

TOWN OF CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

**REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS**

**DESIGN SERVICES FOR AQUATIC
ENHANCEMENTS TO CHESHIRE
COMMUNITY POOL**

RFP# 2324-11

NOVEMBER 22, 2023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposal Number: #2324-11
Proposal Issue Date: November 22, 2023
Proposal Opening Date: December 19, 2023
Proposal Opening Time: 11:00 AM
Proposal Drop Off Place: Cheshire Town Hall, Room 213
Proposal Opening Place: Cheshire Town Hall, Room 207/209

The Town of Cheshire is seeking to hire a qualified engineering firm for preparing design plans for Aquatic Enhancements to the Cheshire Community Pool located at #520 South Main Street in Cheshire, as outlined in the "Scope of Work" and as depicted on the Conceptual Plan included within this RFP. The improvements seek to expand use by town residents and to further enhance site amenities.

Lowest responsible and qualified bidder means the bidder whose bid is the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary to faithfully perform the work. Should the grantee reject the lowest bidder as not responsible and/or not qualified, the grantee shall immediately notify DECD of the reasons for the rejection and request DECD concurrence. The Commissioner of DECD shall at his/her discretion either approve or deny the grantee's rejection. The grantee agrees to hold DECD harmless from any and all claims by rejected bidders.

One (1) original, two (2) copies, and one thumb-drive of sealed proposals must be received in the Cheshire Town Hall, Room 213 (Department of Public Works and Engineering), 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 the Request for Proposals ("RFP") may be obtained on the Town's website, www.cheshirect.org under "Bids and RFPs". **Each bidder 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 RFP 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Proposals must be held firm and cannot be withdrawn for sixty (60) calendar days after the opening date.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 right 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 sole discretion and judgment, will be in the Town's best interests. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources.

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. This contract is subject to state set-aside and contract compliance requirements.

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STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS FOR

1. INTRODUCTION

The Town of Cheshire (the “Town”) is soliciting sealed proposals for **DESIGN SERVICES FOR AQUATIC ENHANCEMENTS TO CHESHIRE COMMUNITY POOL (RFP #2324-11)**. This RFP 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 RFP. **Proposers are prohibited from contacting any Town employee, officer or official concerning this RFP, 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 RFP, these Standard Instructions to Proposers shall prevail.

2. RIGHT TO AMEND OR TERMINATE THE RFP OR CONTRACT

The Town may, before or after proposal opening and in its sole discretion, clarify, modify, amend or terminate this RFP if the Town determines it is in the Town’s best interest. Any such action shall be effected by a posting on the Town’s website, www.cheshirect.org, under “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 RFP as modified by the addenda.**

3. KEY DATES

RFP Issue Date:	November 22, 2023
Pre-Proposal Site Visit:	December 1, 2023 at 11:00AM*
Proposal Opening:	December 19, 2023 at 11:00AM
Preliminary Notice of Award:	December 29, 2023
Contract Execution:	January 8, 2024

***The Pre-Proposal site visit will be at the Cheshire Community Pool located at #520 South Main Street. Meet at pool main entrance. The Pre-Bid site visit is non-mandatory.**

The Preliminary Notice of Award and Contract Execution dates are anticipated, not certain, dates.

4. OBTAINING THE RFP

All documents that are a part of this Request for Proposal may be obtained on the Town’s website, www.cheshirect.org, under “Bids and RFPs.”

5. BID SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be received in the Cheshire Town Hall, **Department of Public Works and Engineering, Room 213, 84 South Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410** prior to the date and time the proposals are scheduled to be opened publicly. Postmarks prior to the opening date and time do **NOT** satisfy this condition. The Town will not accept submissions by e-mail or fax. Proposers are solely responsible for ensuring timely delivery. The Town will **NOT** accept late proposals.

One (1) original, two (2) copies, and one thumb-drive 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.

Proposal prices must be submitted on the Proposal Form included in this RFP. 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 receives 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 RFP.

6. QUESTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Questions concerning the RFP's Documents are to be submitted **in writing** (including by e-mail or fax) and directed **only to:**

Name:	Marek L. Kement, P.E.,L.S.
Department:	Public Works and Engineering
E-mail:	mkement@chshirect.org
Fax:	203-271-6659

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

The appropriate Town representative listed above must receive any questions from proposer no later than seven (7) business days before the proposal opening date. Questions received after the foregoing deadline will not be answered. 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 RFP 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 Town's website, www.cheshirect.org, under "Bids and RFPs." **Each proposer is responsible for checking the website to determine if the Town has issued any addenda and, if so, to complete its proposal in accordance with the RFP as modified by the addenda.**

No oral statement of the Town, including oral statements by the Town representative(s) listed above, shall be effective to waive, change or otherwise modify any of the provisions of this RFP, and no proposer shall rely on any alleged oral statement.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 7.1 **DELIVERY/TIME FOR PERFORMANCE.** TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE with regard to the performance of the services procured through this RFP and the Contract to be entered into by the Town with the selected proposer, if any. Strict compliance with and adherence to the schedule for the services and the Contract is mandatory. If, in the sole opinion of the Town, the selected proposer is not adhering to the contract schedule, upon forty-eight (48) hours written notice from the Town to the selected proposer, the Town shall have the right to direct the proposer to increase its manpower to meet the established project schedule (including any milestones) without additional compensation. Any and all such additional labor or supervision shall be at proposer's sole cost and expense and may include, but shall not be limited to, the Town directing the selected proposer to work overtime, work weekends, or any combination thereof, without any additional compensation being due to proposer for such additional personnel. In addition, the Town shall have the right but not the obligation to supplement the proposer's forces with that of another vendor in order to achieve compliance with the project schedule. All costs attributable to the supplemental labor and supervision of same shall be the sole obligation and responsibility of the selected proposer. Failure to strictly adhere to the schedule (including any milestones) and the provisions of this paragraph 7.1 shall constitute a material default of proposer's contractual obligations and entitle the Town, in its discretion, to all remedies for default set forth in the contract.
- 7.2 **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** Contracts shall remain in force for the period within which the selected proposer must perform as set forth in the proposal, unless an extension has been agreed upon as evidenced by a contract extension executed in writing by both the selected proposer and the Town.
- 7.3 **ASSIGNMENT:** Proposer shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this contract or its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Town, which consent may be withheld in the Town's sole discretion.
- 7.4 **DEFAULT:** The contract may be terminated by the Town by written notice of default to the upon non-performance or breach of the contract terms. The awarded proposer shall

be obligated to pay the Town for all losses, damages, costs and expenses, including the cost of re-procurement, and attorney's fees incurred defending claims arising from such default and in seeking recovery of all such costs and expenses from proposer and/or its surety. Upon a termination for cause, the Town shall have no further obligation to issue payments to the proposer until resolution of the dispute.

- 7.5 **CONFLICT:** To the extent any of the contract terms set forth herein conflict with the terms of the form Contract entered into by the parties, the Contract terms shall control.
- 7.6 **COVID-19:** Proposers shall anticipate and incorporate into their proposals all potential costs and delays related to a public health emergency such as the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, including the cost of compliance with rules, regulations, guidelines and recommendations issued by public authorities. Potential costs may include but are not limited to, costs related to inefficiency, lost productivity, delays of performance, social distancing, manpower levels, project scheduling, coordination, material/product supply chain delays and disruptions, delivery delays, material escalation, and any other potential costs. In no event shall the Town be liable for any such costs and/or delays.
- 7.7 **COMPLIANCE with Requirements of Funding Source:** The project is being funded, in part, with funds from the State of Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program ("STEAP"). The successful proposer shall comply with all guidelines and requirements for STEAP funded projects, as well as all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations and municipal Charter requirements.
- 7.8 **Acknowledgement of Market Conditions:** Proposers acknowledge, by submitting a proposal, that inflationary market conditions exist. Proposer has priced increased and escalated labor, equipment and material costs into its proposal and taken into consideration the market conditions when pricing the work.
- 7.9 **CLARIFICATION:** The Town reserves the right, either before or after the opening of proposals, to ask any proposer to clarify its proposal or to submit any 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 RFP, including but not limited to any of the Contract Terms contained in Section 26, below;
- If it is listed on the State of Connecticut's or United States Government (including any agency thereof) 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 arbitration and litigation matters in which the proposer or any of its principals (regardless of place of employment) has been involved within the last seven (7) 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. A failure to disclose or an inaccurate response shall, in the Town's sole discretion, be grounds for disqualification.

