



**CITY OF TORRINGTON**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**RFP #GPS-031-091914 FLEET TRACKING GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS)**

**Bid Opening:** September 19, 2014 **Time:** 11:00 AM **Location:** City Hall, 140 Main St., Room 206, Torrington, CT

Bid Bond or Certified Check required with bid: **N/A**

Performance Bond required if awarded bid: **N/A**

**SUBMIT ORIGINAL AND 3 COPIES OF BID**

The City of Torrington reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any portion thereof, to waive technicalities, and to award the contract as will best serve the public interest.

Omit State and Federal Taxes.

All prices must be F.O.B.: Destination (Torrington) unless otherwise requested.

Dated in Torrington: August 25, 2014

Purchasing Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Pennie Zucco

Item	Price
<b>FLEET TRACKING GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) PER SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<b>**SEE ATTACHED PRICE SHEET**</b>

The Purchasing Agent is authorized to offer City based bidders that exceed the lowest bid by up to 6%, the opportunity to match the lowest bid. A City based bidder within the 6% differential who agrees to accept the amount of the lowest bid will be awarded the bid. When multiple City based bidders agree to accept the amount of the low bid then the City based bidders will be invited to submit a new bid, not to exceed the low bid. The bid will then be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Bid Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Web Page \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, Room 206, 140 Main St., Torrington, CT 06790 until the time and date specified on the cover sheet and opened thereafter in the Purchasing Department, Room 206. Bids received later than the date & time specified will not be accepted. In the event of the closure of City Hall, proposals will be opened on the following business day that City Hall is opened. Amendments to or withdrawal of any section of the submitted bid received later than the time & date set for the bid opening will not be considered. Bid proposals must remain in effect for a minimum of 30 days unless otherwise noted elsewhere in the bid specifications.

**BID DOCUMENTS:** are available upon receipt of this invitation (if not attached) over the Internet at the City's web site: [www.torringtonct.org](http://www.torringtonct.org) UNDER Purchasing Department, select "Open Bids". Adobe Acrobat reader is required to view this document. If you do not have this software you may download it for free from Adobe at <http://www.adobe.com>. Businesses without internet access may contact the Purchasing Department at 860-489-2224 for a copy of the bid documents.

**BID BONDS:** shall be in the amount of 5% of the total bid made out in favor of the City of Torrington and issued by a Surety company acceptable to the City of Torrington must accompany each bid. A certified check, cashier's check, Treasurer's check, or money order in the same amount may be submitted in lieu of the bid bond. Bids submitted without Certified Check or Bid Bond **will not** be accepted. The City of Torrington will not be held liable for the accrual of interest on any check held by the city in conjunction with this bid. All checks or bid bonds will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders after award of the bid by the City Council. The deposit check or Bid Bond of the successful bidder will be held in escrow until such time as the city determines that the bidder has or will meet their obligations as stated by the bid. If the bidder fails or refuses within a reasonable time after due notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, an amount representing a loss to the city by reason of such failure shall be retained and paid into the city treasury.

**REPLIES:** whether bid or no bid, submittal must have the bid number clearly identified on the outside of the envelope. Bidders not marking the envelopes with the Bid number and date/time of opening on the envelope will have no recourse against the City of Torrington or its employees. Such bidders run the risk of the bid being opened prior to the scheduled Bid Opening time. Once opened such bids are public record. Any alleged oral agreement made by a bidder or contractor with any agency or employee of the City of Torrington will be disregarded.

**FREIGHT:** Prices quoted shall be net delivery **F.O.B. Torrington, CT.** All bid prices must include prepaid delivery, assembly, and/or installation (ready for operation and/or use) of all equipment and/ or materials to the individual locations(s) as designated by the Purchasing Agent. All bid prices are to be submitted on the sheets provided on this bid. Quantities and pricing are to be listed in accordance with these sheets.

**QUESTIONS:** Request for interpretation of any portion of the bid may be made in writing to the Purchasing Agent: Voice 860/489-2225, Fax 860/489-2547, email [pennie\\_zucco@torringtonct.org](mailto:pennie_zucco@torringtonct.org). All bidders questions pertaining to the contract specifications and plans under this contract shall be placed in writing. Any fax or email shall be followed up with a telephone call to verify receipt. All replies will be in writing and a copy of any such inquiry and advice (if deemed vital to the bid by the Purchasing Agent) will be made available to each prospective bidder by addendum. Bidders should check the web site for addendums/updates 48 hours prior to the bid opening.

In the event of receipt of identical bids as to offerings, delivery, service, content, price, etc., the bid will be awarded in accordance with the information contained in the bid document, based on first received as to date and time of receipt of the bid.

**EXPARTE COMMUNICATION:** Please note that to insure the proper and fair evaluation of a bid, the City of Torrington prohibits exparte communication (i.e., unsolicited) initiated by the Bidder to a City Official or Employee evaluating or considering the bids prior to the time a bid decision has been made. Communication between Bidder and the City will be directed in writing to the Purchasing Agent only. The Purchasing Agent will obtain the information or clarification needed. Exparte communication may be grounds for disqualifying the offending Bidder from consideration or award of the bid and repeat offenders may be disqualified from future bids.

