TOWN OF CHESHIRE
CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
DOOR ACCESS CONTROL COMPONENTS INSTALLATION

February 15, 2019

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #1819-15
LEGAL NOTICE

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The Town of Cheshire will receive sealed proposals for DOOR ACCESS CONTROL COMPONENTS INSTALLATION until March 22, 2019 at 2:00 PM. At that time proposals will be opened in public and read aloud.

The documents comprising this Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Town’s website at www.cheshirect.org under “Bids and Requests for Proposals”.

The Town of Cheshire reserves the rights to amend or terminate this Request for Proposals, accept all or any part of a proposal, reject all proposals, waive any informalities or non-material deficiencies in a proposal, and award the proposal to the proposer that, in the Town’s judgment, will be in the Town’s best interests.
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Proposal Number: RFP #1819-15
Proposal Opening Date: March 22, 2019
Proposal Opening Time: 2:00 PM
Proposal Opening Place: Town of Cheshire, Town Hall Room 207
Mandatory Site Visit/Walk-Through: March 6, 2019

The Town of Cheshire is seeking proposals for the DOOR ACCESS CONTROL COMPONENTS INSTALLATION as detailed in the “Specifications” section.

One (1) original hard copy and two (2) electronic copies (USB Thumb drive preferred) of all proposal documents must be received at the Town of Cheshire, Office of The Town Manager, Cheshire Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410 by the date and time noted above. The Town of Cheshire (the “Town”) will not accept submissions by e-mail or fax. The Town will reject proposals received after the date and time noted above.

The documents comprising this Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Town’s website under “Bids and Requests for Proposals (RFPs)”, at http://www.cheshirect.org/bids-and-rfps/ Each proposer is responsible for checking the Town’s website to determine if the town has issued any addenda and, if so, to complete its proposal in accordance with the Request for Proposals as modified by the addenda.

Proposals must be held firm and cannot be withdrawn for sixty (60) calendar days after the opening date.

The Town reserves the rights to amend or terminate this Request for Proposal, accept all or any part of a proposal, reject all proposals, waive any informalities or non-material deficiencies in a proposal, and award the proposal to the proposer who, in the Town’s judgment, will be in the Town’s best interests.

This Request for Proposals includes:
- Standard Instructions to Proposers
- Specifications
- Insurance Requirements
- Proposal Form
- Proposer’s Legal Status Disclosure
- Proposer’s Certification Concerning Equal Employment Opportunities and Affirmative Action Policy
- Proposer’s Non Collusion Affidavit
- Proposer’s Statement of References
- Addenda, if any
- The Contract in the form attached
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STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Town of Cheshire (the “Town”) is soliciting proposals for a DOOR ACCESS CONTROL COMPONENTS INSTALLATION as detailed in the Specifications section. This Request for Proposal is not a contract offer, and no contract will exist unless and until a written contract is signed by the Town and the successful proposer.

Interested parties should submit a proposal in accordance with the requirements and directions contained in this Request for Proposals. **Proposers are prohibited from contacting any Town or Town employee, officer or official concerning this Request for Proposals, except as set forth in Section 6, below. A proposer’s failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification.**

If there are any conflicts between the provisions of these Standard Instructions to Proposers and any other documents comprising this Request for Proposals, these Standard Instructions to Proposers shall prevail.

2. RIGHT TO AMEND OR TERMINATE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OR CONTRACT

The Town may, before or after proposal opening and in its sole discretion, clarify, modify, amend or terminate this Request for Proposals if the Town determine it is in the Town’s best interest. Any such action shall be affected by a posting on the Town’s website under “Bids and Requests for Proposals (RFPs)”, at www.cheshirect.org. **Each proposer is responsible for checking the Town’s website to determine if the Town has issued any addenda and, if so, to complete its proposal in accordance with the Request for Proposals as modified by the addenda.**

If this Request for Proposal provides for a multi-year agreement, the Town also reserves the right to terminate the Contract at the end of the last fiscal year for which funds have been appropriated, and the Town shall have no obligation or liability to the successful proposer for any unfunded year or years.

3. KEY DATES

| Mandatory site visit/walk-through: | March 6, 2019 |
| Proposal Opening: | March 22, 2019 |
| Preliminary Notice of Award: | March 29, 2019 |
| Contract Execution: | April 5, 2019 |

The Preliminary Notice of Award and Contract Execution dates are anticipated, not certain.
4. **OBTAINING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

All documents that are a part of this proposal may be obtained from the Cheshire website under “Bids and Requests for Proposals (RFPs)”, at [www.cheshirect.org](http://www.cheshirect.org).

5. **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

One (1) original hard copy and two (2) electronic copies of all proposal documents must be submitted in sealed, opaque envelopes clearly labeled with the proposer’s name, the proposer’s address, the words "PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS," and the Proposal Title, Proposal Number and Proposal Opening Date. The Town may decline to accept proposals submitted in unmarked envelopes that the Town opens in its normal course of business. The Town may, but shall not be required to, return such proposal documents and inform the proposer that the proposal documents may be resubmitted in a sealed envelope properly marked as described above. All proposers must provide electronic copies (USB Thumb drive preferred) of their proposals along with the proposal documents.

