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**Proposal Submission Deadline:**  
02/26/2026 at 7:30 a.m. Eastern Time  
\*Proposal Opening is noted on page 2

**Mandatory Site Visit:**  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 9:30AM  
at Rockingham County Facilities Office  
116 North Road, Brentwood NH 03833

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**FIRE SPRINKLER TESTING, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**  
**FACILITIES OPERATIONS**  
**2/06/2026**

You (ORGANIZATION) are hereby invited to submit a proposal in accordance with the specifications outlined in this Request for Proposal (RFP). All necessary information required to complete your submission is contained within this document. Please refrain from adding our e-mail addresses to your marketing or distribution lists. Failure to comply may result in your domain being blocked, which could hinder the receipt of future proposals or communications from you.

Rockingham County, New Hampshire (Rockingham County) is a public entity composed of various departments, including general administrative offices, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, a correctional facility, facilities operations, and offices of Elected Officials such as the Commissioners, the Delegation, County Attorney, High Sheriff, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer.

**QUESTIONS?**

For questions specific to the product or service listed in this RFP, please direct inquiries to the contact listed in the upper-left corner of this page. For questions regarding the proposal submission process, please send an email to the RFP submission email listed below.

Please note: Any alteration or modification of documents or proposal forms downloaded from Rockingham County or Public Purchase is strictly prohibited. Such actions may result in disqualification from the proposal process.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Proposals can be submitted through one of the following methods:

**1. Hard Copy Submission**

Submit two (2) copies, or one (1) copy along with a thumb drive, in a sealed envelope labeled "**RFP – (RFP – Fire Sprinkler Testing)**". Deliver to:  
**Rockingham County Commissioners**  
**94 North Road**  
**Brentwood, NH 03833**

**2. Email Submission**

Email your proposal as a PDF attachment to [rfp@co.rockingham.nh.us](mailto:rfp@co.rockingham.nh.us). Ensure that no submissions are sent to any other Rockingham County email address, as this may result in disqualification. File attachments must not exceed 20 MB in total. If your attachments exceed this limit, send multiple emails as needed. You will receive a confirmation email within one business day. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact the individual listed in the upper-left corner of this document.

**3. Online Submission**

Proposals may also be submitted online via Public Purchase. Account registration is free, but please allow 24 hours for activation. Visit the [Public Purchase: Rockingham County Home Page](#), or [www.rockinghamcountynh.org/rfpbidding](http://www.rockinghamcountynh.org/rfpbidding) for more information and the submission link.

### **Submission must include:**

- Organization legal name with DBA if applicable.
- Tax ID.
- Physical address and mailing address (if different).
- Organization representative name and contact information (phone, fax, and email).
- Itemized pricing (including shipping or freight, if applicable).
- Cut sheets, specifications, brochures, etc. for all products quoted, if applicable.
- Equivalents must be clearly identified, with all variations from the specification annotated and are subject to approval.
- Complete details about warranty and service availability.
- The proposed start and completion time schedule for after bid has been awarded.
- Insurance requirements, non-appropriations and indemnification obligations.

### **Proposal Openings**

Authorization to open proposals will be given during the regularly scheduled Rockingham County Board of Commissioners meeting on **02/26/2026**. Please note that proposals will not be reviewed during this meeting. Instead, they will be forwarded to the respective department that issued the RFP for thorough review after the meeting. Proposals will be awarded or rejected once Rockingham County has completed a comprehensive evaluation and comparison of all submissions.

Meetings are conducted in the Lobby Conference Room at the Rockingham County Municipal Building, located at 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH. Remote attendance is available via Zoom. To register for virtual access, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 603-679-9350 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Please note that meeting schedules are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit: [www.rockinghamcountynh.org/events](http://www.rockinghamcountynh.org/events).

### **Proposal Award**

Proposals will be formally awarded and publicly announced at a regular scheduled Rockingham County Board of Commissioners meeting. Following the announcement, formal notification of the award decision will be provided.

### **Pricing**

Proposal prices must remain valid for a period of sixty (**60**) days from the proposal opening date and must remain firm once the proposal is awarded to the successful organization(s).