**NON-COLLUSION STATEMENTS:** In order for bids to be considered, a non-collusive statement must be submitted with the bid. A sample non-collusive bid statement is attached. Bidders may elect to submit their own notarized non-collusion statement. **NOTE:** Documents must be signed before and sealed by a Notary Public. Only documents bearing a notary seal will be accepted.

**CONDITIONAL, QUALIFIED OR NON-RESPONSIVE BIDS/PROPOSALS:** All bids/proposals shall be submitted in the form and manner as indicated by the bid documents and bid forms. Any proposal which is not submitted in the form and manner indicated by the bid documents or which contains information, statements, conditions, or qualifications which place conditions or qualifications on the proposal submittal for purposes of making an award, or which alter any proposal terms, conditions, specifications, or forms, which has not been previously approved by written addendum from the Purchasing Agent, or which does not meet legal requirements, shall be declared as a qualified, conditional or non-responsive proposal and shall be rejected without further consideration. Any proposal response that does not fully respond to and comply with all

detailed specifications or requests for information including execution of proposal forms, may be declared "non-responsive" and recommended for rejection. The City of Torrington shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions of the respondent.

**UNBALANCED BIDS AND/OR EXCESSIVE LINE ITEM PRICES:** The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids at their sole discretion. In addition, where the City has decided to make an award, it further reserves the right to non-utilize a particular line item that in the sole opinion of the City is excessively priced, and reserves the right to obtain that item from another source.

**CONTRACT:** A response to an Invitation to Bid is an offer to contract with the City of Torrington based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in the City's ITB. Bids do not become contracts unless and until executed by the City, eliminating a formal signing of a separate contract. For that reason, all of the terms and conditions of the contract are contained in the ITB unless any of the terms and conditions are modified by an ITB Amendment, a Contract Amendment, or by mutually agreed terms and conditions in the contract documents.

**TAXES:** Omit all State and Federal taxes from the bid. The City of Torrington is exempt from the payment of taxes imposed by Federal government and/or the State of Connecticut.

**OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:** All documents, including drawings, plans, specifications, videotapes, or other documents or maps prepared by a contractor pursuant to any agreement arising from this bid shall become the property of the City of Torrington upon completion of the project or any termination of the project prior to the completion of the project.

**LEGALITY:** All bid offers for commodities, work, materials, or equipment hereunder shall comply in every respect with the laws, specifications and requirements of the State of Connecticut and the Federal government. Contractor will comply with the provisions of the Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Law.

**LANGUAGE DISPUTES:** Any disputes over the interpretation and/or meaning of any individual terms, conditions, and/or language within this Request for Bid/Proposal document shall be resolved by and at the sole discretion of the City Purchasing Agent in a manner that is in the best interest of, and best advantage to, the City of Torrington, provided any such interpretation shall be reasonable. In the event that an individual term, condition, and/or language wording is determined at any time, including after award, by the City Purchasing Agent to be "not applicable at all" to his contract, then the term, condition, and/or language wording may be disregarded, even though an addendum is not issued. However, if the Purchasing Agent determines that the term, condition, and/or language wording "is applicable in part", then the term, condition, and/or language wording will apply to the degree applicable, even though an addendum is not issued.

**INDEMNIFICATION:** The Contractor shall save the City of Torrington, its agents or employees, harmless from liability of any kind for all claims of labor payments and materials furnished for this work, and for use of any copyrighted or uncopied composition, secret process patented or unpatented invention, article or application furnished or used in the performance of the contract of which the Contractor is not the patentee, assignee, or licensee. To the fullest extent permitted by law, The bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality, its officers, agents, servants and employees from and against all liability, claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance or lack of performance of the work, provided that any such liability, claim, damage, loss or expense is (a) attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting hereto from and (b) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Bidder, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them are liable.

In any and all claims against the Municipality, its officers, agents, servants and employees by any employee of the Bidder, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for those acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under these sections to be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Bidder or any Subcontractor under Worker's Compensation Acts, Disability Benefit Acts or other employee benefit acts.

The successful bidder, vendor, and/or contractor must protect all property of the City of Torrington (i.e. all floors, furniture, grass, land, etc.) from injury or other damage. Any damage so caused must be repaired by contractor/vendor at his/her own expense. At the completion of work, the vendor and/or contractor must remove from the premises all surplus materials and all debris created by same. The premises must be left in a broom-clean and finished condition acceptable to the owner or its agents. Successful bidder will furnish adequate protection from damage for all work and to repair damage of any kind; for which he or his workers are responsible, to the premises or equipment to his own work or to the work of other contractors.

