



Crystalline Ammonium Sulfate Sealed Bid (Bid-313) Town of Salem, NH

June 2011

SALEM PURCHASING

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**COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS FOR
Crystalline Ammonium Sulfate
June 2011**

It is the intent of the Town of Salem, New Hampshire to engage the services of a qualified firm to provide the town with the following product(s) or services to be purchased. **“Crystalline Ammonium Sulfate”**

Sealed bids must be received no later than June 17th 2011 at or before 11:00am from interested firms, to be eligible for consideration by the town. Each bid will be submitted in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked **“Bid- 313 Crystalline Ammonium Sulfate”**

All sealed bids received will be considered confidential and not available for public review until after the bid opening on June 17th 2011 at 11:00am.

Sealed bids and all correspondence relating to this ITB shall be submitted to:

STEPHEN ARTEMIS
Purchasing Agent
Town of Salem
33 Geremonty Drive
Salem NH 03079

Qualified Firms requiring additional information or clarification relative to the contents of the bid may direct inquiries to Stephen Artemis, Purchasing Agent at 603-890-2090 or sartemis@ci.salem.nh.us. Bid documents may be picked up at the office of the Purchasing Agent at the above address during regular business hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please visit our website to download a copy of this Bid-313 www.townofsalemnh.org Finance-Purchasing /bids-proposals. Copies will not be faxed.

One original and (1) one copy is required and must be received at the above address no later than June 17th 2011 on or before 11:00am, late bids will not be considered.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals or any part thereof, to waive any informality or information in the bids/proposals, and to accept the bid /proposal considered to be in the best interest of the Town. The Town also reserves the right to conduct reasonable negotiations with low bidders and sole bidders. Failure to submit all information may declare a bid/proposal as non-responsive subject for disqualification.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PREPARATIONS OF BIDS/PROPOSALS Proposals shall be submitted on the forms provided and must be signed by the Bidder or his authorized representative. The person signing the proposal shall initial any corrections to entries made on the attached forms.

Vendors must provide pricing on all items appearing on the bid forms unless specific directions in the advertisement, on the bid form or in the special provisions allowed for partial bids. Failure to provide pricing on all items may disqualify the bid. Alternative bids will be considered, unless otherwise stated, only if the alternate is described completely, including, but not limited to, sample, if requested and specifications sufficient so that a comparison to the request can be made.

Any questions or inquiries must be submitted in writing, and must be received by the Purchasing Department no later than seven (7) calendar days before the Request for Proposal due date to be considered. Any changes to the Request for Proposal will be provided to all bidders of record.

The name of manufacturer, trade name, or catalog number mentioned in this request for bid description is for the purpose of designating a minimum standard of quality and type. Such references are not intended to be restrictive, although specified color, type of material and specified measurements may be mandatory.

Proposals will be considered for any brand that meets or exceeds the quality of the specifications listed. On all such proposals, the bidder shall specify the product they are proposing and shall supply sufficient data to enable a comparison to be made with the particular brand or manufacturer specified. Failure to submit the above may be sufficient grounds for rejection of the proposal.

SUBMITTED BIDS/PROPOSALS: Proposals must be submitted as directed in the Notice to Qualified Firms, and on the forms provided unless otherwise specified. Proposals must be typewritten or printed in ink. Proposals must be mailed or delivered in person. Proposals that are faxed or emailed will not be accepted.

WITHDRAWING BIDS/PROPOSALS: Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the opening date and time upon written request of the Proposer. Negligence on the part of the Proposer in preparing his/her proposal shall not constitute a right to withdraw a proposal subsequent to the proposal opening.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION:

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to the proposal. A proposal may be rejected, if the Firm:

- a. Fails to adhere to one or more of the provisions established in the proposal.
- b. Fails to submit its proposal at the time or in the format specified herein or to supply the minimum information requested herein.
- c. Fails to meet the minimum evaluation criteria specified in this proposal.
- d. Fails to submit its proposal to the required address on or before the deadline date established by the Town.
- e. Misrepresents its services, experience and personnel by providing demonstrably false information in its proposal or fails to provide material information.

- f. Fails to submit its cost on the enclosed bid form.
- g. Refuses a reasonable request for an interview.
- h. Refuses to provide clarification requested by the town.

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS:

Proposals shall be submitted prior to the time fixed in the Request for Sealed Bids/RFP. Proposals received after the time so indicated shall be returned unopened.

PROPOSAL RESULTS:

All sealed bids received will be considered confidential and not available for public review until after the bid opening is conducted. Results will not be given over the phone. Please send your request in writing or send an email to sartemis@ci.salem.nh.us to receive sealed bid results after the public opening. Request for Proposals will remain confidential until the proposer has been selected.

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE: Provide a description of the firm's knowledge and experience in the industry. Highlight your company's experience to provide the highest quality and effective product and reliable service and support.

