



THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BID OPPORTUNITY

BID OPPORTUNITY NO. 155-2011

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DIRECT MAIL SERVICE WITH BARCODING, FOR
WATER AND WASTE DEPARTMENT**

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PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES

B1. CONTRACT TITLE

B1.1 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DIRECT MAIL SERVICE WITH BARCODING, FOR WATER AND WASTE DEPARTMENT

B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. Winnipeg time, October 17, 2011.

B2.2 Bids determined by the Manager of Materials to have been received later than the Submission Deadline will not be accepted and will be returned upon request.

B2.3 The Contract Administrator or the Manager of Materials may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B2.1.

B3. ENQUIRIES

B3.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D4.1.

B3.2 If the Bidder finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder shall promptly notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.

B3.3 If the Bidder is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder should request clarification as to the meaning or intent prior to the Submission Deadline.

B3.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Bidders by issuing an addendum.

B3.5 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator only to the Bidder who made the enquiry.

B3.6 The Bidder shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B3 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

B4. ADDENDA

B4.1 The Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.

B4.2 The Contract Administrator will issue each addendum at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, or provide at least two (2) Business Days by extending the Submission Deadline.

B4.2.1 Addenda will be available on the Bid Opportunities page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/bidopp.asp>

B4.2.2 The Bidder is responsible for ensuring that he has received all addenda and is advised to check the Materials Management Division website for addenda regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.

B4.3 The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in Paragraph 8 of Form A: Bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Bid non-responsive.

B5. SUBSTITUTES

- B5.1 The Work is based on the Plant, Materials and methods specified in the Bid Opportunity.
- B5.2 Substitutions shall not be allowed unless application has been made to and prior approval has been granted by the Contract Administrator in writing.
- B5.3 Requests for approval of a substitute will not be considered unless received in writing by the Contract Administrator at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B5.4 The Bidder shall ensure that any and all requests for approval of a substitute:
- (a) provide sufficient information and details to enable the Contract Administrator to determine the acceptability of the Plant, Material or method as either an approved equal or alternative;
 - (b) identify any and all changes required in the applicable Work, and all changes to any other Work, which would become necessary to accommodate the substitute;
 - (c) identify any anticipated cost or time savings that may be associated with the substitute;
 - (d) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved equal, the substitute will fully perform the functions called for by the general design, be of equal or superior substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the Contract;
 - (e) certify that, in the case of a request for approval as an approved alternative, the substitute will adequately perform the functions called for by the general design, be similar in substance to that specified, is suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified and can be incorporated into the Work, strictly in accordance with the Contract.
- B5.5 The Contract Administrator, after assessing the request for approval of a substitute, may in his sole discretion grant approval for the use of a substitute as an “approved equal” or as an “approved alternative”, or may refuse to grant approval of the substitute.
- B5.6 The Contract Administrator will provide a response in writing, at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, only to the Bidder who requested approval of the substitute.
- B5.6.1 The Bidder requesting and obtaining the approval of a substitute shall be entirely responsible for disseminating information regarding the approval to any person or persons he wishes to inform.
- B5.7 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved equal”, any Bidder may use the approved equal in place of the specified item.
- B5.8 If the Contract Administrator approves a substitute as an “approved alternative”, any Bidder bidding that approved alternative may base his Total Bid Price upon the specified item but may also indicate an alternative price based upon the approved alternative. Such alternatives will be evaluated in accordance with B13.
- B5.9 No later claim by the Contractor for an addition to the Total Bid Price because of any other changes in the Work necessitated by the use of an approved equal or an approved alternative will be considered.
- B5.10 Notwithstanding B5.2 to B5.9, and in accordance with B6.5, deviations inconsistent with the Bid Opportunity document shall be evaluated in accordance with B13.1(a).