**DEFAULT:** It shall be understood that a bidder supplying equipment and/or supplies will be considered to be in default if/when they have not delivered the item(s) within the time constraints listed in this document or subsequent purchase orders and/or contract. Bidders providing a service and/or construction will be considered to be in default if/when they have failed to meet the completion date set forth in this document or its subsequent contract and/ or purchase orders and/ or they have ceased work on the project for a period of fifteen (15) working days, cumulative or consecutive.

**SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT:** The Purchasing Agent may suspend or debar the right of a vendor to be included on the vendor list and has the authority to reject any bid or response from any suspended or debarred vendors.

**Suspension:** A vendor may be suspended based on the following:

- 1) A vendor defaults or fails to fully comply with the conditions, specifications, or terms of a Bid, Quotation, Proposal or Contract with the City of Torrington.
- 2) A vendor commits any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a Bid, Quotation, Proposal, or Contract with the City of Torrington.
- 3) A vendor is charged by a court with the commission of a criminal offense as incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or sub-contract, or in the performance of such contract or sub-contract
- 4) A vendor is charged by a court with the following: embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a City contractor. If charges are dismissed or the vendor is found not guilty, the suspension shall be lifted automatically upon written notification and proof of final court disposition provided by the vendor to the City of Torrington.
- 5) A vendor becomes insolvent, has proceedings in bankruptcy instituted against it or, compounds its debts or assigns over its estate or effects for payment thereof, or has a receiver or trustee appointed over its property.
- 6) A vendor's commission of any act or omission to perform act is grounds for debarment.
- 7) A vendor violates the ethical standards set forth in local, state, or federal law.
- 8) Any other cause the Purchasing Agent determines to be so serious and compelling as to materially and adversely affect responsibility of a vendor as a City contractor, including but not limited to suspension by another government entity

**Debarment:** A vendor may be permanently debarred for the following:

- 1) Default or failure to fully comply with the conditions, specifications, drawings, or terms of a bid, Proposal, or contract with the City of Torrington twice in any three-year period.
- 2) Conviction of or judgment obtained in a court for commission of those offenses in connection with the vendor's commercial enterprise stated sections 3) or 4) of suspension section listed above. If the conviction is reversed through the appellate process, the debarment shall be removed upon written notification and proof of final Court disposition from the vendor to the City of Torrington.

**TRADE NAME REFERENCES:** Any and all references to trade names, types, styles, model numbers, stock numbers or catalogs are intended to be descriptive only and not restrictive. The intention is to indicate to bidders the type and quality of the articles and or materials that will be satisfactory. When reviewing the information, it is the responsibility of the prospective bidder to inform the City of Torrington of any discrepancy that is found (i.e. number listed does not fit item description) Bids received on other makes or models with reference to other catalogs will be considered. The bidder is to clearly state in his bid exactly what he intends to furnish and to furnish with his bid a cut or illustration or other descriptive matter that will clearly indicate and give specification as to the product he/she proposes to furnish. Where a bid is offered on an item other than the trade standard used in the specification the item should be identified on the bid form by entering the MAKE, TRADE NAME AND MODEL NUMBER. It is understood that any substitute and/or alternate that might be offered are guaranteed by the bidder to be of equal or better quality than is referenced in the bid. The item(s) must be equivalent as to function, basic design, type and quality of material, method of construction and any required dimensions. It shall be further understood that during original as well as subsequent shipments spot checks will be performed to insure that the items received are in fact the items offered in the bid. When received, should items/materials prove to be different from what was bid in any way, the bidder agrees to the return of the items and agrees to supply correct items (per bid specifications) at the bidder's expense. In the event this return action is required, it is understood the bidder may be subject to removal from the city's approved bidder's list. Bidders are cautioned that surplus, seconds, factory rejects, floor samples, close outs or distressed items are not acceptable and shipments of substitutions, defective or shop-worn equipment will be returned for a full refund at the vendor's expense.

**QUANTITY:** The quantities and/or materials listed in the specifications/bid sheets may be increased or decreased by the City of Torrington or its designated representative based on actual need at the time the purchase orders are placed.

**QUALITY:** The City of Torrington reserves the right to reject any proposal in whole or in part offering equipment and/or materials and/or services that in its or its agent's opinion does not meet the quality standards desired. Such decision is final and not subject to further recourse by the bidder.

**SAMPLES:** forwarded by the bidder will be returned to the bidder at his request and expense. Requests for return of samples must be submitted in writing at the time the sample is given to the City of Torrington or its representative. Samples not returned to the bidder will be disposed of at the discretion of the City of Torrington or its designated representative. Large pieces of equipment submitted for evaluation and inspection are to be picked up by the bidder within 30 days of the bid opening date. Items remaining after 30 days will be discarded.

**AWARD:** It is the intent to award this bid in its entirety to one bidder, however, the City reserves the right to award the bid line item by line item if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. In addition, bidders are advised that should budgetary constraints dictate, part, and/or all the items in this bid may be rejected. This decision shall be considered final and not subject to recourse by the bidder.

