



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PACKET

Allegan County  
3283 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Allegan, MI 49010

### HSB Chiller System Replacement Services RFP #1130-24

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Request for Proposals issued .....	May 7, 2024
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting .....	Schedule by 5/14/2024 and Visit by 5:00 PM on May 17, 2024
Deadline for Questions to be submitted.....	3:00 PM on May 20, 2024
Deadline for County’s response to questions.....	5:00 PM on May 22, 2024
Due date for proposals .....	3:00 PM on May 31, 2024

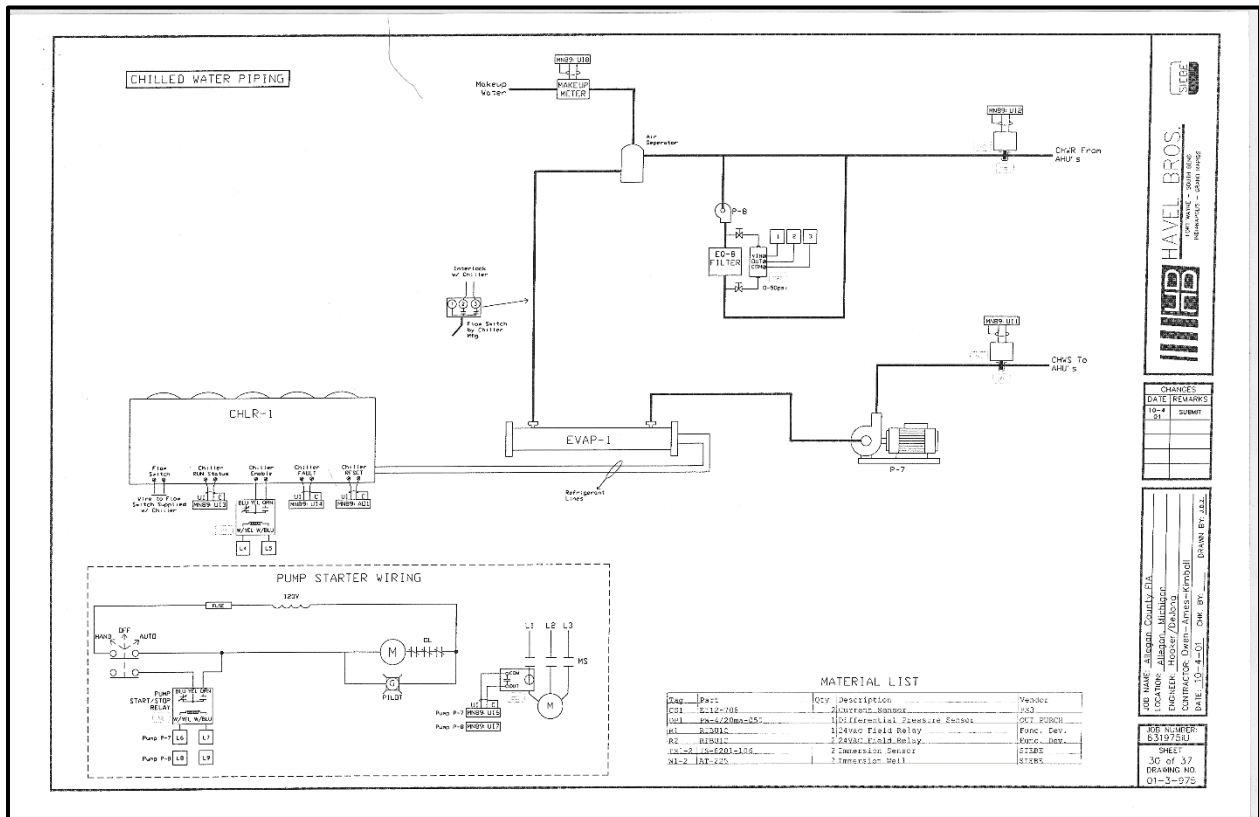
## Attachment A – Scope of Work

### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Contractor shall replace the aging Chiller System equipment components as specified and agreed to herein at the Human Services Building (HSB) located at 3255 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Allegan, Michigan 49010.

### 2. Current Chiller Unit Equipment

2.1 Shown below are the mechanical drawing clipped from the building construction plan set:



2.2 Contractor shall replace the major equipment components of building Chiller System as specified and integrate the new equipment into the existing cooling distribution system.