B6. BID SUBMISSION

- B6.1 The Bid shall consist of the following components:
- (a) Form A: Bid;

(b) Form B: Prices;

- B6.2 Further to B6.1, the Bidder should include the written correspondence from the Contract Administrator approving a substitute in accordance with B5.
- B6.3 All components of the Bid shall be fully completed or provided, and submitted by the Bidder no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely, to constitute a responsive Bid.
- B6.4 Bidders are advised not to include any information/literature except as requested in accordance with B6.1.
- B6.5 Bidders are advised that inclusion of terms and conditions inconsistent with the Bid Opportunity document, including the General Conditions, will be evaluated in accordance with B13.1(a).
- B6.6 The Bid may be submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, or by facsimile transmission.
- B6.7 If the Bid is submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, it shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number and the Bidder's name and address, and shall be submitted to:
The City of Winnipeg
Corporate Finance Department
Materials Management Division
185 King Street, Main Floor
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1
- B6.7.1 Samples or other components of the Bid which cannot reasonably be enclosed in the envelope may be packaged separately, but shall be clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number, the Bidder's name and address, and an indication that the contents are part of the Bidder's Bid Submission.
- B6.8 If the Bid is submitted by facsimile transmission, it shall be submitted to (204) 949-1178
- B6.8.1 The Bidder is advised that the City cannot take responsibility for the availability of the facsimile machine at any time.
- B6.9 Bids submitted by internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.

B7. BID

- B7.1 The Bidder shall complete Form A: Bid, making all required entries.
- B7.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:
(a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, his name shall be inserted;
(b) if the Bidder is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted;
(c) if the Bidder is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
(d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.
- B7.2.1 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B7.2.
- B7.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid, the Bidder shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Bidder for purposes of the Bid.
- B7.4 Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid shall be signed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, it shall be signed by the Bidder;
- (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;
- (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers and the corporate seal, if the corporation has one, should be affixed;
- (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, it shall be signed by the registered owner of the business name, or by the registered owner's authorized officials if the owner is a partnership or a corporation.

B7.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid should be printed below such signatures.

B7.5 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Bidder" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Bidders in the Bid and the Contract, when awarded, shall be both joint and several.

B8. PRICES

B8.1 The Bidder shall state a price in Canadian funds for each item of the Work identified on Form B: Prices.

B8.1.1 Notwithstanding C11.1.1, prices on Form B: Prices shall not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Manitoba Retail Sales Tax (MRST, also known as PST), which shall be extra where applicable.

B8.2 The quantities listed on Form B: Prices are to be considered approximate only. The City will use said quantities for the purpose of comparing Bids.

B8.3 The quantities for which payment will be made to the Contractor are to be determined by the Work actually performed and completed by the Contractor, to be measured as specified in the applicable Specifications.

B8.4 Payments to Non-Resident Contractors are subject to Non-Resident Withholding Tax pursuant to the Income Tax Act (Canada).

B9. QUALIFICATION

B9.1 The Bidder shall:

- (a) undertake to be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Bidder does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Bidder does carry on business; and
- (b) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract; and
- (c) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract.

B9.2 The Bidder and any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) be responsible and not be suspended, debarred or in default of any obligations to the City. A list of suspended or debarred individuals and companies is available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/debar.stm>

B9.3 The Bidder and/or any proposed Subcontractor (for the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them) shall:

- (a) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the Work; and
- (b) be fully capable of performing the Work required to be in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract; and
- (c) have a written workplace safety and health program, if required, pursuant to The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba);

B9.4 The Bidder shall submit, within three (3) Business Days of a request by the Contract Administrator, proof satisfactory to the Contract Administrator of the qualifications of the Bidder and of any proposed Subcontractor.

B9.5 The Bidder shall provide, on the request of the Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Bidder's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Bidder's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.

B10. OPENING OF BIDS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

B10.1 Bids will not be opened publicly.

B10.2 Following the Submission Deadline, the names of the Bidders and their bid prices (unevaluated, and pending review and verification of conformance with requirements) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>

B10.3 After award of Contract, the name(s) of the successful Bidder(s) and the Contract amount(s) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at <http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt>

B10.4 The Bidder is advised that any information contained in any Bid may be released if required by City policy or procedures, by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), by other authorities having jurisdiction, or by law.

B11. IRREVOCABLE BID

B11.1 The Bid(s) submitted by the Bidder shall be irrevocable for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B11.2 The acceptance by the City of any Bid shall not release the Bids of the next two lowest evaluated responsive Bidders and these Bidders shall be bound by their Bids on such Work for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

B12. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

B12.1 A Bidder may withdraw his Bid without penalty by giving written notice to the Manager of Materials at any time prior to the Submission Deadline.