In determining the lowest or highest responsible bidder, the City reserves the right to consider, in addition to price, the compatibility, quality, cost of maintenance and availability of parts, experience and/or past performance of the bidder, sufficiency of the financial resources of the bidder as relates to the offerings as well as the ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service.

Documents previously submitted to the city of Torrington will not be considered as satisfying submission requirements for this bid.

No bidder can claim any contract rights by virtue of bidding alone. Awarding of the contract means actual written notice by letter and a properly executed purchase order to the bidder or bidders to whom the bid has been awarded.

**OPTION TO RENEW:** This contract may be extended for four (4) additional one (1) year periods, provided all terms and conditions remain in full force and effect except for the contract period being extended. This option, if exercised, is to be executed in the form of a letter of agreement, to be issued no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the then current contract period. This option to renew requires the mutual agreement of both parties. Refusal by either party to exercise this option to extend, will cause this contract to expire on the original or mutually agreed upon date. The total period of this contract, including all extensions as a result of exercising this option, will not exceed a maximum combined period of five (5) years.

**BONDS:**

**Performance Bond:** The Contractor, when awarded the Bid, must submit within 10 days of the bid award, and before beginning the work or signing a contract, a Performance Bond amounting to one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid. Said performance bond must be in favor of the City of Torrington and executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut. The City of Torrington reserves the right to retain the Bid Bond or Certified Check on bids below \$25,000.00 as a Performance Bond. On bids of \$25,000.00 or more the Performance Bond may be furnished in the following manner: Performance Bond, Surety Bond, Certified Check or Bank Check.

**Maintenance Bond:** The contractor, upon signing a contract and before beginning the work must submit to the Purchasing Agent a Maintenance Bond to guarantee that if defects in either labor or materials becomes evident within one year after completion and acceptance of work will be fixed at no cost to the City of Torrington. The maintenance bond may be included as a portion of the Performance bond or as a separate bond. If it is issued as a separate bond said maintenance bond must be in favor of the City of Torrington and issued by a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut.

**Labor and Material Bonds:** Per Section 49-41 of the Conn. General Statutes, on Public Works project where the estimate is in excess of \$25,000.00, a labor (payment) and material bond must be furnished to the City. Said bonds must be filed with the Purchasing Agent prior to the commencement of work.

**Consent for Release of Final Payment:** AIA Document G707 & G706, or equivalent, must be signed and returned by the Surety Company before final payment will be released to the contractor.

**INSURANCE:**

**Certificate of Insurance:** All insurers shall purchase insurance from an insurance company or companies rated A-V11 or better by A.M. Best Companies lawfully authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut. The insurance provisions set forth below are minimum requirements. All insurance policies must include a Waiver of Subrogation whereby the insured waives its right to subrogate against the City, its subsidiaries, employees, volunteers, directors and officers. In the event the Contractor/City Contract (Project Requirements) specifies additional coverage's and/or amounts of coverage then those set forth below and pertaining to the Contractor's work, then the Contractor shall provide the coverage's and/or amounts in accordance with the Project Requirements. Proof of proper insurance coverage, Workers Compensation Insurance, Liability and Property damage, and Vehicle Insurance shall be filed with the City of Torrington Purchasing Agent within 10 days after the award of the bid. The Certificate of Insurance must name the City of Torrington, 140 Main St., Torrington, CT, its subsidiaries, employees, volunteers, directors & officers as the "Additional Insured" and filed with the Purchasing Agent prior to commencement of work. Renewal Certificates of Insurance must be mailed to the Purchasing Agent 10 days prior to the expiration of the required coverage. Such insurance will protect the Contractor from claims which may arise out of or result from the Contractor's operations under the Subcontract and for which the Contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Contractor or by a Sub-Contractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. Contractor, and any Sub-subcontractors engaged by the Contractor, shall obtain the following insurance:

**Workers' Compensation Insurance:** For all work performed pursuant to this contract, Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance, including coverage for all executive officers, sole proprietors and partners, and other similar employee benefits in the amount required by all applicable statutes, law, regulations or acts. Such Workers' Compensation Insurance must list on Item 3A of the policy Information Page "Part One of the policy applies to the Workers' Compensation Law of the State Connecticut" and provide a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement (NCCI form WC 00 03 13 or its equivalent) that prohibits the insurance company from enforcing subrogation and recovery rights against the City, its subsidiaries, employees, volunteers, directors and officers. If work is to be performed over or adjacent to navigable

waterways, the Workers' Compensation Insurance shall contain the United States Longshore and Harbor Workers' Act Endorsement (NCCI Form WC 00 01 06 or its equivalent). In case any class of employees or subcontractors is engaged in hazardous work under the contract at the site of the work is not protected under the Workman's Compensation statute, the contractor shall provide Workman's Compensation Insurance for the protection of employees not otherwise protected.

**Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall take out and maintain for the life of the contract, adequate public liability insurance insuring against liability to persons not employed by him in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 for injuries, wrongful death to any one person and subject to the limit for each person in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000.00 on account of one accident and property damage insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00.

