



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Purchasing
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To: All vendors on record having submitted bids for:

IFB 17-43, Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Alarm Testing & Maintenance

From: Purchasing Director

RE: Rejection of all bids received in response to Invitation for Bids (IFB) # IFB 17-43, Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Alarm Testing & Maintenance

The City of Somerville, acting through the Purchasing Department and in conjunction with the Department of Public Works (DPW) will not be executing a contract as a result of the Invitation for Bids (IFB) # 17-43, Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Alarm Testing & Maintenance.

Pursuant to section 1.5 of the Invitation for Bids, the City of Somerville has determined that it will reject all bids. Despite the addendum issued on December 15, 2016 to address questions from prospective bidders, upon opening the bids it was evident that bidders interpreted the IFB language in different ways that compromised the ability to review the bids on a level playing field. Due to the confusion over the requested pricing and rule for award, the Purchasing Department has decided to reject all bids and revise the bid package to improve clarity and competition.

The City of Somerville intends to revise the specifications and scope of work for Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Alarm Testing & Maintenance, and bid these two services separately. All eligible bidders are invited to submit responses to the "re-bid" of these services as soon as it is publicly advertised.

Please feel free to contact the Purchasing Department with any questions at 617-625-6600 ext. 3407, odeluca@somervillema.gov