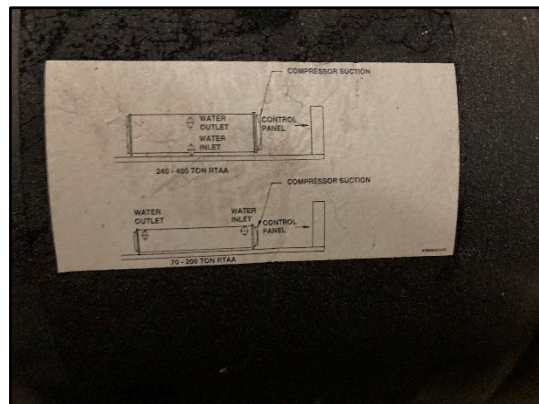
2.3 The remote evaporator and chilled water storage tank are both located in the HSB Mechanical Room as shown below:



**Chilled Water Storage Tank**



**Remote Evaporator Unit**



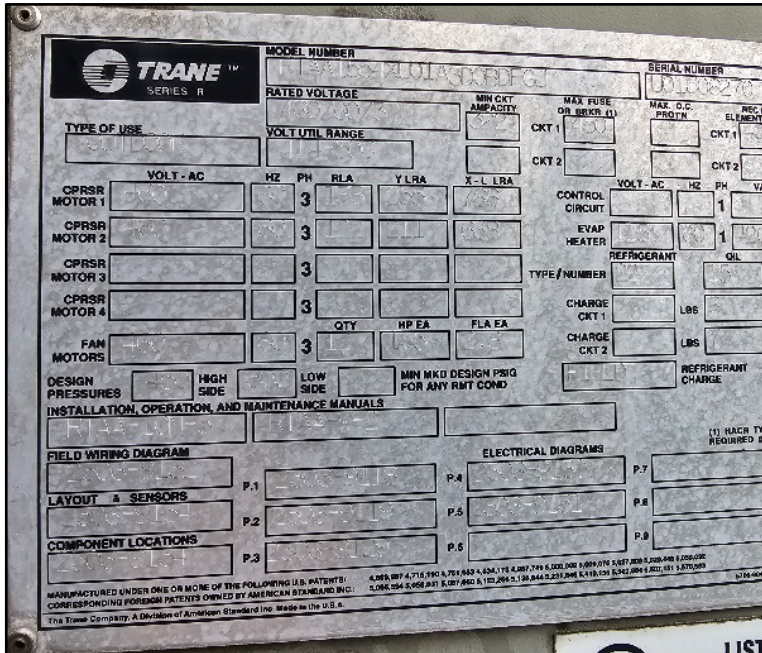
**Remote Evaporator Diagram**



2.4 The chiller rests at ground level on a concrete slab outside the rear of the building directly outside the door of the Mechanical Room as shown below:



**Outdoor Chiller Unit**



**Chiller Faceplate**

- 2.5 Electricity to the chiller is routed through two soft start switches mounted beside the chiller as shown below:



**Soft Start Switches (A & B)**

### **3. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

#### **3.1 General Conditions, Site Protection and Safety Requirements**

- 3.1.1 Permits and Inspections: Contractor shall secure, coordinate and pay for any necessary permits and inspections.
- 3.1.2 Debris Disposal: Contractor shall remove all debris and trash generated in performing the work under this Agreement from the site. Disposal of these materials, is the Contractor's responsibility and must be done in a manner consistent with all applicable Local, State and Federal laws. Contractor shall not use County dumpsters for disposal.
- 3.1.3 Damage to County Property: Existing facilities, including but not limited to grounds, structures, vehicles, utilities, landscaping, fixtures, furnishings, equipment and surfaces and building systems in the vicinity of Contractor's work shall be protected by Contractor. Any damage to existing facilities shall be reported to the County on the day such damage occurs. Contractor shall promptly repair damage with like materials when ordered to do so by the County at Contractor's expense. All repairs of damage to existing facilities shall be made to the satisfaction of the County. Failure to repair damage shall be just cause for withholding payment for work, which becomes due.

Building Access: Contractor shall arrange for work to be done during regular business hours which are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday excluding holidays with the exception of any power shutdown to the building that may be needed during the conversion which must be arranged for in advance and completed after-hours.

On scheduled days of installation, a representative from Facilities Management will meet the Contractor at a designated location to provide access to the facility. The Facilities Management representative will remain available during installation as needed to provide assistance.

- 3.1.4 Site Utilities: if work entails any digging, Contractor shall ascertain the location of all existing underground utilities, including site utilities owned by the County and accept total responsibility for shut-off and avoidance of all such utilities during construction. Contractor shall contact MISS DIG, one number utility alert (1-800-482-7171), for location of public utility service lines where digging or deep excavation operations could disturb or sever such lines. Contractor is responsible for and shall pay for all repairs, restoration and damages to utilities resulting from failure to properly fulfill such notification and location requirements.

### **3.2 Equipment Procurement, Delivery and Installation**

Upon contract award, Contractor shall:

- 3.2.1 Procure the specified equipment with all necessary options and accessories to integrate it into the existing HVAC system and controls (controls to be supplied by Grand Valley Automation - GVA).