**Vehicle Insurance:** The Contractor shall take out and maintain for the life of the contract, adequate automotive/truck or other vehicle insurance with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00 each for both liability and under insured and uninsured motorist as well as any other coverage required by the State of Connecticut or requested by an official of the City of Torrington as relates to the contract.

**Additional Security:** The City of Torrington reserves the right to require successful bidders to enter into and such security arrangements as are deemed necessary to protect the City of Torrington, its property and goods.

**PERMITS:** The successful bidder agrees to obtain all work/building permits as might be required. The cost of obtaining such permits is the responsibility of the bidder. The City of Torrington reserves the right to waive local permit fees. In addition, it shall be understood that where property lines are to be considered, bidders are to verify said lines and measurements with proper City Officials prior to commencement of work. It is to be understood that any/all specifications and/or plans or drawings contained in or developed as a result of the bid process are and shall be presented subject to the approval of the City of Torrington planning, zoning and building officials and that awards made prior to said approval are subject to cancellation.

**PREVAILING WAGE:** When the State of Connecticut Prevailing Wage Rate is applicable to the bid, the successful bidder must submit a Certified Payroll Record prior to any request and/or invoice for payment.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Each employee of the Contractor shall be a citizen of the United States or an alien who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence as evidenced by an Alien Registration Receipt Card. The Contractor agrees not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment except as provided by Public Law 89-176, September 10, 1965, (18 USC 4082)(c)(2).

**SAFETY:**

**Machine and/or Equipment Hazard Assessment and Safety Training:** Upon delivery of machines and/or equipment, suppliers are required to provide to the end-user employees, at no additional charge, a training session that will emphasize hazard awareness and assessment and the safe use of such machinery/equipment.

**Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970:** Seller shall warrant that the machinery, equipment or other materials covered hereby shall upon delivery to the City of Torrington, be in compliance with the standards required by said Act and any updates as pertain to or reference said Act as well as the standards required by comparable State and local laws, if any, for such machinery, equipment or other materials in effect at the time of delivery.

**Machines and/or Equipment Lockout/Tagout:** In an effort to comply with OSHA's final rule on the control of hazardous energy sources, vendors must warrant that any and all machines and/or equipment as is covered under this bid will be supplied and/or installed equipped with lockout/tagout devices as prescribed by OSHA.

**Toxic Substance Control Act (PL94-469):** Seller warrants that each and every chemical substance constituting or contained in the products sold or otherwise transferred to the City of Torrington under this bid and subsequent purchase orders is not on the list of prohibited chemical substances compiled and published by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Act PL94-469 and are otherwise in compliance with said Act.

**Hazardous Materials:** Any materials required by this bid and subsequent purchase orders that are hazardous under federal, state, or local statute, ordinance, regulation, or agency order will be packaged, labeled, marked and shipped by the seller to comply with all federal, state and local regulations then in effect including but limited to the provisions of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and Regulations promulgated thereunder and will further comply with any special requirements and any policies and procedures of the City of Torrington relating to the purchase of hazardous materials as might be noted on subsequent purchase orders or otherwise communicated to seller in writing.

**Material Safety Data Sheets:** Shall be provided by the Seller upon delivery to the City of Torrington of any goods having constituents listed in the following references - OSHA 1910, ACHIG Current Threshold Values, DOT HazMat Table 49, IARC Carcinogen List, National Toxicology Program Carcinogen List, and/or Radioactive Materials. These Material Safety Data Sheets must be consistent with and include information required by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard published as 29 CFR 1910.1200, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

**Asbestos:** Bidders are advised that asbestos-containing material may be located in the boiler rooms, pipe tunnels, storage areas and various portions of City buildings. Before proceeding on any contractual work on City buildings or their interiors, it is mandatory that bidders familiarize themselves with the asbestos-containing material and that said material be considered as a health hazard and all precautionary measures according to the Ahera Rules & Regulations be observed. It is the bidder's responsibility to notify all employees and/or subcontractors of this notification.

**PREVAILING WAGE:** When the State of Connecticut Prevailing Wage Rate is applicable to the bid, the successful bidder must submit a Certified Payroll Record prior to any request and/or invoice for payment.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Each employee of the Contractor shall be a citizen of the United States or an alien who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence as evidenced by an Alien Registration Receipt Card. The Contractor agrees not to employ any person-undergoing sentence of imprisonment except as provided by Public Law 89-176, September 10, 1965, (18 USC 4082)(c)(2).

**SUBCONTRACTORS:** The successful bidder shall not employ any subcontractor to fulfill any of the duties herein specified without express, prior written approval of the City of Torrington or its designated agent.

**EEO:** The successful bidder shall provide any/all additionally required, affirmative action statements, fair employment plans and non-discrimination programs and statement as might be required by the City of Torrington. In connection with the execution of this bid, subsequent purchase orders and/or contracts, the seller shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with all rules & regulations of the Department of Labor with regard to Equal Employment Opportunities as pertains to municipalities.

**TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** Any contract entered into by the City and the successful bidder shall provide that the City may terminate the contract upon thirty (30) day notice to the bidder.

**The City of Torrington reserves the right to award or reject any or all bids, or any portion thereof, to waive technicalities, to award the contract to a bidder other than the lowest bid and to award the bid and/or contracts to one or more bidders submitting essentially identical proposals and, that in the city's judgment, will best serve the public interest.**

The terms and conditions of these "Instructions To Bidders" are made a part this bid.

**SAMPLE FORM**

**Bid #** \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid for " \_\_\_\_\_";
2. I am fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such bid;
3. Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid;
4. Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties of interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with such Contract, for which the attached Bid has been submitted nor has it in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Bid price or the price of any Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Torrington or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of it agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

(Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Seal)

**NOTE:** Documents must be signed before and sealed by a Notary Public. Only documents bearing a notary seal will be accepted.



**SAMPLE FORM**

**BID # \_\_\_\_\_  
CONSENT OF SURETY COMPANY  
TO RELEASE FINAL PAYMENT**

- City
- Architect
- Contractor
- Surety
- Other

PROJECT/BID NUMBER:

TO: City of Torrington  
Attn: Purchasing Agent  
140 Main Street  
Torrington, CT 06790

CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In accordance with the provisions of the Contract between the City of Torrington and the Contractor as indicated above, the (insert name & address of Surety Co. ) \_\_\_\_\_, SURETY COMPANY on bond of (insert name & address of Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_, CONTRACTOR, hereby approves of the final payment to the Contractor, and agrees that final payment to the Contractor shall not relieve the Surety Company of any of its obligations to the CITY OF TORRINGTON as set forth in the Surety Company's bond.

Subscribed and sworn to before this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surety Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

(Notary Seal)

**NOTE:** Documents must be signed before and sealed by a Notary Public. Only documents bearing a notary seal will be accepted.



**CITY OF TORRINGTON**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**GPS-031-091914**

**FLEET TRACKING GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS)**

The City of Torrington – Public Works Department (COT-PWD) is soliciting sealed bids from qualified companies to establish a contract for vehicle and equipment fleet tracking system. The agreement shall be for the supply of approximately forty (40) Global Positioning System (GPS) hardware components for COT-PWD’s fleet of vehicles and equipment and the provision of web-based (browser-based) user friendly software. The GPS system proposed shall offer a tracking system complete with necessary reporting required to track and manage COT-PWD’s fleet to provide better utilization of resources allowing Public Works Department personnel to be able to review where all resources are located, where they have been, and who best can handle normal request and emergencies in the most cost efficient manner based on location.

An award, if made, will be made to the best and responsible company whose proposal is most advantageous to the City of Torrington, taking into consideration all factors set forth in this RFP. The City of Torrington reserves the right to use at its discretion other factors or criteria in the evaluation or selection of the proposals received.

The deadline for bid submittals is **September 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM**. Bids shall be submitted to the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 140 Main Street, Room 206, Torrington, CT 06790. The outside envelope shall be clearly marked “**RFP #GPS-031-091914 Fleet Tracking Global Positioning System (GPS)**”. Bids received after the time and date specified will be rejected and returned unopened. In the event of the closure of City Hall, proposals will be opened on the following business day that City Hall is opened. The City will not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of the response for this RFP.

**Background**

The City of Torrington Public Works Department maintains a wide range of fleet vehicles and equipment which help provide services throughout the city. This fleet includes line trucks, backhoes, mowers, and service trucks. Knowing the location of this equipment is one of the keys to providing high quality services. At present, vehicle location is determined by prior knowledge of the intended destination and by radio communication with drivers and dispatch. The COT-PWD desires to utilize a more dynamic location system that would incorporate real-time tracking and historical data of all vehicles. This would serve as the basis for better management of COP-PWD’s field operations as well as providing highly useful dynamic information of vehicles throughout the service areas.

**Inquiries**

The deadline for receipt of questions is **1:00 PM on September 10, 2014**. Direct all questions related to this RFP to Pennie Zucco, [pennie\\_zucco@torringtonct.org](mailto:pennie_zucco@torringtonct.org). For equipment installation questions, contact Emil Castro, Fleet Manager, 860-489-2349, [emil\\_castro@torringtonct.org](mailto:emil_castro@torringtonct.org) or Bob Lizotte, Superintendent of Streets, 806-489-2352, [bob\\_lizotte@torringtonct.org](mailto:bob_lizotte@torringtonct.org). For Technical questions contact Gerry Crowley, 860-489-2305, [gerry\\_crowley@torringtonct.org](mailto:gerry_crowley@torringtonct.org).

All information by the City except by written addendum shall be informal and shall not be binding upon the City nor shall it furnish a basis for legal action by any proposer against the city. Vendor responsible to check City website for addendum to be submitted with bid.