All proposal documents must be submitted in sealed, opaque envelopes clearly labeled with the proposer’s name, the proposer’s address, the words "PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS," and the Proposal Title, Proposal Number and Proposal Opening Date. The Town may decline to accept proposals submitted in unmarked envelopes that the Town open in its normal course of business. The Town may, but shall not be required to, return such proposal documents and inform the proposer that the proposal documents may be resubmitted in a sealed envelope properly marked as described above.

Proposal prices must be submitted on the Proposal Form included in this Request for Proposals. All blank spaces for proposal prices must be completed in ink or be typewritten; proposal prices must be stated in both words and figures. The person signing the Proposal Form must initial any errors, alterations or corrections on that form. Ditto marks or words such as “SAME” shall not be used in the Proposal Form.

Proposals may be withdrawn personally or in writing provided that the Town receive the withdrawal prior to the time and date the proposals are scheduled to be opened. Proposals are considered valid, and may not be withdrawn, cancelled or modified, for sixty (60) days after the opening date, to give the Town sufficient time to review the proposals, investigate the proposers’ qualifications, secure any required municipal approvals, and execute a binding contract with the successful proposer.

An authorized person representing the legal entity of the proposer must sign the Proposal Form and all other forms included in this Request for Proposals.

6. **QUESTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

Questions concerning the process, procedures or specifications applicable this Request for Proposal are to be submitted by e-mail and directed **only to:**

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Questions concerning specifications or technical issues applicable this Request for Proposal are to be submitted by e-mail and directed **only to:**

Name: Anthony R. Verrill  
Department: Office of Information Technology  
E-mail: averrill@apextechgroup.com  
Fax: 401-277-1011

**Proposers are prohibited from contacting any other Town or Town employee, officer or official concerning this Request for Proposals.** A proposer’s failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification.

The appropriate Town representative listed above must receive any questions from proposers no later than seven (7) business days before the proposal opening date. That representative will confirm receipt of a proposer’s questions by e-mail. The Town will answer all written questions by issuing one or more addenda, which shall be a part of this Request for Proposals and the resulting Contract, containing all questions received as provided for above and decisions regarding same.

At least four (4) calendar days prior to proposal opening, the Town will post any addenda on the website. **Each proposer is responsible for checking the website to determine if the Town have issued any addenda and, if so, to complete its proposal in accordance with the Request for Proposals as modified by the addenda.**

No oral statement of the Town, including oral statements by the Town representatives listed above, shall be effective to waive, change or otherwise modify any of the provisions of this Request for Proposals, and no proposer shall rely on any alleged oral statement.

**7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Town reserves the right, either before or after the opening of proposals, to ask any proposer to clarify its proposal or to submit additional information that the Town in its sole discretion deems desirable.

**8. COSTS FOR PREPARING PROPOSAL**

Each proposer’s costs incurred in developing its proposal are its sole responsibility, and the Town shall have no liability for such costs.

**9. OWNERSHIP OF PROPOSALS**

All proposals submitted become the Town’s property and will not be returned to proposers.

**10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

All information submitted in a proposal or in response to a request for additional information is subject to disclosure under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act as amended and judicially interpreted. A proposer’s responses may contain financial, trade secret or other data that it claims should not be public (the “Confidential Information”). A proposer must identify specifically the
pages and portions of its proposal or additional information that contain the claimed Confidential Information by visibly marking all such pages and portions. Provided that the proposer cooperates with the Town as described in this section, the Town shall, to the extent permitted by law, protect from unauthorized disclosure such Confidential Information.

If the Town receives a request for a proposer’s Confidential Information, it will promptly notify the proposer in writing of such request and provide the proposer with a copy of any written disclosure request. The proposer may provide written consent to the disclosure, or may object to the disclosure by notifying the Town in writing to withhold disclosure of the information, identifying in the notice the basis for its objection, including the statutory exemption(s) from disclosure. The proposer shall be responsible for defending any complaint brought in connection with the nondisclosure, including but not only appearing before the Freedom of Information Commission, and providing witnesses and documents as appropriate.

11. **REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

In its Proposal Form each proposer must disclose, if applicable:

- Its inability or unwillingness to meet any requirement of this Request for Proposals, including but not only any of the Contract Terms contained in Section 27, below;

- If it is listed on the State of Connecticut’s Debarment List;

- If it is ineligible, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-57b, to be awarded the Contract because of occupational safety and health law violations;

- All resolved and pending arbitrations and litigation matters in which the proposer or any of its principals (regardless of place of employment) has been involved within the last ten (10) years;

- All criminal proceedings in which the proposer or any of its principals (regardless of place of employment) has ever been the subject; and

- Each instance in which it or any of its principals (regardless of place of employment) has ever been found to have violated any state or local ethics law, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or standard, or to have committed any other offense arising out of the submission of proposals or bids or the performance of work on public works projects or contracts.

A proposer’s acceptability based on these disclosures lies solely in the Town’s discretion.