B12.1.1 Notwithstanding C22.5, the time and date of receipt of any notice withdrawing a Bid shall be the time and date of receipt as determined by the Manager of Materials.

B12.1.2 The City will assume that any one of the contact persons named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid or the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid, and only such person, has authority to give notice of withdrawal.

B12.1.3 If a Bidder gives notice of withdrawal prior to the Submission Deadline, the Manager of Materials will:

- (a) retain the Bid until after the Submission Deadline has elapsed;
- (b) open the Bid to identify the contact person named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid and the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid; and

- (c) if the notice has been given by any one of the persons specified in B12.1.3(b), declare the Bid withdrawn.

B12.2 A Bidder who withdraws his Bid after the Submission Deadline but before his Bid has been released or has lapsed as provided for in B11.2 shall be liable for such damages as are imposed upon the Bidder by law and subject to such sanctions as the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate in the circumstances. The City, in such event, shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available to it at law.

B13. EVALUATION OF BIDS

B13.1 Award of the Contract shall be based on the following bid evaluation criteria:

- (a) compliance by the Bidder with the requirements of the Bid Opportunity, or acceptable deviation therefrom (pass/fail);
- (b) qualifications of the Bidder and the Subcontractors, if any, pursuant to B9 (pass/fail);
- (c) Total Bid Price;
- (d) economic analysis of any approved alternative pursuant to B5;
- (e) costs to the City of administering multiple contracts.

B13.2 Further to B13.1(a), the Award Authority may reject a Bid as being non-responsive if the Bid is incomplete, obscure or conditional, or contains additions, deletions, alterations or other irregularities. The Award Authority may reject all or any part of any Bid, or waive technical requirements or minor informalities or irregularities if the interests of the City so require.

B13.3 Further to B13.1(b), the Award Authority shall reject any Bid submitted by a Bidder who does not demonstrate, in his Bid or in other information required to be submitted, that he is responsible and qualified.

B13.4 Further to B13.1(c), the Total Bid Price shall be the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item shown on Form B: Prices.

B13.4.1 If there is any discrepancy between the Total Bid Price written in figures, the Total Bid Price written in words and the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item, the sum of the quantities multiplied by the unit prices for each item shall take precedence.

B13.4.2 Further to B13.1(a), in the event that a unit price is not provided on Form B: Prices, the City will determine the unit price by dividing the Amount (extended price) by the approximate quantity, for the purposes of evaluation and payment.

B13.5 This Contract will be awarded as a whole.

B14. AWARD OF CONTRACT

B14.1 The City will give notice of the award of the Contract or will give notice that no award will be made.

B14.2 The City will have no obligation to award a Contract to a Bidder, even though one or all of the Bidders are determined to be responsible and qualified, and the Bids are determined to be responsive.

B14.2.1 Without limiting the generality of B14.2, the City will have no obligation to award a Contract where:

- (a) the prices exceed the available City funds for the Work;
- (b) the prices are materially in excess of the prices received for similar work in the past;
- (c) the prices are materially in excess of the City's cost to perform the Work, or a significant portion thereof, with its own forces;

- (d) only one Bid is received; or
- (e) in the judgment of the Award Authority, the interests of the City would best be served by not awarding a Contract.

B14.3 Where an award of Contract is made by the City, the award shall be made to the responsible and qualified Bidder submitting the lowest evaluated responsive Bid in accordance with B13.

B14.3.1 Following the award of contract, a Bidder will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his Bid upon written request to the Contract Administrator.

B14.4 Notwithstanding C4.1, the City will issue a purchase order to the successful Bidder in lieu of the execution of a Contract.

B14.5 The Contract Documents, as defined in C1.1(n)(ii), in their entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of the purchase order notwithstanding that they are not necessarily attached to or accompany said purchase order.

PART C - GENERAL CONDITIONS

C0. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- C0.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* (Revision 2007 04 12) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- C0.1.1 The *General Conditions for Supply of Services* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Division website at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt/gen_cond.stm
- C0.2 A reference in the Bid Opportunity to a section, clause or subclause with the prefix “**C**” designates a section, clause or subclause in the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*.

PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

D1.1 In addition to the *General Conditions for Supply of Services*, these Supplemental Conditions are applicable to the Work of the Contract.

D2. SCOPE OF WORK

D2.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of the Supply and Delivery of Direct Mail Services including Barcoding for the Water and Waste Department for the period from November 1, 2011 until October 31, 2013.

D2.2 The Work shall be done on an "as required" basis during the term of the Contract.

D2.2.1 The type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract shall be as authorized from time to time by the Contract Administrator and/or Users.

D2.2.2 Notwithstanding C7.4, the City shall have no obligation under the Contract to purchase any quantity of any item in excess of its actual operational requirements.

D2.3 Notwithstanding D2.1, the type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract is subject to annual approval of monies therefore in a budget by Council. Bidders are advised that monies have been approved for work up to and including December 31, 2011.

D2.4 Notwithstanding D2.1, in the event that operational changes result in substantial changes to the requirements for Work, the City reserves the right to alter the type or quantity of work performed under this Contract, or to terminate the Contract, upon thirty (30) Calendar Days written notice by the Contract Administrator. In such an event, no claim may be made for damages on the ground of loss of anticipated profit on Work.

D3. DEFINITIONS

D3.1 When used in this Bid Opportunity:

- (a) "**User**" means a person, department or other administrative unit of the City authorized by the Contract Administrator to order Work under this Contract;
- (b) "**Go Live**" means to make some system, which had been under development or operating in a limited test mode, fully active so that its intended users can access it.

D4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

D4.1 The Contract Administrator is:

Colleen Browne
Superintendent of Customer Accounts
Water and Waste Department
4th Floor, 185 King Street
Telephone No. (204) 986-2109
Facsimile No. (204) 986-6515

D4.2 At the pre-commencement meeting, the Contract Administrator will identify additional personnel representing the Contract Administrator and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

D5. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISOR

- D5.1 Further to C6.19, the Contractor shall employ and keep on the Work, at all times during the performance of the Work, a competent supervisor and assistants, if necessary, acceptable to the Contract Administrator. The supervisor shall represent the Contractor on the Site. The supervisor shall not be replaced without the prior consent of the Contract Administrator unless the supervisor proves to be unsatisfactory to the Contractor and ceases to be in his employ.
- D5.2 Before commencement of Work, the Contractor shall identify his designated supervisor and any additional personnel representing the Contractor and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.
- D5.2.1 Further to C5.5 Contract Administrator may give instructions or orders to the Contractor's supervisor and such instructions or orders shall be deemed to have been given to the Contractor.

D6. NOTICES

- D6.1 Notwithstanding C22.3, all notices of appeal to the Chief Administrative Officer shall be sent to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer at the following facsimile number:
- The City of Winnipeg
Chief Financial Officer
Facsimile No.: (204) 949-1174

SUBMISSIONS

D7. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

- D7.1 The Contractor shall be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Contractor does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Contractor does carry on business, throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

CONTROL OF WORK

D8. COMMENCEMENT

- D8.1 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until he is in receipt of a notice of award from the City authorizing the commencement of the Work.
- D8.2 The Contractor shall not commence any Work on the Site until:
- (a) the Contract Administrator has confirmed receipt and approval of:
 - (i) evidence of authority to carry on business specified in D7;
 - (ii) evidence of the workers compensation coverage specified in C6.14;
 - (b) the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.

D9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- D9.1 If the Contractor fails to achieve the Work of the Contract in accordance with D2, and within the time specified in E2.2 . The Contractor shall pay the City five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per Working Day for each and every Working Day following the day fixed herein until the Work is complete.

D9.2 The amount specified for liquidated damages in D9.1 is based on a genuine pre-estimate of the City's damages in the event that the Contractor does not achieve the Work of the Contract.

D9.3 The City may reduce any payment to the Contractor by the amount of any liquidated damages assessed.

D10. ORDERS

D10.1 The Contractor shall provide a local Winnipeg telephone number or a toll-free telephone number at which orders for service may be placed.

D11. RECORDS

D11.1 The Contractor shall keep detailed records of the services supplied under the Contract.