*It is the Contractor's responsibility to have verified during the mandatory site visit – the specifications and dimensions for the new equipment, amount of space at the location to install the new equipment, and what accessories are required to integrate the new unit and have accounted for any special conditions in its bid.*

*It is also the Contractor's responsibility to have discussed equipment controls with GVA and have a clear understanding of the components and services that each party will be providing to integrate the equipment controls.*

- 3.2.2 Either bring new HVAC equipment to the site on the scheduled day of installation or arrange to have it delivered on the scheduled day of installation and be present to accept delivery.

*The Human Services Building has a loading dock on the same level as the Mechanical room that will be made available to Contractor upon request with advanced notice.*

*It is the Contractor's responsibility to have verified during the mandatory site visit - the layout of the building to determine how existing equipment is to be removed and new equipment is to be installed given there is no road access to the outdoor equipment and have accounted for any special conditions in its bid.*

- 3.2.3 Coordinate equipment control disconnection and reconnection with Grand Valley Automation (GVA), the County's contractor for building automation services.

*Any new digital controls needed for the chiller system will be replaced by GVA and **are not to be included in this scope of services or Contractor's bid.***

- 3.2.4 Disconnect, remove and dispose of the existing Chiller System equipment and any associated equipment that is no longer needed.
- 3.2.5 Install the new Chiller System equipment and any equipment controls needed and not being provided by GVA.
- 3.2.6 Reconnect all ducts, vents, gas, electricity, controls (with assistance / in coordination with GVA), etc. to integrate the new equipment to render the Chiller System fully functional.
- 3.2.7 Conduct a system start-up test to demonstrate and confirm correct installation and proper functioning of the new equipment. Testing shall be conducted with a Facilities Management representative present to verify proper functioning necessary for system for acceptance.

### **3.3 Scheduling**

- 3.3.1 All work is to be scheduled at least five (5) business days in advance and coordinated through:

Carl Chapman  
Director of Facilities Management  
(269) 673-0207  
[cchapman@allegancounty.org](mailto:cchapman@allegancounty.org)

## Attachment B – Cost Proposal

### **4. COST PROPOSAL**

Unless otherwise noted by the Contractor and agreed to in writing by the County, all costs associated with the scope of work outlined in Attachment A are itemized in this Cost Proposal taking the following into consideration:

#### **4.1 Taxes**

The County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and Michigan Sales Tax.

#### **4.2 Variances**

Where a variance exists or other discrepancies are noted between prices on this Cost Proposal Form and prices specified anywhere else in Contractor's proposal, the pricing shown on this Cost Proposal Form shall prevail.

#### **4.3 Quality**

All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any items to be provided under this Agreement shall be new. Pricing shall be for items in new condition representing the latest model of the best quality and highest grade of workmanship, unless the option to include supplemental proposals for pre-owned, or demonstrator equipment or materials has been specified by the County.

#### **4.4 Delivery Provisions**

All goods procured through this Agreement by the Contractor for the County shall be delivered by the Contractor under the terms Free on Board 3255 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Allegan, Michigan. Title and risk of loss to the purchased goods does not pass to the County until the items are received by County / installed and accepted as functioning by the County.

#### **4.5 Invoices:**

All invoices must reference contract #1130-24, itemize services rendered and be sent by email to [projects@allegancounty.org](mailto:projects@allegancounty.org) or mailed to:

Project Management - Accounts Payable  
Allegan County Information Services  
3283 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Allegan, MI 49010



**4.6 Cost Tables**

Once completed, the following cost tables shall establish the pricing to be charged unless otherwise negotiated in writing.

<b>Chiller System Replacement Item</b>	<b>All Related Materials</b>	<b>All Related Labor</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Outdoor Chiller including replacement of piping if existing piping can't be re-used.  Chiller Unit Brand and Model:			\$
Soft Start Switches including any wiring and electrical work.			\$
Remote Evaporator			\$
Chilled Water Storage Tank			\$
All other project costs such as, but not limited to permits, crane service, etc. (specify):			\$
<b>BASE BID (not to exceed):</b>			\$
Additional cost of Performance and Payment Bonds if Base Bid exceeds \$50,000.			\$

**4.7 Cost Proposal Certification**

Bid is firm for \_\_\_\_\_ days (45 days minimum) and signed by the following individual authorized to certify pricing and enter into agreements.

Contractor Name:	
Contractor Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Representative Name (Print):	
Representative Signature:	
Representative Title:	

## HSB Chiller System Replacement Services Agreement

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the County of Allegan, 3283 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49010 (“County”) and

**Contractor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(“Contractor”). The parties agree as follows:

### **1. Contractor Services**

Contractor shall provide the County with the services, products and supplies described in Attachment A subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Contractor warrants to the County that the services to be provided under this Agreement shall be of the kind and quality that meet generally accepted standards and shall be performed by qualified personnel. Contractor further warrants to the County that all products and supplies used in conjunction with the services provided under this Agreement shall be new and of acceptable quality and quantity to the County.