12. **REFERENCES**

Each proposer must complete and submit the Proposer’s Statement of References form included in this Request for Proposals.
13. **LEGAL STATUS**

If a proposer is a corporation, limited liability Company, or other business entity that is required to register with the Connecticut Secretary of the State’s Office, it must have a current registration on file with that office. The Town may, in its sole discretion, request acceptable evidence of any proposer’s legal status.

14. **PROPOSAL SECURITY**

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check of the proposer or a proposal bond with a surety acceptable to the Town in an amount equal to at least **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the proposal amount. The proposal bond shall be written by a company or companies licensed to issue bonds in the State of Connecticut, which company or companies shall have at least an “A-” VIII policyholders rating as reported in the latest edition of Best Publication’s Key Rating Guide. The successful proposer, upon its refusal or failure to execute and deliver the Contract, certificate(s) of insurance, W-9 form, performance security or other documents required by this Request for Proposals within **ten (10) business days** of written notification of preliminary award, unless the Town otherwise agrees in writing, shall forfeit to the Town, as liquidated damages for such failure or refusal, the security submitted with its proposal.

Upon the successful proposer’s execution of the Contract in the form enclosed with this Request for Proposals, the Town shall return the proposal security to the successful proposer and to all other proposers.

15. **PRESUMPTION OF PROPOSER’S FULL KNOWLEDGE**

Each proposer is responsible for having read and understood each document in this Request for Proposals and any addenda issued by the Town. A proposer’s failure to have reviewed all information that is part of or applicable to this Request for Proposals, including but not only any addenda posted on the School’s website, shall in no way relieve it from any aspect of its proposal or the obligations related thereto.

Each proposer is deemed to be familiar with and is required to comply with all federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, codes and orders that in any manner relate to this Request for Proposals or the performance of the work described herein.

By submitting a proposal, each proposer represents that it has thoroughly examined and become familiar with the scope of work outlined in this Request for Proposals, and it is capable of performing the work to achieve the Town’s objectives. If applicable, each proposer shall visit the site, examine the areas and thoroughly familiarize itself with all conditions of the property before preparing its proposal.
16. **NO SUBSTITUTION FOR NAME BRANDS**

No substitutions from the requirements in the specifications will be allowed.

17. **TAX EXEMPTIONS**

The Town are exempt from state sales and use tax per Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-412. Proposers shall avail themselves of this exemption.

18. **INSURANCE**

The successful proposer shall, at its own expense and cost, obtain and keep in force at least the insurance listed in the Insurance Requirements that are a part of this Request for Proposals. The Town reserves the right to request from the successful proposer a complete, certified copy of any required insurance policy.

19. **PERFORMANCE SECURITY**

Not Applicable.

20. **DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

Equipment is to be delivered and installed at each location detailed in the Specification Section. If necessary and more efficient, the selected the proposer can make arrangements to have all the equipment delivered and temporarily stored at the following location. The selected proposer will be responsible to move the equipment to each town location for installation.

21. **AWARD CRITERIA; SELECTION; CONTRACT EXECUTION**

All proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud as received on the date, at the time, and at the place identified in this Request for Proposals. Proposers may be present at the opening.

The Town reserves the right to correct, after proposer verification, any mistake in a proposal that is a clerical error, such as a price extension, decimal point error or FOB terms. If an error exists in an extension of prices, the unit price shall prevail. In the event of a discrepancy between the price quoted in words and in figures, the words shall control.

The Town reserve the rights to accept all or any part of a proposal, reject all proposals, and waive any informalities or non-material deficiencies in a proposal. The Town also reserve the right, if applicable, to award the purchase of individual items under this Request for Proposals to any combination of separate proposals or proposers.

The Town will accept the proposal that, all things considered, the Town determines is in its best interests. Although price will be an important factor in most Invitation to Proposals, it will not be the only basis for award. Due consideration may also be given to the overall solution proposed, technical specifications and merits of the proposed solution, a proposer’s experience, references, service, ability to respond promptly to requests, past performance, and other criteria relevant to the Town’s interests, including compliance with the procedural requirements stated in this Request for Proposals.
The Town will not award the proposal to any business or person who is in arrears or in default to the Town with regard to any tax, debt, contract, security or any other obligation.

If the lowest proposer meets all specifications, is responsive, and, if applicable, qualified, but the proposal is not acceptable to the Town Manager or, if applicable, the Town of Cheshire, the matter must be referred to the Town Counsel for its decision on whether to reject all proposals, to accept a higher proposal, or to take such other action as may be in the Town’s best interests.

The Town will select the proposal that it deems to be in the Town’s best interest and issue a Preliminary Notice of Award to the successful proposer. The award may be subject to further discussions with the proposer. **The making of a preliminary award to a proposer does not provide the proposer with any rights and does not impose upon the Town any obligations. The Town are free to withdraw a preliminary award at any time and for any reason. A proposer has rights, and the Town have obligations, only if and when a Contract is executed by the Town and the proposer.**

If the proposer does not execute the Contract within ten (10) business days of the date of the Preliminary Notice of Award, unless extended by the Town, the Town may call any proposal security provided by the proposer and may enter into discussions with another proposer.