- Vendors holding a state bid/contract are encouraged to offer the corresponding pricing.
- If any variations, such as discounts or penalty clauses, may affect the proposed price, please specify them clearly in your submission.

### **Additional Materials**

Organizations may be invited to participate in the final selection process following the review and screening of all proposals. This process may include providing additional information, such as cost adjustments or other clarifications, as requested by Rockingham County.

### **Performance Clause**

In the event that the successful organization or Rockingham County defaults on any stipulations outlined the RFP, and such default is not corrected within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice, either party may opt to cancel the agreement.

### **Contractual Obligations**

Should the proposal require contracts for the provision of materials, equipment, or services, the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to review and amend these contracts to ensure compliance with county legal requirements. All agreements or contracts requiring our signature must be submitted in Microsoft Word format to facilitate efficient review and tracking. All contracts must include Non-Appropriation and Indemnification clauses, as specified in the RFP. Sample language for these clauses is provided below.

## **Non-Appropriation**

Rockingham County is obligated to pay only such contract amounts that can lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriate for that purpose during Rockingham County's then current fiscal year, subject to annual approval by the Rockingham County Delegation. Should Rockingham County fail to budget, appropriately, or otherwise make available funds to make payments under this contract, such contract shall be deemed terminated at the end of the then current term. Rockingham County agrees to deliver prompt notification after any decision to non-appropriation is made, but failure to give such notice will not extend the term beyond such Original or Renewal Term.

## **Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, (ORGANIZATION) shall protect, indemnify, save, defend and hold harmless Rockingham County, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees, ("Indemnified Parties"), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, penalties, causes of action, costs, interest and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney and paralegal fees, which Indemnified Parties may become obligated or suffer by reason of any accident, bodily injury, personal injury, death of person, or loss of or damage to property, arising indirectly or directly under, out of, in connection with, or as a result of this Contract or the activities of (ORGANIZATION) or its agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors, and even if caused in whole or in part by any negligent or intentional act or omission of Indemnified Parties.

In addition, and regardless of respective fault, (ORGANIZATION) shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties for any costs, expenses and liabilities arising out of a claim, charge or determination that (ORGANIZATION) officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors or agents are employees of the Indemnified Parties, including but not limited to claims or charges for benefits, wages, fees, penalties, withholdings, damages or taxes brought in connection with laws governing workers compensation, unemployment compensation, social security, Medicare, state or federal taxation, and/or any other similar obligation associated with an employment relationship.

(ORGANIZATION'S) obligations to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties hereunder shall survive the term of this Contract.

Rockingham County shall not be required to defend or indemnify (ORGANIZATION) or its agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors or any professional service provider.

## **Insurance Requirements**

The organization shall maintain insurance coverage throughout the duration of this proposal. Subcontractors engaged by the organization must also maintain the required coverage. Any requests for modifications to these insurance requirements must be submitted in writing with the proposal and will be subject to evaluation.

### **1. Coverage Requirements**

The organization must have professional liability/errors and omissions insurance with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. The insurance certificate and coverage must be issued by a carrier authorized to conduct business in the State of New Hampshire, with an A.M. Best Company rating of "A" or better.

### **2. Workers' Compensation Insurance**

The organization shall carry workers' compensation insurance as mandated by the State of New Hampshire.

### **3. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance**

The organization must maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy, including contractual liability coverage, with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

### **4. Motor Vehicle Insurance**

The organization must carry motor vehicle insurance, including coverage for bodily injury, property damage, and uninsured motorists, with a combined single limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident.

### **5. Insurance Certificate**

The organization shall provide an insurance certificate confirming the required coverage. Certificates must be filed with Rockingham County and included with the proposal submission. A 30-day notice is required for cancellation or material changes to coverage, and notices must be sent directly to the Rockingham County Commissioners' Office, 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH 03833.