### **2. Payment**

The County shall pay Contractor for the services described in Attachment A based on the pricing provided by Contractor in Attachment B. Any additional work must be mutually agreed upon in writing and costs known before that work may commence. Payment shall be provided within thirty days following receipt of invoice commensurate with progress towards Scope of Work completion and satisfactory performance.

### **3. Term of Agreement**

The term of this Agreement shall begin upon signature by both parties and end upon Scope of Work completion and expiration of all warranties and guarantees provided by the Contractor on the work performed, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section 4 of this Agreement.

### **4. Termination of Agreement**

The County may terminate this Agreement for any or no reason prior to the expiration date set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement by giving thirty days’ written notice to Contractor.

### **5. Insurance Requirements**

Contractor, and any and all of its subcontractors, shall not commence any services or perform any of its other obligations under this Agreement until Contractor obtains the insurance required under this Section. Contractor shall then maintain the required insurance for the full duration of this Agreement. All coverage shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan. All coverages shall be with insurance carriers acceptable to the County.

Insurance policies shall not contain endorsements or policy conditions which reduce coverage provided to the County. Contractor shall be responsible to the County for all costs resulting from both financially unsound insurance companies selected by Contractor and their inadequate insurance coverage. The specified limits of liability do not limit the liability of Contractor. All deductibles and self-insured retentions are the responsibility of Contractor.

Contractor shall procure and maintain the following insurance coverage:

A. Worker's Compensation Insurance, including Employers' Liability Coverage either in accordance with all applicable statutes of the State of Michigan or have the State of Michigan listed under Section 3 - Other States Insurance in the Contractor's insurance policy.

B. Commercial General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence Basis" with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate. Coverage shall include the following extensions: (A) Contractual Liability; (B) Products and Completed Operations; (C) Independent Contractors Coverage; (D) Broad Form General Liability Extensions or equivalent, if not already included; (E) Explosion, Collapse, and Underground, if applicable.

C. Automobile Liability Insurance, including Michigan No-Fault Coverage, with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury, and Property Damage. Coverage shall include all owned vehicles, all non-owned vehicles, and all hired vehicles.

D. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability required liability limits may be obtained by using an Excess/Umbrella Liability policy in addition to the primary liability policy(ies). If coverage limits are satisfied by an Excess and/or Umbrella policy, coverage must follow form of the primary liability policy(ies), including but not limited to additional insured and primary/non-contributory coverage.

E. Additional Insured: Commercial General Liability Insurance shall include an endorsement stating the following shall be Additional Insureds: "County of Allegan, all elected and appointed officials, all employees and volunteers, agents, all boards, commissions, and/or authorities and board members, including employees and volunteers thereof." It is understood and agreed that, by naming Allegan County as additional insured, coverage afforded is considered to be primary and any other insurance the County may have in effect shall be considered secondary and/or excess.

F. Professional Liability Insurance coverage is not a required for this Agreement.

G. Cancellation Notice: Policy(ies), as described above, shall be endorsed to state the following: "It is understood and agreed thirty days, ten days for non-payment of premium, Advance Written Notice of Cancellation or Non-Renewal shall be sent to the Certificate Holder: Allegan County Administrator, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010." If any required insurance expires or is canceled during the term of this Agreement, services and related payments will be suspended and the County may terminate this Agreement immediately.

H. Proof of Insurance Coverage: Upon execution of this Agreement and at least ten business days prior to commencement of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall provide the County with a Certificate of Insurance as well as the required endorsements. In lieu of required endorsements, a copy of the policy sections where coverage is provided for additional insured and cancellation notice, may be acceptable.

I. Should the need arise, the County reserves the right to request a copy of any policy mentioned above and if so requested, Contractor agrees to furnish a Certified Copy.

J. No payments shall be made to Contractor until current certificates of insurance have been received and approved by the County. If any of the above coverages expire during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall deliver renewal certificates to the County at least ten days prior to the expiration date.

## **6. Reporting and Review**

Contractor shall report to the County as required by this Agreement and also upon request. Contractor shall cooperate and confer with the County as necessary to ensure satisfactory work progress and performance. All documents submitted by Contractor must be dated and bear the Contractor's name. All reports made in connection with Contractor's services are subject to review and final approval by the County. The County may review and inspect Contractor's activities during the term of this Agreement. After reasonable notice to Contractor, the County may review any of Contractor's internal records, reports or insurance policies.

## **7. Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the County and its elected officials, agents, representatives, volunteers and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, liens, fines, demands and costs, including attorney fees, of whatsoever kind and nature, such as, but not limited to, those resulting from injury or death to any persons, including Contractor's own employees, or from loss or damage to any property, including property owned or in the care, custody or control of the County, in connection with or in any way incident to or arising out of the occupancy, use, operations or performance or non-performance of services by Contractor or its agents, representatives and employees, or any subcontractor or its agents, representatives and employees, in connection with this Agreement. The obligations of Contractor under this Section shall survive any termination of this Agreement or completion of Contractor's performance under this Agreement.