REFERENCES: Projects within the past ten years best illustrating current qualifications for this project: (Please See Reference List)

AWARD OF CONTRACT: It is the policy of the Town of Salem, NH that contracts are awarded only to responsible bidders. In order to qualify as responsible, a prospective vendor must meet the following standards as they relate to this request:

A. Have adequate financial resources for performance or have the ability to obtain such resources as required during performance.
B. Have the necessary experience, organization, technical and professional qualifications, skills and facilities.

C. Be able to comply with the proposed or required time of completion or performance schedule; and

D. Have a demonstrated satisfactory record of performance.

E. Adhere to the specifications of this bid and provide all documentation required of this bid.

The contract will be awarded to a responsive & responsible bidder based on the qualifications and experience of the bidder, the quality of the equipment/product /materials/services to be provided and the support that the bidder offers during the duration of the contract terms.

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT:

The successful proposer shall sign (execute) the necessary agreements for entering into the contract and return such signed agreements to the town within ten (10) calendar days from the date mailed or otherwise delivered to the successful Proposer.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT:

Upon receipt of the agreement that has been fully executed by the proposer, the owner will complete the execution of the agreement and return the agreement to the contractor. The Agreement accompanied by a Town issued purchase order will be delivered to the contractor and will constitute a mutual approval and agreement by both parties to abide by the terms and conditions of the agreement.

FAILURE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT:

Failure of the successful proposer to execute the agreement at the date and time agreed upon by the Town and the successful Proposer shall be just cause for cancellation of the award and forfeiture of all deposits.

CONTRACT TERMINATION:

If at any time the proposer fails to provide proper services during the contract period, the Town of Salem, NH will have the option to terminate the contract at any time without notice.

FAILURE TO SUPPLY GOODS OR SERVICES: If during the contract period the successful vendor fails to supply the Town of Salem, New Hampshire with the equipment/service (s). The Town of Salem, will purchase this product/service(s) on the open market and the vendor will compensate the Town of Salem, New Hampshire with the difference between the bid price and the price incurred on the open market.

RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The Town reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids, should the Town deem it to be in the best interest of the public.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATES: The proposer must supply a current insurance certificate before any work commences. See; Insurance requirements.

WORKERS COMPENSATION:

All proposers and subcontractors at every tier under the proposer will conform to the requirements of RSA 281-A: 2 with close attention to sections VI (a), VI(c) and VII (a) as well as Section 281-A: 4.

PRICING: Unless otherwise specified all prices listed are firm for the term of the contract. All prices should include all labor and material costs, and any discounts offered. All fuel surcharges, delivery charges and miscellaneous charges that are not part of the terms and conditions of this contract will only hold up payment if they are added to the submitted invoice.

INVOICING:

Unless otherwise specified, invoices will be submitted to Accounts Payable at 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem NH. The invoice must include an itemization of all items, supplies, repairs and labor furnished, including unit list pricing, net pricing and total amount due. Payment terms are net thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice.

TAX:

The Town is exempt from all sales and federal excise taxes. Our exemption number is 026000817 Please Invoice less these taxes.

DELIVERY: Deliveries are to be made only to the department or division indicated on the order and in accordance with accepted commercial practices, without extra charge for packing or containers.

GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES: All parts and labor related to agreements must be guaranteed and include a warranty. If any work is unable to be guaranteed, the contractor must inform the Town, in writing, prior to the delivery of an item or any work being performed.

FORCE MAJEURE: Neither party shall be liable for any inability to perform its' obligations under any subsequent agreement due to war, riot, insurrection, civil commotion, fire, flood, earthquake, storm or any other act of God.



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Notice To Qualified Firms

- *Do not alter bid documents in any way.
- *All bid documents must be filled out to be considered.

If you wish to offer comments, additional information or alternate bids, please do below or on a separate sheet and attach it to the bid sheet.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

The purpose of the attached specifications is to define minimum requirements only. They are not meant to be restrictive. All manufacturers meeting or surpassing these minimum specifications are invited to submit a bid/proposal.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you need any additional information.
Stephen Artemis, Purchasing Agent (603) 890-2090

For questions or clarification on specifications please contact
Frank Giordano, Utilities Manager (603) 890-2179

The Town of Salem reserves the right to reject any and all sealed bids/proposals that it deems non-conforming to the specifications enclosed. All information must be filled out correctly for consideration.

DO NOT FAX BIDS, THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



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Specifications Exception Form

In the interest of fairness and sound business practice, it is mandatory that you state any exceptions taken by you to our specifications.

It should not be the responsibility of the Town of Salem to ferret out information concerning the materials, which you intend to furnish.

If your bid/proposal does not meet all our specifications you must state it in the space provided below.

Bids/proposals on equipment, vehicles, computers, supplies, services and materials not meeting specifications may be considered by the Town, however, all deviations must be listed above.