The **Preliminary Notice of Award** and **Contract Execution** dates in Section 3’s **Key Dates** are anticipated, not certain, dates.

22. **CONSTRUCTION PERIOD**

Not Applicable.

23. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

Each proposer must submit a completed Proposer’s Certification Concerning Equal Employment Opportunities and Affirmative Action Policy form included with this Request for Proposals. Propositions with fewer than ten (10) employees should indicate that fact on the form and return the form with their proposals.

24. **NONRESIDENT REAL PROPERTY CONTRACTORS**

Not Applicable.

25. **COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION LAWS**

By submitting a proposal, each proposer confirms that it has complied, and during the term of the Contract will comply, with the Immigration Reform and Control Act (“IRCA”) and that each person it provides under the Contract will at all times be authorized for employment in the United States of America. Each proposer confirms that it has a properly completed Employment Eligibility Verification, Form I-9, for each person who will be assigned under the Contract and that it will require each subcontractor, if any, to confirm that it has a properly completed Form I-9 for each person who will be assigned under the Contract.

The successful proposer shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Town, its employees, officers, officials, agents, volunteers and independent contractors, including any of the foregoing
sued as individuals (collectively, the “Town Indemnified Parties”), against any and all proceedings, suits, actions, claims, damages, injuries, awards, judgments, losses or expenses, including fines, penalties, punitive damages, attorney’s fees and costs, brought or assessed against, or incurred by, the Town Indemnified Parties related to or arising from the obligations under IRCA imposed upon the successful proposer or its subcontractor. The successful proposer shall also be required to pay any and all attorney’s fees and costs incurred by the Town Indemnified Parties in enforcing any of the successful proposer’s obligations under this provision, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is commenced, which obligations shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract.

NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Each proposer shall submit a completed Proposer’s Non Collusion Affidavit that is part of this Request for Proposals.

26. CONTRACT TERMS

The following provisions will be mandatory terms of the Town’s Contract with the successful proposer. If a proposer is unwilling or unable to meet any of these Contract Terms, the proposer must disclose that inability or unwillingness in its Proposal Form (see Section 11 of these Standard Instructions to Proposers):

a. DEFENSE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The successful proposer agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Town, its employees, officers, officials, agents, volunteers and independent contractors, including any of the foregoing sued as individuals (collectively, the “Town Indemnified Parties”), from and against all proceedings, suits, actions, claims, damages, injuries, awards, judgments, losses or expenses, including attorney’s fees, arising out of or relating, directly or indirectly, to the successful proposer’s malfeasance, misconduct, negligence or failure to meet its obligations under the Request for Proposals or the Contract. The successful proposer’s obligations under this section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of the successful proposer’s insurance. Nothing in this section shall obligate the successful proposer to indemnify the Town Indemnified Parties against liability for damage arising out of bodily injury to persons or damage to property caused by or resulting from the negligence of the Town Indemnified Parties.

In any and all claims against the Town Indemnified Parties made or brought by any employee of the successful proposer, or anyone directly or indirectly employed or contracted with by the successful proposer, or anyone for whose acts or omissions the successful proposer is or may be liable, the successful proposer’s obligations under this section shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by the successful proposer under workers’ compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefits acts.

The successful proposer shall also be required to pay any and all attorney’s fees incurred by the Town Indemnified Parties in enforcing any of the successful proposer’s obligations under this section, which obligations shall survive the termination or expiration of this Request for Proposals and the Contract.
As a municipal agency of the State of Connecticut, the Town will NOT defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the successful proposer.

b. ADVERTISING

The successful proposer shall not name the Town in its advertising, news releases, or promotional efforts without the School’s prior written approval.

If it chooses, the successful proposer may list the Town in a Statement of References or similar document required as part of its response to a public procurement. The Town’s permission to the successful proposer to do so is not a statement about the quality of the successful proposer’s work or the Town’s endorsement of the successful proposer.

c. W-9 FORM

The successful proposer must provide the Town with a completed W-9 form before Contract execution.

d. PAYMENTS

Proposers are encouraged to offer discounts for early payment. All other payments are to be made 30 days after the appropriate Town employee receives and approves the invoice, unless otherwise specified in the Specifications.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 49-41a(a) requires that, for construction contracts exceeding $100,000, the contractor (1) promptly pay its subcontractors or suppliers within 30 days of receipt of payment from the owner, and (2) include in its subcontracts a requirement that the subcontractor promptly pay its sub-subcontractors and suppliers within 30 days of receipt of payment from the general contractor. Further, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 49-41a(b) requires that, for such contracts, each payment requisition be accompanied by “a statement showing the status of all pending construction change orders, other pending change directives and approved changes to the original contract or subcontract.” The statement “shall identify the pending construction change orders and other pending change directives, and shall include the date such change orders and directives were initiated, the costs associated with their performance and a description of any work completed.”