## **8. Independent Contractor**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the parties agree that Contractor is an independent contractor; that Contractor and its employees shall in no way be deemed, nor hold themselves out to be, an employee, agent or joint venture partner of the County for any purpose, and shall not be entitled to any fringe benefits of the County, such as, but not limited to, health and accident insurance, life insurance, paid sick or vacation leave, or longevity pay; and that Contractor shall be responsible for withholding and payment of all applicable taxes, including, but not limited to, income, social security and unemployment taxes, to the proper federal, state and local governments, and maintaining the required workers' compensation insurance, in connection with services rendered by its employees pursuant to this Agreement, and agrees to protect, defend and indemnify the County against such liability.

## **9. Subcontracting**

Contractor shall provide all services covered by this Agreement and shall not subcontract, assign or delegate any of the services without written authorization from the County unless the intent to use subcontractors is clearly stated in the Contractor's Proposal with details provided on the names of the agencies and portion of work to be subcontracted.

Contractor assumes all risk, liability and supervisory responsibility for the actions and / or inactions and performance of all subcontractors used by Contractor in providing services under this Agreement. In choosing to use subcontractors, Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with, and perform services in manner consistent with, all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor shall also verify that subcontractors have insurance coverage that matches or exceeds the coverage detailed in Section 5 and make certain that subcontractors do not operate outside the required scope of work.

This Agreement is solely between County and Contractor and County shall have no relationships or obligations to any subcontractors used by Contractor in performing work under this Agreement.

**10. County Employees**

Contractor shall not hire any County employee to perform any of the services covered by this Agreement without written authorization from the County.

**11. Default**

In the event of default by Contractor, the County may procure the products or services from other sources and hold Contractor responsible for any excess costs incurred, in addition to all other available remedies.

**12. Endorsement Prohibition**

Contractor shall not use in any form or medium the name of the County, or supportive documentation or photographs of County projects, facilities, equipment or employees, for public advertising or promotional purposes unless authorized in writing by the County.

**13. Compliance with Laws**

Contractor shall observe and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations including, but not limited to OSHA/MIOSHA requirements, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act. Contractor agrees to protect, defend and indemnify the County against liability for loss, cost or damage resulting from actual or alleged violations of law by Contractor.

**14. Nondiscrimination**

Contractor shall adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations prohibiting discrimination. Contractor, as required by law, shall not discriminate against a person to be served or any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, height, weight, marital status, or any other factor legally prohibited by applicable law.

**15. Equal Opportunity Employer**

In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**16. Confidentiality**

Contractor acknowledges that during the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, it or its personnel may become aware of or receive confidential information relating to or kept by the County, and therefore Contractor agrees that all such information shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed without the written authorization of the County.

**17. Contractor Personnel**

Contractor's employees may be subject to an approved criminal background check prior to entering County property to perform work under this Agreement. Employees of Contractor must wear apparel or other means of identification while performing services under this Agreement.

**18. Amendment**

This Agreement shall not be modified, nor may compliance with any of its terms be waived, except by written instrument executed by a duly authorized representative from each party.

**19. Binding Effect**

This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Contractor and the County and their respective legal representatives, successors and authorized assigns.



**20. Waiver**

No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed waived and no breach excused, unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach of the other party, whether express or implied, shall not constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any different or subsequent breach.

**21. Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in one or more counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**22. Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall be considered to be deleted, and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Where the deletion of the invalid provision would result in the illegality and/or unenforceability of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be considered to have terminated as of the date on which the provision was declared invalid.

**23. Section Titles**

Section titles used in this Agreement are inserted for the convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded when construing or interpreting the provisions in this Agreement.

**24. Choice of Law and Forum**

This Agreement is governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Michigan. The parties agree that the proper forum and venue for litigation arising out of this Agreement is in Allegan County, Michigan.

**25. Royalties and Patents**

Contractor shall pay all royalties and license fees and shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any copyright or patent rights and shall hold and save the County and its officers, agents, servants and employees harmless from any and all loss and liability of any nature or kind whatsoever, including costs and expenses of defense, for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or unpatented invention, process, article or appliance manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by Contractor and/or Contractor's subcontractors and agents.

**26. Debarment or Suspension Status**

In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it is not suspended, debarred or ineligible from entering into contracts with the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, or in receipt of a notice of proposed debarment from any State agency or local public body.

**27. Conflicts of Interest**

In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has no interest which would conflict with its performance of services under this Agreement. If a possible conflict of interest arises, Contractor shall immediately inform County regarding same.

