

Request for Proposal

**Hazleton Office Security Services  
REF #1322RFPCY**

**LUZERNE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA**

**DUE DATE: 4:00 pm January 18, 2022**

Luzerne County Purchasing Department  
Attention: Mark Ann Amesbury  
Penn Place Office Building  
20 North Pennsylvania Avenue  
Wilkes Barre, PA. 18711  
570-820-6337  
[MaryAnn.Amesbury@luzernecounty.org](mailto:MaryAnn.Amesbury@luzernecounty.org)

**FIND US AT: [www.luzernecounty.org/procurement](http://www.luzernecounty.org/procurement)**

**ATTENTION:**

RFPs will be received weekdays between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM only (excluding holidays).

All RFPs must be delivered by the time stated in the bid packet.

All RFPs must be delivered to:

**Luzerne County Purchasing Department**  
**20 North Pennsylvania Avenue**  
**Suite 203**  
**Wilkes Barre, Pa 18711**

Any questions in regard to the RFP package, please contact Mary Ann Amesbury at 570-820-6337 or [MaryAnn.Amesbury@luzernecounty.org](mailto:MaryAnn.Amesbury@luzernecounty.org).

**ATTENTION:**

**YOU MUST PRINT THE BELOW ADDRESS AND RFP INFORMATION AND AFFIX TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR RFP ENVELOPE. THE RFP WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED**



Luzerne County Purchasing Department  
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All RFP returns must have this label attached with  
The name and reference number of the RFP to the  
Outside of the return envelope  
(UPS, FEDEX, etc.) Or it will be rejected.

RFP Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

**Responders who use USPS Services, PLEASE NOTE:**

The Post Office does not deliver mail directly to Penn Place.

You should allow additional time for your bid to be forwarded from the Court House to Penn Place. It is the Responders responsibility to get their RFP packets to the Purchasing Department by the time specified.

**LUZERNE COUNTY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE OR MISDIRECTED MAIL.**

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS**

1. Any alterations, erasures, additions to or omissions of required information, or change of specifications or bidding schedule, is done at the risk of the responder and may result in rejection of his/her RFP. In case a responder finds discrepancies or omissions, or is in doubt as to the meaning of the specifications of bidding schedule, he/she should at once notify the Luzerne County Purchasing Department, who will reply to such questions in official supplement and copies will be sent simultaneously to all responders.
2. All responders are responsible to see that their names appear in the Purchasing Department office on the form recording the names of prospective responders, so that the responders are assured of receiving pertinent bulletins which may be issued before the RFP's are opened.
3. All responders must be recognized dealers in the materials specified and qualified to advise in its application of use. The responders at any time requested, must satisfy the County Manager and administrative officers that they have the requisite organization, capital, plant, stock, ability and experience to satisfactorily execute the contract in accordance with the provisions of the contract in which responder is interested.
4. Submitting a proposal when it is intended to sublet the contract is cause for rejection of your RFP, or cancellation of the contract, unless approval is given in writing by Luzerne County prior to the RFP opening.
5. It is agreed by the parties hereto that wherever the word "Purchasing Agent" or the pronoun in place thereof occurs in the articles of agreement of specifications, it is hereby expressly understood that the Purchasing Agent is acting only under the authority of the subject to the approval of the County Manager and administrative officers.
6. In case of error in the extension of prices, the unit price shall govern.
7. The contract will not be awarded to any corporation, firm, or individual who has failed in any former contract with Luzerne County to perform work or delivery of guarantee.
8. It is expressly understood and agreed that the inspection of materials and workmanship by the purchasing or issuing department will in no way lessen the responsibility of the contractor or release him/her from obligations to perform and deliver to the County satisfactory work materials. The contractor agrees to pay the cost of all tests for defective materials and to allow the cost to be deducted from any money due him/her from the County otherwise bondsmen in this case are liable for satisfactory completion of the contract.
9. When the contract has been duly signed and the contract bond covering the same approved, then and not before, the contractor may secure instructions from the purchasing agent pertaining to the procedure of the work or delivery.
10. If more than one RFP is offered by any one party or in the name of his/her clerk, partners or other persons, all such bids may be rejected. However, a party who has quoted prices on materials to a responder is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices on materials to other responders or from submitting a RFP directly for the materials or work.
11. The County Manager and administrative officers reserve the right to reject any and all RFPs or specifications when deemed to the best interest of the County and also to purchase any, part, or none of the materials specified. The Luzerne County Manager may cancel the award at any time before the execution of the contract.
12. All terms, rebates and discounts shall be considered to be offered effective as of the date of payment by County notwithstanding anything to the contrary expressed by the responder in his/her RFP.
13. The County will reject all materials that do not meet the specifications even though the responders list trade names of such materials on the proposal sheet.

