Questions & Answers

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31. Is there a Termination clause for me, the Contractor?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) will allow the Awarded Supplier to terminate the contract at the time of renewal. Renewals involve a bilateral signature process, whereby both parties can extend the contract's duration under the same terms and conditions, or with an added price increase. Ref: 3.13 Renewal.

32. Force Majeure, possible to add some language to cover Tariffs? Some suppliers bring in raw materials from other countries and fabricate Tissue from Parent Rolls. Parent Rolls, imported, are subject to Tariff.

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) will permit tariff-related price increases under the escalation/de-escalation clause. Ref: 3.14: Price escalation request outside of the renewal process may be accepted. These requests must reference/cite and include any source materials used to form the basis of the proposed justification but must not include historical information prior to the initial contract term.

33. Can you supply the last bid tab and current prices being paid; if they changed since the Tab?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) current tabulation sheet can be found on our website <u>https://teamhcso.com/purchasing/details Bid 2021-002</u>.

34. Can you please offer some clarification about Price Escalation. Can we request an increase at the end of each 1yr anniversary of the initial 3yr contract? Specs state, only end of the initial term, which is 3years. Vendor cannot hold pricing for 3yrs.

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), the initial term for this contract is three (3) years. However, we will permit a price increase outside of the renewal period. All requests must include appropriate source documentation supporting the proposed adjustment and must not rely on historical data predating the original contract term.

35. Must we complete the Supplier Packet even though we have done this previously?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) requires that all items on the Bid Checklist be completed in full, regardless of any previous submissions.