**28. Anti-Collusion Statement**

In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has not divulged to, discussed or compared its bid with other contractors and has not colluded with any other bidder, with the exception of qualified subcontractors, or parties to the bid. No premiums, rebates or gratuities to employees or officials of the County are permitted either with, prior to, or after delivery of any product(s) or service(s). Any such violation will result in the termination of this Agreement, the cancellation and/or return of any item(s), as applicable, and possible exclusion of Contractor from future bidding opportunities.

**29. Performance and Payment Bonds**

The following bonds or securities shall be secured by the Contractor upon full execution of this Agreement whenever the contract award exceeds \$50,000. These bonds or securities shall be included in this Agreement and become binding on the parties.

A. A performance bond satisfactory to the County, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to the County, in an amount equal to 100% of the price specified in this Agreement; and

B. A payment bond satisfactory to the County, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to the County, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the Contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in this Agreement. The bonds shall be an amount equal to 100% of the price specified in this Agreement.

**30. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement, including and incorporating the documents listed below, constitutes the entire Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the terms and conditions between these documents, the documents shall govern in following order:

1. This HSB Chiller System Replacement Services Agreement
2. Agreement and Scope of Work Clarifications
3. Attachment A – County’s Scope of Work issued with RFP on 5/7/2024
4. Attachment B – Cost Proposal Form completed and submitted with Contractor’s Proposal
5. Attachment C – Contractor’s Proposal received and opened by County on 5/31/2024

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, and no other negotiations, representations, understandings or agreements, written, oral, or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or any part thereof shall have any validity or bind the parties in any way.

The Parties hereby cause this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Contractor:	County:
Sign: _____	Sign: _____
Name: _____	Name: <u>Robert J. Sarro</u>
Title: _____	Title <u>Allegan County Administrator</u>
Date: _____	Date: _____

## **Agreement and Scope of Work Clarifications**

Contractor questions and the County's responses posted during the open bidding process as RFP Clarifications will be included here wherein they modify or clarify the terms of this Agreement or the scope of work outlined in the RFP.

Final decisions on quantities and any limits to the scope of work shall also be noted here once project costs have been evaluated by the County.

The County will discuss and negotiate any additional modifications or clarifications made after the proposal due date with the Contractor prior to incorporating them into this Agreement.

## **RFP Supplement A – Instructions to Contractors**

### **5. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Contractors interested in responding to this Request for Proposal (RFP) must follow the bidding process outlined below. The County will not reimburse firms for any expenses incurred in preparing and submitting proposals in response to this RFP. Copies of this RFP in Microsoft Word format are available upon request. Should prospective contractors require further information or clarification, contact the County’s Project Management Specialist at [projects@allegancounty.org](mailto:projects@allegancounty.org). All deadlines are Eastern Prevailing Time.

#### **5.1 Proposal and Contract Examination**

Before submitting a proposal, contractors should carefully examine the entire RFP packet. By the submission of a proposal, Contractor will be understood to have read and be fully informed as to the contents of this RFP packet and accepting of the terms and conditions herein, unless noted in the proposal submitted by the Contractor and affirmed in any final agreement by the County.

#### **5.2 Mandatory Site Visit - by Appointment.**

To qualify, interested contractors must make a site visit to verify their understanding of the facility, its equipment and its operational layout.

To schedule the site visit, contractors must contact the County by 5:00 p.m. on 05/14/2024 to schedule a site visit through:

Carl Chapman  
Director of Facilities Management  
(269) 673-0207  
[cchapman@allegancounty.org](mailto:cchapman@allegancounty.org)

Actual site visits shall be scheduled and carried out through 5:00 p.m. on 05/17/2024.

All questions asked during site visits for which answers aren’t clearly stated within these RFP documents will be recorded along with the County’s response and will be posted to the County’s Bidding Opportunities website per Section 5.4.

#### **5.3 Contractor Inquiries – due by 3:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024.**

Should Contractor find any discrepancies, omissions, ambiguities, or conflicts within the RFP packet, be in doubt about their meaning, or have any questions about the RFP process or the scope of work, they should bring such questions in writing to the attention of:

Patti Wartella – Project Management Specialist  
Allegan County – County Services Building  
3283 122nd Ave  
Allegan, MI 49010  
[projects@allegancounty.org](mailto:projects@allegancounty.org)

**5.4 County Response – posted by 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2024.**

The County will compile and review all questions received from contractors and post responses to the County website as an RFP Clarification. Clarifications modifying the Agreement or Scope of Work will be incorporated into the final Agreement. The County will not be responsible for any oral instructions.

**5.5 Proposal Submission – due by 3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2024.**

Contractors may either email a copy of their proposal with the subject line **RFP #1130-24 HSB Chiller Replacement Services** to [projects@allegancounty.org](mailto:projects@allegancounty.org)

OR

Contractors may mail or deliver a hardcopy proposal in an envelope marked **RFP #1130-24 HSB Chiller Replacement Services** to:

Patti Wartella – Project Management Specialist  
Allegan County Services Building  
3283 122nd Ave  
Allegan, MI 49010

It is the sole responsibility of contractor to ensure that the proposal reaches the County by the specified deadline.