“In each of its contracts with subcontractors or materials suppliers, the successful proposer shall agree to pay any amounts due for labor performed or materials furnished not later than thirty (30) days after the date the successful proposer receives payment from the Town that encompasses the labor performed or materials furnished by such subcontractor or material supplier. The successful proposer shall also require in each of its contracts with subcontractors that such subcontractor shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of payment from the successful proposer, pay any amounts due any sub-subcontractor or material supplier, whether for labor performed or materials furnished.

Each payment application or invoice shall be accompanied by a statement showing the status of all pending change orders, pending change directives and approved changes to the Contract. Such statement shall identify the pending change orders and pending change directives, and shall include the date such change orders and change directives were initiated, additional cost and/or time associated with their performance and a description of any work completed. The successful
proposer shall require each of its subcontractors and suppliers to include a similar statement with each of their payment applications or invoices”.

e. **TOWN INSPECTION OF WORK**

The Town may inspect the successful proposer’s work at all reasonable times. This right of inspection is solely for the School’s benefit and does not transfer to the Town the responsibility for discovering patent or latent defects. The successful proposer has the sole and exclusive responsibility for performing in accordance with the Contract.

f. **REJECTED WORK OR MATERIALS**

The successful proposer, at its sole cost and expense, shall remove from the School’s property rejected items, commodities and/or work within 48 hours of the School’s notice of rejection. Immediate removal may be required when safety or health issues are present.

g. **MAINTENANCE AND AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

The successful proposer shall maintain all records related to the work described in the Request for Proposals for a period of five (5) years after final payment under the Contract or until all pending Town, state and federal audits are completed, whichever is later. Such records shall be available for examination and audit by Town, state and federal representatives during that time.

h. **SUBCONTRACTING**

Prior to entering into any subcontract agreement(s) for the work described in the Contract, the successful proposer shall provide the Town with written notice of the identity (full legal name, street address, mailing address (if different from street address), and telephone number) of each proposed subcontractor. The Town shall have the right to object to any proposed subcontractor by providing the successful proposer with written notice thereof within seven (7) business days of receipt of all required information about the proposed subcontractor. If the Town objects to a proposed subcontractor, the successful proposer shall not use that subcontractor for any portion of the work described in the Contract.

All permitted subcontracting shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as are applicable to the successful proposer. The successful proposer shall remain fully and solely liable and responsible to the Town for performance of the work described in the Contract. The successful proposer also agrees to promptly pay each of its subcontractors within thirty (30) days of receipt of payment from the Town or otherwise in accordance with law. The successful proposer shall assure compliance with all requirements of the Contract. The successful proposer shall also be fully and solely responsible to the Town for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons employed, whether directly or indirectly, by its subcontractor(s).

i. **PREVAILING WAGES**

Prevailing wages are set by the State Department of Labor for specific projects and generally correspond with the union wage scale as per Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-53. The threshold for new construction of any Public Works project is $400,000. This project value will not exceed that total, therefore, no prevailing wages will be required.
j. **PREFERENCES**

The successful proposer shall comply with the requirements of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-52(b), as amended. Specifically, the successful proposer agrees that in the employment of labor to perform the work under the Contract, preference shall be given to citizens of the United States who are, and have been continuously for at least three (3) months prior to the date of the Contract, residents of the labor market area (as established by the State of Connecticut Labor Commissioner) in which such work is to be done, and if no such qualified person is available, then to citizens who have continuously resided in New Haven County for at least three (3) months prior to the date hereof, and then to citizens of the State who have continuously resided in the State at least three (3) months prior to the date of the Contract.

k. **WORKERS COMPENSATION**

Prior to Contract execution, the Town will require the tentative successful proposer to provide a current statement from the State Treasurer that, to the best of her knowledge and belief, as of the date of the statement, the tentative successful proposer was not liable to the State for any workers’ compensation payments made pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-355.

l. **SAFETY**

This item is not applicable to this Request for Proposal.

m. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The successful proposer shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, codes and orders of the United States, the State of Connecticut and the Town related to its proposal and the performance of the work described in the Contract.

n. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

The successful proposer certifies that, throughout the Contract term, it shall have and provide proof of all approvals, permits and licenses required by the Town and/or any state or federal authority. The successful proposer shall immediately and in writing notify the Town of the loss or suspension of any such approval, permit or license.

o. **AMENDMENTS**

The Contract may not be altered or amended except by the written agreement of both parties.

p. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties, and that the parties are not, and shall not be, bound by any stipulations, representations, agreements or promises, oral or otherwise, not printed or inserted in the Contract or its attached exhibits.
q. **VALIDITY**

The invalidity of one or more of the phrases, sentences or clauses contained in the Contract shall not affect the remaining portions so long as the material purposes of the Contract can be determined and effectuated.

r. **CONNECTICUT LAW AND COURTS**

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws (as opposed to the conflicts of law provisions) of the State of Connecticut, and the parties irrevocably submit in any suit, action or proceeding arising out of the Contract to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut or of any court of the State of Connecticut, as applicable.

s. **NON-EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP**

The Town and the successful proposer are independent parties. Nothing contained in the Contract shall create, or be construed or deemed as creating, the relationships of principal and agent, partnership, joint venture, employer and employee, and/or any relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of carrying out the terms and conditions of the Contract. The successful proposer understands and agrees that it is not entitled to employee benefits, including but not limited to workers compensation and employment insurance coverage, and disability. The successful proposer shall be solely responsible for any applicable taxes.