14. The material and equipment shall be delivered to the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania. All prices quoted shall be F.O.B., Luzerne County Court House, or point of destination within Luzerne County if otherwise specified.
15. The party or parties bidding upon this proposal to whom the award or awards are made may be required to enter into a contract with the County of Luzerne within sixty (60) days of notification by the Purchasing Agent. Failure of bidder to do so, shall result in the cancellation of the award and forfeiture of the bid bond and/or bid deposit which shall become the absolute property of the County of Luzerne.
16. The responder or responders to whom the contract is awarded agree(s) to release the County of Luzerne from all suits or action of any nature or description brought against it for or on account of the use of patents, appliances, products or processes.
17. The County Manager and administrative officers at their discretion, may extend the time for the completion of this contract, if prevented by strikes of employees or by reason of it being impossible to procure the necessary material, equipment, etc.
18. All RFPs must be made on proposal blanks attached to these specifications and made part thereof, and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes/package directed to the Luzerne County Purchasing Department. Attached labels must be placed upon outside of said envelope/package, failure to do so may result in rejection of submitted RFP.
19. Responders must write or print figures in ink or typewritten.
20. A proposal which is incomplete, obscure, conditional or unbalanced or which contains additions not called for or irregularities of any kind or alterations may be rejected.
21. Luzerne County reserves the right for the Luzerne County and/or the Luzerne County Manager and/or their respective designees to perform financial and/or performance audits on any purchase, sale, award, contract or other transactions involving Luzerne County, therefore, any party to a purchase, sale, award, contract or other transaction involving Luzerne County must grant to the Luzerne County Controller and/or the Luzerne County Manager and/or their respective designees reasonable access to any property and/or equipment purchased in whole or in part with Luzerne County funds and must grant reasonable access for review, inspection and reproduction of any and all financial, employment and/or other records of the vendor, contractor, subcontractor or other entity deemed relevant by the Luzerne County Controller and/or Luzerne County Manager.
22. With respect to responders that are permitted to provide certified checks, cashier's checks and/or trust company treasurer's checks in lieu of a bid bond, such checks shall be returned to unsuccessful responders within thirty (30) days following the award of the RFP and will not be cashed. Luzerne County may deposit the check of the successful responder and may retain such funds until the successful responder enters into an agreement with Luzerne County to fulfill the RFP on the terms submitted by that responder. With respect to successful responders that are permitted to provide certified checks, cashier's checks and/or may be cashed and retained by Luzerne County pending the responder's full and faithful performance of the RFP.
23. Luzerne County will **NOT** accept vendor contracts that include automatic renewal and price escalation clauses.
24. The successful responder must permit the County to make payment to vendor by credit card or debit card without penalty or surcharge.

BID QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

1. How long have you been in business?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Can you deliver to all locations in the County?  Yes  No

3. Can you deliver within two (2) business days after receiving order?

Yes  NO

4. Do you have a company website?  Yes  No

5. Do you have a toll-free number?  Yes  No

6. Is your company capable of notifying the County of partial shipments?

Yes  NO

7. Please list two references which you are currently doing business with.

A. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

B. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

## Notice to Responders

RFPs will be opened in the Luzerne County Purchasing Department.

RFP packages may be obtained at the offices of Luzerne Purchase Department in the Penn Place Building, 20 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes Barre, PA 18711, and on the website at [www.luzernecounty.org](http://www.luzernecounty.org).

**Mary Ann Amesbury is the only contact for this project. Contacting other County Officials, Council Members, or Staff Members as part of this process is not acceptable and is grounds for elimination from consideration.**

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It is the Responders responsibility to get their RFP packets to the Purchasing Office by the time specified.

Luzerne County will not be responsible for late or misdirected mail.

By signing the submitting RFP, each bidder shall be deemed to have consented in writing that the RFP may be awarded and shall remain open up to ninety (90) days of the RFP opening.

The County of Luzerne is an equal opportunity employer.

Luzerne County Manger reserves the right to reject any or all RFPs or any part or items of the RFPs.

Luzerne County advertisement published by the order of:

Acting County Manger  
Romilda Crocamo, Esq

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## **Hazleton Office Security**

**Purpose:** Luzerne County Children and Youth is inviting qualified Act 235 certified, bonded and Insured Security Service Organizations to submit proposals for Security Services for the Luzerne County Children and Youth Hazleton Office.

**Issuing Office:** This Request for Proposal ("RFP") is being issued by the Luzerne County Purchasing Department for a period of (1) One Year.

The issuing office is the only point of contact for this RFP proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director of Purchasing, Mary Ann Amesbury, 20 north Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes Barre, PA 18711 no later than **January 18, 2022 at 4:00 pm.**

**Objective:** the objective of this request for proposal is to identify the firm that can offer the highest quality security service at the best value to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office.