The County will not be holding a public bid opening and unless required, will not release any bid tabulations until all proposals have been evaluated, scored and a contract has been awarded.

**5.6 Withdrawal of Proposals**

A written request for the withdrawal of a proposal or any part thereof will be granted if the request is received by the Project Management Specialist prior to the specified proposal due date and time. Proposals, amendments thereto, or requests for withdrawal of proposals received by the Project Management Specialist after the specified proposal due date and time will not be considered.

**5.7 Freedom of Information Act**

All information submitted by a Contractor in a proposal and any resulting contract is subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act and may not be held in confidence by the County after a proposal is opened or contract awarded. All proposals shall be available for review after County staff has evaluated them.

**6. CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE COST PROPOSAL**

**6.1 Discounts and Incentives**

The County will consider discounts and other pricing incentives in each individual proposal prior to determining the successful contractor.

**6.2 Quantities**

The quantities or usage specified on the Cost Proposal Form are estimated only unless otherwise stated. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the County as to the total amount that may be or may not be purchased through any resulting contracts.



These quantities are for Contractor's information only and will be used for bid tabulation and cost comparison. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities until contract is finalized.

### **6.3 Bidding on Equivalent Products**

If and wherever in the specifications a brand name, make, name of manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number is mentioned, it is the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only. Since the County does not wish to rule out other competition and equal brands or makes, the phrase or approved equal is added. However, if a product other than those specified is bid, it is the contractor's responsibility to name such a product within the bid, and to prove to the County that said product is equal to that specified and to submit brochures, samples, and/or other specification in detail on the item(s) bid. The County shall be the sole judge concerning the merits of bids submitted.

## **7. PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD**

In evaluating proposals and awarding contracts, the County will use the following process:

### **7.1 Proposal Evaluation**

Proposals will be evaluated and scored by an evaluation team using the criteria specified in RFP Supplement C – Proposal Evaluation Criteria. Compiled scores from all eligible proposals will form the basis for recommending a contract award.

### **7.2 Supplemental Information**

During the evaluation process, the County reserves the right to request additional information or clarifications from Contractor, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

### **7.3 Contractor Presentations, Product Demonstrations and Interviews**

At the discretion of the County, as part of the evaluation process, Contractor submitting proposal may be requested to make a presentation, conduct a product demonstration and/or be interviewed in person or remotely. Should this become necessary, the County will contact Contractor and expects them to be available at a location determined by the County within two weeks of notification. Contractor shall not receive payment from the County for costs that may be incurred through this step in the evaluation process.

### **7.4 Service and Parts**

Contractors must be prepared to submit evidence to the County, in addition to that required in the attached specifications that qualified personnel and adequate parts inventory are available to maintain all bid equipment in effective operation.

### **7.5 Contract Finalization**

Should any material changes to the Agreement, Scope of Work or Contractor's Proposal need to be clarified or negotiated, a revised agreement may be drafted and sent to Contractor for review and signature.

## **7.6 Contract Award**

Once finalized, an agreement will be processed for final approval and award by the necessary County authority. Upon award, Contractor will be contacted to plan and schedule work.

Notification of award will be posted to the County's website along with a bid tabulation. Notification letters will also be sent to each contractor that submitted a proposal.

## **7.7 Rejection of Proposals**

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to accept the proposal or any part thereof which it determines to best serve the needs of the County and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals. While cost is a factor in any contract award, it is not the only factor and may not be the determining factor.

## RFP Supplement B – Proposal Requirements

### **8. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### **8.1 General Instructions**

Before submitting a proposal, Contractor should carefully examine the entire RFP Packet and have a full understanding of the contents needed for a proposal. Submission of a response constitutes Contractor's understanding of the contents of this RFP.

Any erasures or corrections to this RFP packet or the Contractor's proposal must be initialed in ink by Contractor. The Agreement and Cost Proposal Tables in Attachment B must be typed into or filled out with pen and ink and be signed in longhand, in ink, by a principal authorized to make contracts.

#### **8.2 Proposal Organization and Length:**

Contractor's proposal and all supporting documentation should be organized and formatted to ensure the County receives only the most relevant information necessary to select a contractor.

In responding to proposal content requested in Section 9 below, please reference the number and the question before each response and respond in sequence of the questions asked.