**NOTICE:**

1. The Rockingham County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals or parts thereof, select the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of Rockingham County, and waive any formalities in the bidding process.
2. Proposals are subject to public review and cannot include proprietary, confidential, or restricted information that conflicts with New Hampshire's Right to Know law.
3. The information provided in this RFP is solely for the purpose of preparing proposals detailing costs and services for Rockingham County. Organizations are expected to carefully review these specifications. Failure to meet specified conditions may result in invalidation.
4. Although believed to be accurate, the information provided herein is not warranted and should be verified independently.
5. Rockingham County reserves the right to award contracts to multiple providers.
6. All modifications to the specifications must receive prior approval from Rockingham County.
7. Any variations, including discounts or penalty clauses, that may affect pricing, must be clearly specified in the proposal.
8. Payment for satisfactory work completion or product delivery is subject to Rockingham County's standard accounts payable process.

**DETAIL OF ITEM(S), SCOPE OF SERVICE(S), SERVICES**

**A. SPECIFICATIONS**

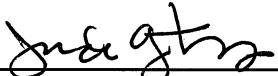
Attachment A

**B. PRICE SHEET**

An itemized price proposal is required with submission unless otherwise noted

**C. GENERAL**

Sincerely,

  
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Jude Gates, Director of Facilities, Planning/IT

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*Attachment A, page 1*

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **I. General Requirement for Proposing and Instructions to Providers**

#### **A. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

Rockingham County Complex (Rockingham) is a public entity composed of general administrative offices, a nursing home, and a correctional facility.

Rockingham is seeking written proposals from qualified vendors to enter into a contract for a period of one (1) year with the purpose of supplying services as noted in section B. Contract to begin 01 April 2026.

#### **B. SCOPE OF WORK**

Provide all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to perform annual/quarterly testing and inspection at the Rockingham County Complex Brentwood, NH of the following:

#### **ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NURSING HOME AND JAIL:**

- . Eleven (11) wet sprinkler systems – quarterly (starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2026)
  - . Blaisdell Building, Blaisdell Elevator
  - . Fernald Building, Fernald Elevator
  - . Mitchell
  - . Driscoll Building, Driscoll Elevator
  - . Underhill Building, Underhill Elevator
  - . Fernald Annex
  - . Water Treatment
  - . Jail F-Block
  - . G-Block Basement
  - . Jail Boiler Room (total 4)
  - . D-Block
- . Six (6) dry sprinkler systems – quarterly (starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2026)
  - . Driscoll East Penthouse / Mitchell Attic
  - . Driscoll West Penthouse
  - . Underhill Attic
  - . Carlisle Building
  - . Horse Barn
  - . Biomass

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON NORTH ROAD BRENTWOOD, NH:**

The number of components within the sprinkler system will be determined by each vendor during the mandatory walk through.

- All testing, inspections and reporting shall be performed in accordance with "NFPA 25" and all other applicable Codes.
- All testing shall be done in the presence of a county employee.
- Verify that all devices are in proper working condition and that all alarms are properly announced at the fire panel(s).
- All deficiencies are to be reported at the time of inspection to the Facilities Office.
- Provide copies of all service/testing reports within 24 hours.

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**C. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Please include as part of your proposal references from work performed of a similar scope.
2. Please include as part of your proposal hourly labor rates and associated costs to be charged for any repairs, service, or emergency calls above and beyond the services outlined in the annual testing and inspection agreement.
3. All materials needed to perform any repairs above and beyond those specified in the annual testing and inspection agreement will be at Rockingham's expense; a written quotation will be required, and prior authorization received before commencing with repairs.
4. The work to be performed is in an occupied facility. Scheduling to be coordinated with the Facilities Operations office.
5. Service technicians must check in at the office of Facilities Operations, located at 116 North Road, (across the street from the Nursing Home) before starting.
6. All service slips must be signed by an employee in the office of the Facilities Operations Department.
7. Payment is subject to the County's standard accounts payable process.
8. Invoicing should be quarterly per building/system and for services rendered.

**D. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS**

Following the review and screening of all proposals, firms may be invited to participate in the final selection process, which may include the submission of additional information regarding cost or other issues, as requested by Rockingham.

**E. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Rockingham County may buy from multiple vendors.
2. Any changes to the above Specifications must meet with the approval of the Board of Rockingham County Commissioners.
3. Should you have any variations (discounts and/or penalty clauses) which would affect the price, please specify them in your proposal.