispenser, can you please confirm the quantity usage on the bid? In addition, are you going to also include a bid line for refills that fit/work with this dispenser? (The PR470 Toilet Tissue rolls from Bid Item #1 do not fit/work with this dispenser).

Answer: #3275 dispenser fits a Von Drehle toilet tissue that is a larger roll which we do not have, toilet paper must fit current dispenser. Annual consumption figures are not readily available.

**3:** For Bid Item #4: Can you please clarify if this line is for the actual towel dispenser or refill towels for the dispenser? If for the actual dispenser, can you please confirm the usage quantity you're needing? In addition, the #8838 Von Drehle Universal fill compact mechanical pull down Towel Dispenser is an old, discontinued model no longer offered by Von Drehle. Because of this, will any other brand be considered an "approved equal" so long as it's a universal fill mechanical pull down towel dispenser that works with the Bid Item #2 towel rolls?

Answer: Yes the #8838 dispenser is discontinued but we are told that Von Drehle makes a new dispenser that fits the current towels being used.

**4:** Can you please provide previous bid tab award sheet for this bid?

**Answer: None available** 

5: I see the bid can be uploaded online, do we still need to send a hardcopy?

Answer: Bidders are required to mail in or hand deliver all responses on or before the time and date Specified All other forms of submission shall be rejected.

**6:** If the hardcopy of the bid needs to be mailed, can we include it in the same envelope along with the samples? Or do we need to submit them separately?

Answer: Samples are to be provided before the scheduled date of opening.

- 7: Can you provide the award pricing per item and winning vendor from the previous bid? **Answer: Pricing not available.**
- **8:** Would you please provide a bill of lading from the most recent deliveries for each can liner? **Answer: None available**

Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda in your Bid Submission.

Bid Delivery – Proposals may be dropped off prior to December 20, 2023, either in person or by courier service. At this time the City does not have the infrastructure to accept electronic proposals and therefore bids will only be accepted as directed in the Bid documents.

Rawle Dummett Purchasing Officer Dated: December 12, 2023