### **Bidder Requirements/Qualifications**

In order for a contractor to be considered by the City of Torrington Public Works Department, minimum qualification criteria must be met. For the purpose of this RFP, the successful candidate must:

- Have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in the design and installation GPS devices and fleet vehicle tracking systems. COT-PWD reserves the right to reject any bid where available evidence or other information does not satisfy COT-PWD that the bidder is qualified to carry out properly the terms and conditions of this RFP.
- Provide a list of five references for work of similar size and scope within the last three years. Please list: Company name, address, phone & fax, type of system installed and a contact name and email with each reference provided. The City of Torrington will consider work on municipalities to be a strong reference for this project.
- Provide a brief description of the company. This should include the length of time the company has been in business, company size, and resumes of key personnel assigned to provide services under this RFP.
- Provide in-depth training to COT-PWD garage personnel on the installation, removal and relocation of vehicle GPS mounted devices. Provide in depth training of administrators, end users and IT personnel on product software, hardware, updates, enhancements and any reoccurring maintenance needed for the system. Training shall include instruction in programming, maintaining, repairing accessing and extracting data from all phases of the system hardware and software.
- Provide twenty-four (24) hour, seven days a week product system and service support (EST) during the term of this agreement. Specify number of maintenance personnel assigned and/or available to respond to repairs/replacements within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of call by COT-PWD.
- Provide separate costs to purchase the system or lease the system. The two costs should list pricing on a per unit lease basis and/or out-right purchase with on-going monthly software support. Also, list any exceptions in warranties and/or service agreements to the system if contractor trained COT-PWD personnel installs, removes or relocates the vehicle GPS units. COT-PWD intends to establish a three-year agreement for the most cost effective option based on proposals submitted.
- List separately any and all annual product software or hardware support fees and any activation or de-activation fees.
- Bidders must have an office location that provides 24/7 EST tech support with a web based message center to report trouble.
- Provide all updates for firmware and software at no additional cost

### **Scope of Work**

The selected contractor will provide COT-PWD, all needed parts, labor, materials, software and hardware as necessary to equip approximately forty (40) COT-PWD vehicles (nineteen (19) with PTO sensor events: plow up or down, sander on or off) with a complete and functional fleet tracking system per conditions of this RFP which are an integral part of the bidding process. The system must be operational and functional in order to satisfy the requirements of this RFP for COT-PWD. Work to be completed by the contractor shall consist of or include:

1. The complete system installation of all necessary components of the new fleet tracking system with necessary reporting to track and manage COT-PWD's fleet. This includes all hardware,

software, GPS units, devices and any and all electrical work, connections, wiring harness and mounting hardware necessary.

2. Provide training for administrators, operators, IT and service personnel, including training documents. Training should also involve COT-PWD's garage personnel in the installation and removal of vehicle GPS units and any applicable sensors. The proposal shall include detailed information describing the manufacturer and model of all equipment to be provided.
3. All work shall be of professional quality and must meet or exceed all federal, state and local codes. All work must be satisfactory to COT-PWD and/or its assignees or designees.
4. Provide twenty-four (24) hour eastern standard time, seven days a week product, system and service support during the term of this agreement and have the availability to respond for repairs/replacements within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of call by COT-PWD.
5. List any exceptions to the requirements of this RFP and reason for exception. If no exceptions are made, the contractor shall be held accountable for the entire contents of this RFP; failure to do so will be reason for dismissal or termination of the agreement.
6. There shall be NO % payments at various stages of the project and NO default charges if the City should not renew monthly connectivity.
7. Option to add more units if needed by COT-PWD at the same rate
7. **Pricing on all items must be held firm for the duration of contract.**

### **System Requirements**

The system requirements of the GPS Tracking System are major components and an integral part of this RFP. System requirements include software functionality (tracking, reporting and minimum software functions), Vehicle GPS units, and hardware and operating requirements. The GPS system proposed shall offer a tracking system complete with the necessary reporting required to track and manage COT-PWD's fleet to achieve the most cost efficient manner and significantly improve driver efficiency. The propose system must also have the following capabilities:

1. Provide for real time, current vehicle location to be displayed via a web-based (browser based) application. Reporting intervals shall be no greater that two (2) minutes.
2. Provide WEB based software acceptable 24/7 (EST) from any computer with internet access for tracking, reporting and viewing fleet status.
3. Support Google based Maps (Street, Satellite, Hybrid and Street, Google Earth 3D), Bing and other readily available maps for real time and historical location reporting and overlays.
4. Ability to generate printable basic or customized reports and the ability to export reports to Window based applications (Excel, Word, etc.) or standard comma delimits (.csv) format. Reports available shall include, but not be limited to: Activity Report, Speed Report, Idle Report, Stop Report, Speed Violation Report, Mileage Report, PTO sensory events – Plow up or down, sander on or off, etc.
5. Ability to store and view data for historical tracking for minimum of eighteen (18) months.
7. Provide better utilization of resources allowing Public Works Department personnel to be able to "see" where all resources are located, where they have been, and who best can handle normal request and emergencies in the most cost efficient manner based on location
8. Provide automation of the tracking functions (i.e. idle time, geography fencing, authorized/unauthorized vehicle use, breadcrumb trail)