**END OF STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**
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SPECIFICATIONS

General Overview
The Town of Cheshire has issued this Request for Proposals in order to upgrade the outdated existing door access control systems and related hardware in use across all town buildings. The town has selected the Kantech Enterprise platform - EntraPass Security Software, which has already been installed and is operating. The successful bidder need not provide application installation, or hardware and storage required to run the system.

The Town is seeking proposals for installation of door access controllers, cabling and other requirements to connect all building access with the installed Kantech Enterprise platform. This project may need to be phased for completion based on selected priorities which will be established in conjunction with the recommendation of the selected proposer.

Scope of Project
The Door Access Control component installation will have an estimated total of 43 doors requiring installation across the Town including the following locations:

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A spreadsheet with a complete list of doors all will be provided to the vendor at the mandatory walk-through on March 6, 2019 so each vendor can detail the required components at each location.

Requirements
Provide labor and materials to door access control components including:

- All required cabling.
- All required hardware.
- All required sensors.
- All required Biometrics readers.
- All required controllers.
- Integrate with existing or provide installation of electric strikes, handicap door switches and automatic doors.
• All required licenses.

Additional

Each vendor submitting a proposal must have a minimum of two (2) licensed, full-time non-subcontracted Kantech certified engineers on staff. Vendors must supply the names and certification documents of all engineers and personnel who will work on this project.
IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS:

- Proposals for DOOR ACCESS CONTROL COMPONENTS INSTALLATION must include an addendum with unit pricing for all components that may need to be purchased in varying quantities.

- Proposals for DOOR ACCESS CONTROL COMPONENTS INSTALLATION must include project references for prior installation of similar size and scope.

- Proposals which require a monthly cost for services must provide an addendum detailing the components and price per component of the monthly costs.

- While the Town desires to replace the systems currently in use at this time, it reserves the right to award this proposal to upgrade the systems in select locations or a portion of the locations noted above with a mix of the component equipment included in the RFP.

- Proposed solutions will be carefully reviewed and subject to approval by the IT Department of the Town and its designated representatives in the sole discretion of the Town. Proposers may be required to provide additional technical and information as part of the review process and must be willing to allow for product testing for network compatibility, if necessary, prior to contract execution.

END OF SPECIFICATIONS
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The successful proposer agrees to maintain in force at all times during the Contract the following coverages placed with company(ies) licensed by the State of Connecticut which have at least an “A-” VIII policyholders rating according to Best Publication’s latest edition Key Rating Guide.

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If any policy is written on a “Claims Made” basis, the policy must be continually renewed for a minimum of two (2) years from the completion date of the Contract. If the policy is replaced and/or the retroactive date is changed, then the expiring policy must be endorsed to extend the reporting period for claims for the policy in effect during the Contract for two (2) years from the completion date.

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Original, completed Certificates of Insurance must be presented to the Town prior to Contract execution. The successful proposer agrees to provide replacement/renewal certificates at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the policy. Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date, written notice must be given to the Town thirty (30) days prior to cancellation.

END OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
PROPOSER’S FULL LEGAL NAME: _______________________________________________

Pursuant to and in full compliance with the Request for Proposals, the undersigned proposer, having visited the site or property if applicable, and having thoroughly examined each and every document comprising the Request for Proposals, including any addenda, hereby offers and agrees as follows:

Requirement – Installation of Door Access Control requirements as outlined above.
To provide the products and/or services specified in, and upon the terms and conditions of, the Request for Proposals for the total sum of ________________________________
____ /100 Dollars (write out in words) ($__________________).

The term of the monthly cost if applicable is ________________ months.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In submitting this Proposal Form, the undersigned proposer acknowledges that the price(s) include all labor, materials, transportation, hauling, overhead, fees and insurances, bonds or letters of credit, profit, security, permits and licenses, and all other costs to cover the completed work called for in the Request for Proposals. Except as otherwise expressly stated in the Request for Proposals, no additional payment of any kind will be made for work accomplished under the price(s) as proposed.

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

1. Exceptions to the Request for Proposals

_____ This proposal does not take exception to any requirement of the Request for Proposals, including but not only any of the Contract Terms set forth in Section 26 of the Standard Instructions to Proposers.

OR

_____ This proposal takes exception(s) to certain of the Request for Proposals requirements, including but not only the following Contract Terms set forth in Section 27 of the Standard Instructions to Proposers. Attached is a sheet fully describing each such exception.
2. **State Debarment List**

Is the proposer on the State of Connecticut’s Debarment List?

