



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
DIVISION OF BUDGET & FINANCE

PUR-1732  
ADDENDUM NO. 4/5  
INVITATION TO BID

GRINDER PUMPS

DATE: Monday, March 24, 2025

BIDS DUE: Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
2:00 P.M.(EDT/EST)

To Bidders:

This Addendum is hereby made a part of the Contract Documents on which all bids will be based and is issued to correct and clarify the original documents.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum at the appropriate space on the Proposal Form. This Addendum consists of three (3) pages.

**NOTE:** All Bidders must enter the Washington County Administration Complex through either the front door at the 100 West Washington Street entrance or through the rear entrance (w/blue canopy roof) which is handicap accessible and must use the elevator to access the Purchasing Department to submit their bid and/or to attend the Pre-Bid Conference. Alternate routes are controlled by a door access system. The general public will be subject to wand search and will be required to remove any unauthorized items from the building prior to entry. Prohibited items include but are not limited to: Weapons of any type; Firearms, ammunition, and explosive devices; Cutting instruments of any type - including knives, scissors, box cutters, work tools, knitting needles, or anything with a cutting edge, etc.; Pepper spray, mace, or any other chemical defense sprays; and Illegal substances.

**ITEM NO. 1:** Inquiry: I understand that the IGP-M series pump is not an equal to the Liberty Retro, but what about IGP-A-RFKS that I submitted?

Response: Washington County does not approve the IGP-A-RFKS pump as a substitution; the catalog cuts do not provide evidence of meeting the warranty terms listed in the Supplemental Terms and Conditions of the bid document, Page 18, Item No. 25.

**Warranty:** The Warranty shall come into effect **upon installation of the pump** and shall last for a period of not less than 3 years. The successful bidder will be required to

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pick up any grinder pumps that fail within the 3-year warranty period at the County's Maintenance Pump Shop located at 11157 Settlement Circle, Williamsport MD 21795, and provide a replacement pump.

**ITEM NO. 2:** Inquiry: And the other items I submitted to be considered for substitution Item #'s .2,3,& 4?

Response: Washington County does not approve the proposed substitutions; the catalog cuts do not provide evidence of meeting the warranty terms listed in the Supplemental Terms and Conditions of the bid document, Page 18, Item No. 25.

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**ITEM NO. 3:** Inquiry: I would like to know why the Franklin Electric IGP-M pump is not an equal because as that wording is stated in the document above, that is untrue in fact. I'm thinking it was turned down because maybe you do-not want to interject another manufacture into your system which I believe is more accurate, but's that's why I'm asking the question. Liberty Pump- is a centrifugal grinder pump so is Franklin Electric, so it's equal in design of how it's manufactured. Saying that Franklin Electric is designed for low pressure sewer municipal industry, why Liberty is design more for the plumbing industry, my view.

Why:

>Liberty is a ¾ ,motor spindle shaft, Franklin Electric is 1-1/8 shaft, it's superior to the Liberty pump. More Torque for better grinding.

>Liberty is class (B) insulation for the motor windings, Franklin Electric is class (F) for the insulation, superior to the Liberty pump.

>Liberty has the capacitors in the oil bath, which essentially is a throw away pump when the capacitors go bad, Franklin Electric has external capacitors that can be replaced. I'm not sure why the county wants to discard a pump a couple thousand pump, when a \$120.00/each part can get the pump back up a running. Saves Money for the county all the way around.

>Liberty is 110' TDH, Franklin Electric is 130' TDH, superior to the Liberty pump.

>Liberty has a ductile iron impeller Franklin Electric has brass impeller (2- none-Ferris metals) is superior to Liberty.

>We provide on-site service through our service provider for the state of Maryland, that is on call to help troubleshoot, train, warranty, etc. for the county, I'm not sure who Liberty is using for service, but I know every distributor has access to Liberty Products, we just do-not believe in that model for municipal industry. We partner with the municipality in all aspects.

*(NOTE: The wording of all "Inquiries" submitted are displayed exactly as received.)*

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By Authority of:



Brandi J. Kentner, CPPO  
Director of Purchasing



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March 19, 2025

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**Bid No. PUR-1732**  
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**Request for Substitutions**

Item No. 1 – Liberty Model LSG202-RE we request to substitute with a Franklin Electric Model IGP-A-RFKS E/ONE Grinder 2 HP 208/230V 1 PH 60HZ 3450 RPM, 30' Cord, Retro-fit System  
Cut Sheet is attached.

Item No. 2 – Liberty Model LSG202M we request to substitute with a Franklin Electric Model IGP-M231-30 Grinder 2 HP 208/230V 60HZ 1 PH 3450 RPM, 30' Cord, 1-1/4 in. Discharge 15 AMPS  
Cut sheet attached

Item No. 3 – Liberty AE24H=3 we request to substitute with a SPI 50A750 Duplex Control Panel, (3) Mechanical Floats, 15-20 FLA NEMA 4X, 120/208/240, 1 PH  
(2) Cut sheets attached

Item No. 4 – Liberty SXH24=3 we request to substitute with a SPI 50A700 Simplex Control Panel, (3) Mechanical Floats, 15-20 FLA, NEMA 4X, 120/208/240 1 PH.  
(2) Cut Sheets attached

Thank you,

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