**Scope of Services:** Children and Youth advertises for security services in the Hazleton Office, providing one security officer Monday through Friday, 8-4. Respondents should be Act 235 certified, bonded and insured. Metal detectors and other equipment are onsite and training for this equipment can be provided.

The winning respondent to this RFP will need to provide one security officer per day Monday through Friday, 8-4pm. This person will be responsible for monitoring all entry to the Hazleton C&Y office. The winning respondent will be asked to enter into a one year contract (**January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**) and guarantee rates quoted in this RFP for the entire contract period.

**Proposal review criteria:** Each response will be reviewed and judged, at a minimum, on the following criteria:

Ability to provide services efficiently and effectively

Overall best value for Children and Youth as determined by the Children and Youth.

The RFP is not to be construed as creating a contractual relationship between the Luzerne County Children and Youth Office and any firm submitting a response to this RFP.

Children and Youth shall have no obligation or liability to any firm responding to this RFP all cost's associated with responding to the RFP are borne solely by the respondent.

Children and Youth reserves the right to reject any or all responses, to modify the scope with one or more respondents, and to waive any/all requirements which Children and Youth deems to be in its or its employees' best interest.

By submitting this information, the firm represents that it has examined and understands this RFP and has become fully informed of all the requirements of the RFP. All terms and conditions set forth in this document are accepted and must be incorporated in the submission unless explicit exception is made to individual items and accepted by the sheriff's office.

By submitting a response, the firm represents that it has the ability to meet the requirements outlined herein.

Firms should contact the County's Purchasing Department, at (570) 820-6337 for information or questions concerning this RFP.

After evaluation of the responses, Children and Youth will make its selection based on the response which best meets their needs. The request for proposal is not intended to create a public bidding process, and the proposal with the lowest quoted fees will not necessarily be accepted, nor will any reason for the rejection of any proposal be indicated. The sheriff's office reserves the right to privately negotiate with any firm with respect to the requirements outlined in the request for proposals.



**Proposal Blanks**

To the County Manager:

I, the undersigned being a duly authorized representative of

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Submit for your consideration a proposal to supply

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The price for which (I/we) will supply each item specified on the following pages is shown immediately after the description of the particular article.

(I/we) agree, if awarded the contract for any items shown on the attached specifications, to enter into a written agreement and to furnish the said items at the price shown, and to furnish a performance bond (if applicable) with sixty (60) days.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature-typewritten

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature-signed in ink

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City & State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Salesman's telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company fax number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E mail address

**Responders Signature Form**

Responder \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal must be signed here \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Partnership or Corporation**

The responder certifies that they come under the class checked below:

**Please insert names:**

A. Individual owner \_\_\_\_\_

B. Partnership partners \_\_\_\_\_

C. Corporation \_\_\_\_\_

Exact name of corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
State incorporated

**Note:**

All County proposals under the jurisdiction of the Luzerne County Manager and Luzerne County Government are furnished in duplicate. One copy of the proposal is to be filled out and submitted with the bid and the remaining copy to be retained for the responder's records.

**Proposal should be as net prices and shall prevail in the awarding of contracts.**

**Failure of the responders to sign the bid and have the signature of an authorized representative or agent on the proposal in the space provided, will be cause for rejection of the proposal. Signatures must be written in ink. Typed, printed or stamped signatures will not be accepted.**

It is understood by both the County and responders that all trade names, catalogue numbers or bids "as per sample" offered on this proposal shall meet the specifications, unless the responder states that such trade names, catalogue numbers or samples are not equal to the specified item.

**Return to Purchasing Department**

## Non Collusion Affidavit

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1) She/he is the \_\_\_\_\_ (owner, partner, officer, representative or agent) of the Bidder that had submitted the attached proposal.
- 2) She/he is fully informed with respect to the preparation and contents of the attached proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposal.
- 3) Such proposal is genuine and is not part of any conspiracy, collusion or deception.
- 4) Neither the said nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including the affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other responder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham proposal in connection with the contract for which the attached bid has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other proposer, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached proposal or of any other responder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element for the prices or the proposal price of any responder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against any person interested in the proposed contract; and 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 responder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.
- 5) The price(s) and amount of this proposal, have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor, proposer, or potential proposer.
- 6) Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this proposal, and neither the approximate price(s) nor the approximate amount of this proposal, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a responder/proposer or potential proposer, and they will not be disclosed before proposal opening.
- 7) No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from submitting a proposal on this contract, or to submit a proposal higher than its proposal, or to submit any intentionally high or non-competitive proposal or other form of complementary proposal.
- 8) The proposal of my firm is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive proposal
- 9) The above representations are material and unimportant, and will be relied on by Luzerne County in awarding the contract(s) for which this proposal is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from Luzerne County of the true facts relating to the submission of proposals for this contract.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_