9. Provide the ability for management review and reporting of daily operations for elements of a driver's vehicle (i.e. location, direction, speed, arrival, departure and **most importantly PTO sensor events; plow up or down, sander on or off**)

## **Software**

The system shall provide a web-based (browser based) Dashboard utility that reports and maps the entire vehicle fleet, groups or individual vehicle information with regard to location, speed, distance, mileage by geo-fence or geo-fences or as any area confined by COT-PWD's system boundary. The system shall also have the capacity to store the data for later viewing and reporting. Included below are a minimum of software requirements:

1. Capability to track multiple vehicles: current location and status of vehicle
2. Capability to add additional vehicles
3. Capability to set-up geo-fencing
4. Capability to add or remove landmarks
5. Capability to map multiple vehicles
6. Capability to track vehicles 24 hours, seven days a week
7. Capability to track speed and number of starts and stops
8. Capability to color code, group or change vehicle symbols
9. Capability to send email, text or cell phone alerts for reset conditions(s)
10. Capability to group vehicles by department
11. Capability for administrative, viewing and end user privileges/features,
12. Capability to store and view historical data for a minimum of eighteen (18) months
13. Ability to interface with sensors (PTO, bucket, boom, etc.) and vehicle engine computers through a data bus capability receiver
14. Ability for historical auto-play features with active "bread crumb" displays
15. Customized access for multiple users
16. Must support Browser-based mobile device support Android/IOS/window phone.
17. The GPS vehicle tracking data shall be hosted on the vendor's servers at the vendor's location.
18. The system shall be searchable by geo-code location, vehicle id and/or driver.
19. The system shall collect data when the unit is outside of cellular communications coverage.
20. The system data center shall comply with current security standards and redundancy 99.999% uptime (SLA).
21. The City shall be able to access the data online in the event of a power failure at the vendors' data center.

## **Vehicle GPS Receiver/Data Transmitter**

The vehicle GPS units shall be sized to enable easy installation in automobiles, pick-up trucks, and heavy duty equipment, such as bucket and line trucks. The units shall be concealed and have the capability of operating without an external antenna. The units shall be connected and operate by the vehicle's 12-volt DC electrical system. The units must also:

1. Be equipped with a battery back-up allowing the transmitter to store locations without the vehicle's system voltage.
2. Store vehicle position/coordinates for 10 hours in the event of lost coverage.
3. Report if ignition is on/off.
4. Include all wiring, adapters, connectors and wiring diagrams as needed.
5. Include all mounting hardware complete with brackets and instructions.
6. Proposer must provide a product demo so attributes of the program can be reviewed.

## **Warranty**

List the number of years covered under warranty and what components are covered under the warranty and time restrictions. All warranties for products specified in this document shall start on the date the system is accepted by COT-PWD. The contractor shall warranty the system and all associated hardware, software, units, parts and labor for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the accepted date.

**Licenses, Permits and Fees**

The Contractor is responsible for finishing all proper licenses, fees, and permits required by law to do business in the City of Torrington and State of Connecticut in completion of the requirements stated herein. All work shall be done in accordance with the latest building codes, fire codes, electrical codes and all state and federal laws relative to this project.

**BID SHEET**  
**RFP #GPS-031-091914**  
**Fleet Tracking Global Positioning System (GPS)**

**PURCHASE EQUIPMENT**

Equipment/Hardware/Installation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 40 of units =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Connectivity –Monthly cost per unit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 40 units x 36 months =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LEASE EQUIPMENT**

Equipment/Hardware/Installation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Connectivity – Monthly cost per unit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ETA of delivery and installation of equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print

It is agreed by the above signed proposer that the signature and submission of this proposal. Represents the proposer's acceptance of all terms, conditions, and requirements of the proposal specifications, and, if awarded, the proposal will represent the agreement between the parties.

The proposer agrees that the cost of any work performed, materials furnished, services provided, or expenses incurred, which are not specifically delineated in the proposal documents, but which are incidental to the scope, intent, and completion of this contract, shall be deemed to have been included in the prices for the various items scheduled.

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## STATEMENT OF REFERENCES

List five references which demonstrate your ability to supply equipment and services included in the scope of the specifications. Attach additional pages if required. The City reserves the right to contact each of the references listed for additional information regarding your company's qualifications.

### Reference No. 1

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of system installed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference No. 2

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of system installed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference No. 3

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of system installed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference No. 4

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of system installed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference No. 5

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of system installed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fleet Tracking Global Positioning System (GPS)**

The bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of and agrees this submittal is based on the BID and the following addenda. Failure to indicate receipt of addenda may result in the bidder being rejected as nonresponsive.

ADDENDUM # \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_      ADDENDUM \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_

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(If additional addenda are issued, attach a complete listing of these addenda when submitting this bid).

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