    ____ Yes
    ____ No

3. **Occupational Safety and Health Law Violations**

Has the proposer or any firm, corporation, partnership or association in which it has an interest (1) been cited for three (3) or more willful or serious violations of any occupational safety and health act or of any standard, order or regulation promulgated pursuant to such act, during the three-year period preceding the proposal (provided such violations were cited in accordance with the provisions of any state occupational safety and health act or the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and not abated within the time fixed by the citation and such citation has not been set aside following appeal to the appropriate agency or court having jurisdiction) or (2) received one or more criminal convictions related to the injury or death of any employee in the three-year period preceding the proposal?

    ____ Yes
    ____ No

If “yes,” attach a sheet fully describing each such matter.

4. **Arbitration/Litigation**

Has either the proposer or any of its principals (regardless of place of employment) been involved for the most recent ten (10) years in any resolved or pending arbitration or litigation?

    ____ Yes
    ____ No

If “yes,” attach a sheet fully describing each such matter.

5. **Criminal Proceedings**

Has the proposer or any of its principals (regardless of place of employment) ever been the subject of any criminal proceedings?

    ____ Yes
    ____ No

If “yes,” attach a sheet fully describing each such matter.

6. **Ethics and Offenses in Public Projects or Contracts**
Has either the proposer or any of its principals (regardless of place of employment) ever been found to have violated any state or local ethics law, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or standard, or to have committed any other offense arising out of the submission of a proposal or proposals or the performance of work on public works projects or contracts?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “yes,” attach a sheet fully describing each such matter.

PROPOSAL SECURITY

I/we have included herein the required certified check or bid bond in the amount of 10% of the proposal amount.

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT, IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED A VALID PROPOSAL, MUST BE SIGNED BY A PRINCIPAL OFFICER OR OWNER OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL. SUCH SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES THE PROPOSER’S REPRESENTATIONS THAT IT HAS READ, UNDERSTOOD AND FULLY ACCEPTED EACH AND EVERY PROVISION OF EACH DOCUMENT COMPROMISING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

BY __________________________ TITLE: ________________________________
(PRINT NAME)

____________________________ DATE: ________________________________
(SIGNATURE)

END OF PROPOSAL FORM
TOWN OF CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
DOOR ACCESS CONTROL COMPONENTS INSTALLATION
RFP #1819-15
PROPOSER’S LEGAL STATUS DISCLOSURE

Please fully complete the applicable section below, attaching a separate sheet if you need additional space.

For purposes of this disclosure, “permanent place of business” means an office continuously maintained, occupied and used by the proposer’s regular employees regularly in attendance to carry on the proposer’s business in the proposer’s own name. An office maintained, occupied and used by a proposer only for the duration of a contract will not be considered a permanent place of business. An office maintained, occupied and used by a person affiliated with a proposer will not be considered a permanent place of business of the proposer.

IF A SOLELY OWNED BUSINESS:

Proposer’s Full Legal Name

Street Address

Mailing Address (if different from Street Address)

Owner’s Full Legal Name

Number of years engaged in business under sole proprietor or trade name

Does the proposer have a “permanent place of business” in Connecticut, as defined above?

_______ Yes _______ No

If yes, please state the full street address (not a post office box) of that “permanent place of business.”

__________________________________________________________________________________________

IF A CORPORATION:

Proposer’s Full Legal Name

Street Address

Mailing Address (if different from Street Address)

Owner’s Full Legal Name

Number of years engaged in business

Names of Current Officers

President Secretary Chief Financial Officer
Does the proposer have a “permanent place of business” in Connecticut, as defined above?

________ Yes  ________ No

If yes, please state the full street address (not a post office box) of that “permanent place of business.”

________________________________________________________

IF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:

Proposer’s Full Legal Name

Street Address

Mailing Address (if different from Street Address)

Owner’s Full Legal Name

Number of years engaged in business

Names of Current Manager(s) and Member(s)

Name & Title (if any)  Residential Address (street only)

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Does the proposer have a “permanent place of business” in Connecticut, as defined above?

________ Yes  ________ No

If yes, please state the full street address (not a post office box) of that “permanent place of business.”

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IF A PARTNERSHIP:

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Name & Title (if any) | Residential Address (street only)
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TOWN OF CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT
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RFP #1819-15

PROPOSER’S CERTIFICATION
Concerning Equal Employment Opportunities
And Affirmative Action Policy

I/we, the proposer, certify that:

1) I/we are in compliance with the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Connecticut state law (Executive Order No. Three, http://www.cslib.org/exeorder3.htm).

2) I/we do not maintain segregated facilities.

3) I/we have filed all required employer's information reports.

4) I/we have developed and maintain written affirmative action programs.

5) I/we list job openings with federal and state employment services.

6) I/we attempt to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped individuals.

7) I/we are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

8) I/we (check one):
   ______ have an Affirmative Action Program, or
   ______ employ 10 people or fewer.

