

COMMUNITY RENEWAL TEAM, INC.



CONNECTICUT WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RFP #WXDOE-WAP/HVAC PY 2023, 2024 & 2025

Q1: *From the pricing sheet, the smoke detectors-- the hardwired ones-- are we installing new ones or just replacing existing ones with new ones?*

A1: The hardwired smoke detector category is for the installation of hardwired smoke detectors whether they are existing or new.

However, in a situation where the installation is not existing (new not a replacement) and electric wires need to be run to install a hard-wired smoke detector, the electrician hours to do that work would fall under the electrician line separate from the install of the actual hardwired smoke detector. The Pricing Sheet has been updated.

Q2: *The insulation measures, there are no RValues given or no amount of inches given, meaning it can be priced for the maximum? We would want to know exactly whether to do that or if we are going to be pricing by the RValue as there is a difference between adding 5 inches of cellulose and 15.*

A2: We are following HES-IE Protocol. We are requesting one quote for the installation of insulation of all R Values. Data about pre and post R value will be required as part of the payment process.

Q3: *Enclosed walls – it asks about a price for blown fiberglass dense packing, but it doesn't ask for one for cellulose – it does on the mobile home section but not on the regular housing stock section.*

A3: The Pricing Sheet has been updated to include cellulose as an option for both single family and manufactured homes.

Q4: *In the updated Addendum some of the items for instance like sub pump, windowsill replacement, sash glass and window replacement it says price per quote. But door replacement says per unit, which would be price for the replacement door. When it says per quote, each job is quoted differently - so when it says per quote – each job is quoted differently, and we don't know what we are quoting.*

A4: That's correct. For those items on the pricing sheet that say by quote, please indicate whether you would like to be assigned to do that category of work.

For line items that have "Per Quote" you would not be entering a price as it is per quote.

Q5: *More clarity on the pricing sheets, are we supposed to price each listed item? If n/a is listed in the total cost column what does that mean? Some of these things would be different at every job such as duct work, how do we price these things?*

A5: As noted during the meeting, an updated pricing sheet has been posted in the procurement portal and on the CRT website.

Q6: *If n/a means price is different at each job, how do we indicate that we will provide the service? Should we write something like "price per job"?*

A6: N/A means that that option is not applicable. For example no materials are needed, so the quote is for labor only. In areas where labor and materials say N/A, yes, the quote would be on a per job basis.

Q7: *Soil Gas Retarder is this just with six mill plastic? Should be done by a Radon Specialist?*

A7: This is a six-mil plastic and can be installed by a weatherization contractor following the SWS Specifications 2.0202.1, 2.0202.2, 2.0202.3, (3.0104.1). Please see DOE WAP Job-Aid 16-1.

Q8: *How do payments work?*

A8: Payment is 30 days once the work is completed – the whole project must be completed.

Q9: *The RFP mentions the Contractor Registration form, where is that?*

A9: We understand that you may not have a copy of your Contractor Registration form from the website, we have included an Excel version as part of the addendum that was posted on 3/15/2024 for WAP and 3/20/2024 for the HVAC RFP.

Q10: *The SWS lists a lot of things but there are measures that aren't typically done – is the intention that you just want to make sure that we have a line item in case it comes up?*

A10: Yes, because this is a multiyear contract we did try to anticipate things. We will be updating pricing annually for the Contract and follow the same process each year. Depending on program needs, additional RFPs will be issued to meet anticipated demand.

CLARIFICATION:

Median Pricing –
Addendum I

Question was originally addressed in Addendum I dated March 15, 2024

Q. I have read the instructions on pricing a few times now. It is my understanding that if we do not fall in the 5% of median pricing for a specific item that we cannot do that work even if awarded bid. Is this how it is meant to be?

- A. *No. For any contractor that proposed a price up to 5% higher than the identified median price, it will be at that Contractor's discretion to decide if they will accept a contract for the lower median price – for that item.*

To clarify: If your pricing is more than 5% above the median price, you will not be offered a contract to do that measure. Only bidders within 5% of the median price would be offered a contract to do that measure at the median price.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Previous addendums for the HVAC RFP only included the Updated Pricing Sheet, there was not one that included the Contractor Registration Form but that has since been posted to both the CRT website and the State Bid Board.