### **9. PROPOSAL CONTENT**

#### **9.1 Company Information:**

- 9.1.1 State the legal name under which Contractor carries out business, the year the company was established and the approximate size of the company in terms of total employees and annual revenues.
- 9.1.2 Identify the location of the office from which work described here will be managed and the year that office was established if other than above.
- 9.1.3 Provide the contact information (name, title, telephone number and email) for Contractor representative submitting proposal.
- 9.1.4 Indicate whether any disciplinary action has been taken or is pending against Contractor by state regulatory bodies, professional organizations, or through legal action in the past five years. If no, so state. If yes, detail the circumstances and current status of such action.

#### **9.2 Company Experience:**

- 9.2.1 List three commercial clients in southwest Michigan for whom your firm has installed similar equipment. Name the firm, agency or organization for whom the work was performed, briefly describe the scope of work and provide the name and telephone number or email of the individual who may be contacted as a reference.

### **9.3 Equipment:**

- 9.3.1 Describe the outdoor chiller unit to be installed including manufacturer, model, etc. Include a spec sheet that clearly identifies the proposed product and any options to be included if more than one model is listed.
- 9.3.2 Note whether the base bid includes replacement of the piping between the chiller unit and the evaporator if recommended by your firm or whether your firm intends to re-use the existing piping and this cost is not included.
- 9.3.3 Include specification sheets for the other major components: Soft Start Switches, Remote Evaporator, and Chilled Water Storage Tank.
- 9.3.4 State any kind of manufacturer's warranty or guarantee offered on the equipment and key components.
- 9.3.5 The County has been having issues with the outdoor Chiller Unit itself and is confident that it needs replacement. However, the other major components of the system (Soft Start Switches, Remote Evaporator, and Chilled Water Storage Tank) and piping connections may still be in good condition and replacement may not be warranted. Based on your firm's evaluation of the system during the mandatory site visit, provide a recommendation on whether your firm feels the entire system needs to be replaced or whether only certain components are in need of replacement and the rest can be reused with the new Chiller Unit.

### **9.4 Delivery and Installation:**

- 9.4.1 Approximately how many days of on-site work are you anticipating it will take to complete the work?
- 9.4.2 State the current manufacturing lead time for the four major components if the units are not in stock.
- 9.4.3 Assuming an award notification around July 1, 2024, state when your firm would anticipate scheduling the replacement the HSB Chiller System.
- 9.4.4 Explain how you will position the new outdoor equipment and whether crane service will be needed or an alternate method is proposed.
- 9.4.5 Does your firm intend to use any subcontractors to assist with this project? If yes, name the subcontractor and describe the work to be performed.
- 9.4.6 Describe the standard labor warranty on the equipment being proposed including any limitations or exclusions.
- 9.4.7 Note any proposed variances from the County's scope of work.

### **9.5 Contract Agreement and Costs:**

- 9.5.1 Review and sign the HSB Chiller System Replacement Services Agreement containing the County's standard terms and conditions.
- 9.5.2 To ensure an accurate cost proposal, please contact Tony Savickas (616) 581-0880, the County's contact person at Grand Valley Automation (GVA) to discuss any equipment configurations, options or accessories that need to be

included with your firm's equipment quote to ensure a smooth integration with GVA's building automation system.

- 9.5.3 Complete the Cost Table in Attachment B. Please note, the County will take proposal recommendations into consideration and may not include and award the full replacement of the system.
- 9.5.4 Contractor may attach more detailed pricing information and additional items, services and costs for consideration.



## RFP Supplement C – Proposal Evaluation Criteria

County will review and evaluate Contractor’s proposal in accordance with the requirements of this RFP and score it using the matrix below. The decisions and opinions of the evaluation committee regarding proposal reviews are final and cannot be appealed.

References may be checked to verify accuracy and results from reference interviews or questionnaire responses may be scored and added to the evaluation at County’s discretion.

Contractor may be requested to make additional written submissions or presentations to County, the results of which may be added to the evaluation.

Proposals will be scored relative to other proposals using the following rating scale:

<b>0</b>	-3	-1	<b>5</b>	+1	+3	<b>10</b>
<b>Min. Score</b>	Per Major Concern	Per Minor Concern	<b>Initial Default Score</b>	Per Minor Benefit / Plus	Per Major Benefit / Plus	<b>Max. Score</b>

<b>Submission (failure to meet these requirements may be cause for bid rejection)</b>						
Bid proposal received on time				Yes / No		
Correct number of copies received				Yes / No		
Any legal action within the past 5 years				Yes / No		
Contract Agreement Acknowledged				Yes / No		
<b>Scope of Work (Attachment A)</b>		<b>Score (0-10)</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Max. Points</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
9.1	Company Information		x 1 =		10	
9.2	Company Experience		x 2 =		20	
9.3	Proposed Equipment		x 2 =		20	
9.4	Delivery and Installation		x 3 =		30	
	Proposal Quality and Completeness, Past Experience with Contractor		x 1 =		10	
					<b>90</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Cost Proposal (Attachment B)</b>						
Total estimated cost.					<b>360</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						
				<b>Total Points</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100%</b>