D11.2 The Contractor shall record, as a minimum, for each item listed on Form B: Prices:

- (a) user name(s) and addresses;
- (b) order date(s);
- (c) service date(s); and
- (d) description and quantity of services provided.

D11.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a copy of the records for each quarter year within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of the end of that quarter.

MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

D12. INVOICES

D12.1 Further to C11, the Contractor shall submit an invoice for each order delivered to:
Colleen Browne, Superintendent of Customer Accounts
Water and Waste Department
Finance and Administration Division
Customer Accounts Branch
4th Floor, 185 King Street
Winnipeg, MB.
R3B 1J1
Tel: (204) 986-2109
Fax: (204) 986-6515

D12.2 Invoices must clearly indicate, as a minimum:

- (a) the City's purchase order number;
- (b) date of delivery;
- (c) delivery address;
- (d) type and quantity of goods delivered;
- (e) the amount payable with GST and MRST shown as separate amounts; and
- (f) the Contractor's GST registration number.

D12.3 The City will bear no responsibility for delays in approval of invoices which are improperly submitted.

D12.4 Bids Submissions must be submitted to the address in B6.7.

D13. PAYMENT

D13.1 Further to C11, payment shall be in Canadian funds net thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt and approval of the Contractor's invoice.

D13.2 Further to C11, the City may at its option pay the Contractor by direct deposit to the Contractor's banking institution.

WARRANTY

D14. WARRANTY

D14.1 Warranty is as stated in C12.

D14.1 Notwithstanding C12, the warranty period for each item of Work supplied shall begin on the date of successful delivery and shall expire one (1) year thereafter unless extended pursuant to C12.3, in which case it shall expire when provided for thereunder.

PART E - SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

E1. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

- E1.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.
- E1.2 Bidders are reminded that requests for approval of substitutes as an approved equal or an approved alternative shall be made in accordance with B5.

E2. SERVICES

- E2.1 The Contractor shall supply and deliver direct mail services with barcoding, for the Water and Waste Department, in accordance with the requirements hereinafter specified.
- E2.1.1 The Contractor shall be required to provide test-runs to demonstrate the barcode system provides consistent successful insertion. A representative from the Water and Waste Department will attend the test runs.
- E2.2 The contractor will prepare bills and notices for mailing Monday – Friday, except for statutory and civic holidays. The turnaround time for delivery to Canada Post will be **within 26 hours**.
- E2.2.1 Bills, Reminder Notices, and/or turn-off notices production:
- (a) Bills and Notices will require a barcode;
 - (b) Bills will be provided to the contractor in full sort & incentive rate order;
 - (c) Notices will be provided to the contractor in full Sort order;
 - (d) the work will approximate 85 thousand pieces per month (on average 4,100 pieces per day, but may range from 1,000 – 12,000 pieces per day);
 - (e) multi-page bills (comprise 20-40% of production) will be intermingled with single page bills;
 - (f) the work will be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 ; 20lb ; single sided print:
 - (i) there are 3 separate bond stocks (blue-bills; yellow-reminders; red-turnoffs).
 - (g) the work will be inserted into 4 1/8" x 9 3/8" side seam window envelopes (which Water & Waste will supply):
 - (i) buck-slips may be inserted in Bills only, and will be single paged and require no folding.
 - (h) Water and Waste will provide the statement of mailing for each batch;
 - (i) mailing address will be located on the bottom third of the page.
- E2.2.2 Letters production:
- (a) Letters will require a barcode;
 - (b) Letters will be provided to the Contractor in full sort order (exempt of setup costs if applicable);
 - (c) 500 to 1,000 letter per week;
 - (d) single page letters (some have duplex printing);
 - (e) the work will be submitted on 8 ½ x 11 ; 20lb;
 - (f) the work will be inserted into 4 1/8" x 9 3/8" side seam window envelopes (which Water & Waste will supply);
 - (g) Water and Waste will provide the statement of mailing for each batch;
 - (h) mailing address will be located on the top third of the page.