____________________________________
Legal Name of Proposer

____________________________________
Proposer’s Representative, Duly Authorized

____________________________________
Name of Proposer’s Authorized Representative

____________________________________
Title of Proposer’s Authorized Representative

____________________________________
Date

END OF PROPOSER’S CERTIFICATION FORM
TOWN OF CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT
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PROPOSER’S NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned proposer, having fully informed himself/herself/itself regarding the accuracy of the statements made herein, certifies that:

(1) the proposal is genuine; it is not a collusive or sham proposal;
(2) the proposer developed the proposal independently and submitted it without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding, communication or planned common course of action with, any other person or entity designed to limit independent competition;
(3) the proposer, its employees and agents have not communicated the contents of the proposal to any person not an employee or agent of the proposer and will not communicate the proposal to any such person prior to the official opening of the proposal; and
(4) no elected or appointed official or other officer or employee of the Town of Cheshire is directly or indirectly interested in the proposer’s proposal, or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or labor to which it relates, or in any of the profits thereof.

The undersigned proposer further certifies that this affidavit is executed for the purpose of inducing the Town of Cheshire to consider its proposal and make an award in accordance therewith.

________________________________________ 
Legal Name of Proposer

__________________________ (signature) 
Proposer’s Representative, Duly Authorized

________________________________________ 
Name of Proposer’s Authorized Representative

________________________________________ 
Title of Proposer’s Authorized Representative

________________________________________ 
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _______ day of _____________________, 20____.

________________________________________
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

END OF PROPOSER’S NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
TOWN OF CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT
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PROPOSER’S STATEMENT OF REFERENCES

Provide at least three (3) references:

1. BUSINESS NAME________________________________________________________
ADDRESS_______________________________________________________________
CITY, STATE____________________________________________________________
TELEPHONE:____________________________________________________________
INDIVIDUAL CONTACT NAME AND POSITION ______________________________
_______________________________________________________________________

2. BUSINESS NAME________________________________________________________
ADDRESS_______________________________________________________________
CITY, STATE____________________________________________________________
TELEPHONE:____________________________________________________________
INDIVIDUAL CONTACT NAME AND POSITION ______________________________
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3. BUSINESS NAME________________________________________________________
ADDRESS_______________________________________________________________
CITY, STATE____________________________________________________________
TELEPHONE:____________________________________________________________
INDIVIDUAL CONTACT NAME AND POSITION ______________________________
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END OF STATEMENT OF REFERENCES
This Contract is made as of the _____ day of _________, 20___ (the “Effective Date”), by and between the Town of Cheshire, 29 Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut (the “Town”), and [name and address of successful proposer] (the “Contracting Party”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Town has issued an Request for Proposals for Construction of a Storage Building (the “Request for Proposals”), a copy of which, along with any addenda, is attached as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Contracting Party submitted a proposal to the Town dated _______________ (the “Request for Proposals”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the Town has selected the Contracting Party to perform the Work (as defined in Section 1 below); and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Contracting Party desire to enter into a formal contract for the performance of the Work.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the parties’ mutual promises and obligations contained below, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Work:** The Contracting Party agrees to perform the Work described more fully in the attached Exhibits A and B (collectively, the “Work”).

The Contracting Party also agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Request for Proposals including but not only all of the terms set forth in Section 26 (the “Contract Terms”) of the Standard Instructions to Proposers.

2. **Term:**

3. **Contract Includes Exhibits; Order of Construction:** The Contract includes the Request for Proposals (Exhibit A) and the Proposal (Exhibit B), which are made a part hereof. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between or among this document, the Request for Proposals and the Proposal, this document shall have the highest priority, the Request for Proposals the second priority, and the Proposal the third priority.

4. **Price and Payment:**

5. **Right to Terminate** – If the Contracting Party’s fails to comply with any of the terms, provisions or conditions of the Contract, including the exhibits, the Town shall have the right, in addition to all other available remedies, to declare the Contract in default and, therefore,
to terminate it and to resubmit the subject matter of the Contract to further public procurement. In that event, the Contracting Party shall pay the Town, as liquidated damages, the amount of any excess of the price of the new contract over the Contract price provided for herein, plus any legal or other costs or expenses incurred by the Town in terminating this Contract and securing a new contracting party.

6. **No Waiver or Estoppel** – Either party’s failure to insist upon the strict performance by the other of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of the Contract shall not be a waiver or create an estoppel. Notwithstanding any such failure, each party shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the other party’s strict performance, and neither party shall be relieved of such obligation because of the other party’s failure to comply with or otherwise to enforce or to seek to enforce any of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof.

7. **Notice** – Any notices provided for hereunder shall be given to the parties in writing (which may be hardcopy, facsimile, or e-mail) at their respective addresses set forth below:

   If to the Town:
   
   [name, address, fax and e-mail]

   If to the Contracting Party:
   
   [name, address, fax and e-mail]

8. **Execution** - This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original instrument, but all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement, and shall become binding when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties hereto and delivered (including delivery by facsimile) to each of the parties.

   IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this contract as of the last date signed below.

   TOWN OF CHESHIRE

   By______________________________
   Sean Kimball
   Town Manager

   Date:___________________________

   [CONTRACTING PARTY LEGAL NAME]

   By______________________________
   Its________________, Duly Authorized

   Date:___________________________