If your bid does not meet our specifications, and your exceptions are not listed above or in space provided, the Town of Salem may claim forfeiture on your bid, if submitted.

Signed _____
I DO meet specifications

Signed _____
I DO NOT meet specifications as listed in this bid, exceptions are in space provided.

Failure to submit this form with your Bid/Proposal response may result in your Bid/Proposal being rejected as unresponsive.



Form for General Bid

In compliance with all specifications enclosed the Bidder hereby proposes to supply the listed materials/chemicals in strict accordance with the contract documents provided. The undersigned will provide and deliver Crystalline Ammonium Sulfate at the pricing listed below. The contract will last (1) year from the date of award.

The Proposal must meet or exceed the specifications listed. Please provide pricing in the spaces provided.

Crystalline Ammonium Sulfate

• 50lb Bags of Product/ ea \$ _____

• 40 Bags/Pallet Load \$ _____

• Proposal Submitted by (Business Name) _____

• Title of person authorized to sign proposals _____

• Name of person authorized to sign proposals (printed) _____

• Signature of person authorized to sign proposals _____

• Business Phone _____ Business Fax _____

• Business Address _____ Date _____

• Business Email _____

• Business Type _____ (Individual, Partnership, Corporation etc.)

Product Specification

The ammonium sulfate will be supplied in pallet loads of forty (40) bags each containing fifty 50 pounds of product. The vendor will deliver the pallet of bags on a truck equipped with a motorized lift-gate. The product will be crystalline 99% ammonium sulfate without significant clumping or product dust. The ammonium sulfate will not contain the sodium cipronate or similar additives. The product will meet or exceed all requirements of ANSI/AWWA Standard B302-05. In addition the vendor must provide proof that the ammonium sulfate offered to the Town is manufactured at a facility fully certified by either Underwriters laboratories (UL) or the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) under ANSI/NSF Standard #60 for use in drinking water. Our estimated average product use during the first year of operation is 40 pounds per day. Deliveries of crystalline ammonium sulfate will be accepted Monday-Friday except holidays from 7:30AM to 2:00PM.

Proof of product certification must be provided with the bid for the bid to be considered responsive by the Town of Salem.

Annual Amount - To Be Determined

Pallets per Shipment - 1 or 2



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No Bid Questionnaire

Reference: Sealed Bid-313

If you choose not to bid, please complete the questionnaire below and return it with your response by the bid opening date. Your assistance in helping us to analyze no bid rationale is very much appreciated. Thank You.

* * * * No Bid Questionnaire * * * *

A no bid is submitted in reply to the Town of Salem, NH invitation for bids for (enter requirement description): _____

Dated _____, for the following reasons:

_____ Item not supplied by our company.

_____ Bid Specification (Give reason(s) e.g., too restricted, not clear etc.)

_____ Profit Margin too low

_____ Past experience with the Town of Salem (give specific's e.g. payment delay, bid process, admin problems, etc.) _____

_____ Insufficient time allowed to prepare and respond to bid request.

_____ Bid requirements too large _____ or too small _____ for our company.

_____ Priority of other business opportunities limits time.

_____ Other reason(s) Please Specify: _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

(Signature)

(Name & Title)



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Insurance Requirements

A current Insurance certificate must be provided prior to commencing any work on this project, in the following amounts:

Commercial General Liability	\$ 2,000,000.00
Automobile Liability	\$ 1,000,000.00
Combined Single Limit	
Workmen's Compensation & Employers Liability	\$ 1,000,000.00 per accident

The Contractor shall maintain for the duration of this project Workmen's Compensation Insurance as required by State Law for all of his employees that are engaging in any work at the site of the project. Contractor shall require any subcontractor providing on-site work to carry insurance coverage's in a form and amount consistent with the insurance requirements specified. .

Non-Collusion Statement

The Undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid in all respects is bonafide, fair and made without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this paragraph, the "PERSON" shall mean any natural person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.

Title _____
Signature _____
Company _____



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INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The successful vendor agrees to indemnify, investigate, protect, defend and save harmless the Town of Salem, NH, it's officials, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, equipment or supplies in connection with the performance of this contract and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation which may be injured or damaged by the vendor in the performance of this contract. In any case, the forgoing provisions concerning indemnification shall not be construed to indemnify the Town for damage arising out of bodily injury to persons or damage to property caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the Town or its employees. This indemnification shall survive the expiration or early termination of this contract.

- Company _____
- Taxpayer Identification Number _____
- Authorized Signature _____
- Contact Phone _____
- Address _____
- Date _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)		
	Business name, if different from above		
	Check appropriate box: ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶	☐ Exempt payee	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)	
	City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)			

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
OR
Employer identification number

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest and dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

**Sign
Here**

Signature of
U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,