E2.2.3 Barcode Technical Format Specifications – For Bills, Notices and Letters:

- (a) barcode must begin and end, with an asterisk;
- (b) 3 of 9 barcode for intelligent inserting jobs;
- (c) narrow element equal to or greater than 10mils;
- (d) N ratio (wide divided by narrow) ≥ 2.2 but ≤ 3.0 ;
- (e) intercharacter gap = narrow element;
- (f) clear area before and after string equal to 0.5 inches;
- (g) barcode size:
 - (i) Minimum of 9mm wide;
 - (ii) Minimum of 35mm long;
 - (iii) Barcode height equal to 0.5 inches.
- (h) barcode placement:
 - (i) Right hand side of the document;
 - (ii) Bottom third of the page;
 - (iii) Within 15mm to 25mm from the edge of the page.

E2.2.4 7– field, 9 character barcode:

- (a) Field 1: total page count:
 - (i) 2 character ASCII;
 - (ii) indicates the total number of pages in a collation.
- (b) Field 2: page number:
 - (i) 2 character ASCII;
 - (ii) starts with page number equal to the total page count;
 - (iii) increments with each page fed within collation;
 - (iv) page with “01” is the last page in the collation.
- (c) Field 3: wrap sheet sequence (WAS):
 - (i) 2 character ASCII;
 - (ii) first page starts with “01”;
 - (iii) increments with each page fed;
 - (iv) goes to “99” then wraps to “00” (ie “97”, “98”, “99”, “00”, “01”);
- (d) Field 4-7: Condensed Control Character:
 - (i) 1 character binary;
 - (ii) contains the binary information for control of the select feeders.

(e) Condensed Control Character Bit Map:

Character	Binary bit # "0" weight 1	Binary bit # "1" weight 2	Binary bit # "2" weight 4	Binary bit # "3" weight 8	Binary bit # "4" weight 16
0					
1	X				
2		X			
3	X	X			
4			X		
5	X		X		
6		X	X		
7	X	X	X		
8				X	
9	X			X	
A		X		X	
B	X	X		X	
C			X	X	
D	X		X	X	
E		X	X	X	
F	X	X	X	X	
G					X
H	X				X
I		X			X
J	X	X			X
K			X		X
L	X		X		X
M		X	X		X
N	X	X	X		X
O				X	X
P	X			X	X
Q		X		X	X
R	X	X		X	X
S			X	X	X
T	X		X	X	X
U		X	X	X	X
V	X	X	X	X	X

E2.3 Folds for letter and legal paper shall include:

E2.3.1 Letter folds – up to 2 fold types:

- (a) Single fold;
- (b) Double fold (which includes);
 - (i) "Gate Fold";
 - (ii) "Z Fold";
 - (iii) "C Fold" aka "Standard Letter Fold".

E2.4 Item No. 1 shall be – Set-Up Cost For a Complete Job Less Than 1 thousand pieces:

- (a) If the User submits a Job for less than multiples of one thousand, the cost shall be calculated as follows:
 - (i) Bid price per thousand; divided by 1 thousand, and multiplied by the number of pieces,
 - (ii) Only one setup costs shall be applied to a job. This setup costs shall be additional to the cost of Item No(s) 2 to 25 on Form B: Prices.

- E2.4.1 Setup cost is intended to cover isolated small run costs. For instances where the nature of the Users Scheduled Job is small runs, the Work shall be exempt of setup costs.
- E2.5 Item No. 2 shall be - Machine Folding Flat Sheet Paper For Insert:
- (a) Inserts shall be submitted to the Contractor flat, and shall be machine folded, at size, by the Contractor.
- E2.5.1 Fold types shall be in accordance with E2.4.1.
- E2.6 Item No. 3 – 6 shall be - Machine Inserting And Sealing:
- (a) Envelopes shall be supplied by the User department
 - (b) Inserts shall be already at size, and ready for insertion.
- E2.6.1 If sealing is required it shall be at no extra cost.
- E2.7 Item No. 7 shall be - Job Delivery (upon the instruction by the User):
- (a) Contractor shall deliver the Job to Canada Post's main post office in downtown Winnipeg.
 - (b) The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that reliable, accurate transportation needs are met.
 - (c) The Contractor shall report any undue delay or change, to an agreed job delivery, to the User.
 - (d) The Contractor shall provide a flat fee regardless of shipment size or destination.