12. REFERENCES

Each proposer must complete and submit the Proposer's Statement of References form included in this RFP.

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 (BID) SECURITY

Not Applicable to this procurement.

15. PRESUMPTION OF BIDDER'S FULL KNOWLEDGE

Each proposer is responsible for having read and understood each document in this RFP and any addenda issued by the Town. A proposer's failure to have reviewed all information that is part of or applicable to this RFP, including but not limited to any addenda posted on the Town'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 RFP 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 RFP, 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. SUBSTITUTIONS

(THIS ITEM IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS RFP)

17. TAX EXEMPTIONS

The Town is exempt from the payment of federal excise taxes and Connecticut sales and use taxes. Federal Tax Exempt #066-001971. Exemption from State sales tax per Conn. Gen. Stat. Chapter 219, § 12-412(1). No exemption certificates are required, and none will be issued.

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 RFP. The Town reserves the right to require from the successful proposer a complete, certified copy of any required insurance policy.

19. PERFORMANCE SECURITY

Not Applicable to this procurement.

20. DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

The successful proposer shall deliver the items that are the subject of the RFP, at its sole cost and expense, to the location(s) listed in the Specifications.

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 RFP. 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 reserves 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 reserves the right, if applicable, to award the purchase of individual items under this RFP 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 RFPs, it will not be the only basis for award. Due consideration will be given to a proposer's experience, demonstrated expertise on similar projects, references, service record, demonstrated 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 RFP.

The Town will not award the proposal to any business that or person who is in arrears or in default to the Town with regard to any tax, debt, charge, contract, security or any other obligation.

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 is free to withdraw a preliminary award at any time and for any reason. A proposer has rights, and the Town has obligations, only if and when a Contract is fully executed by the Town and the proposer.**

If the proposer does not execute the Contract provided by the Town, without alteration or modification, within five (5) 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. 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 RFP. Proposers with fewer than ten (10) employees should indicate that fact on the form and return the form with their proposals.

23. NONRESIDENT REAL PROPERTY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS

If the successful proposer is a "nonresident contractor" as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-430(7)(A) as amended, it shall comply fully with the provisions of § 12-430(7) and, prior to execution of the Contract, shall furnish the Town with a copy of the requisite certificate of compliance set forth in § 12-430(7)(E). The successful proposer agrees 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 any and all taxes, interest and penalties that the State of Connecticut asserts are due with respect to the successful proposer's activities under the Contract.

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, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is commenced, which obligations shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract.

24. 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.

25. NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Each proposer shall submit a completed Proposer's Non Collusion Affidavit that is part of this RFP.

26. MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

(THIS ITEM IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS RFP)

27. CONTRACT TERMS

A contract template has been provided with this Request for Proposal. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer acknowledges and agrees that it will execute the contract submitted to it for execution by the Town, without alteration or modification by the Proposer, within five (5) days of receipt of notice of award. The following provisions are among the 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, it 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, boards, commissions, committees, 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 performance of the contract, including but not limited to proposer's malfeasance, misconduct, negligence or failure to meet its obligations under the RFP 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 RFP 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 any advertising, news releases, or promotional efforts without the Town'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 or Contract.

“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/PRODUCTS

The Town may inspect the successful proposer's work at all reasonable times. This right of inspection is solely for the Town'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.

Work shall conform with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Form 818 and the Town of Cheshire Guidelines and Specifications for Public Improvements which are available on the Town's website at: www.cheshirect.org

Should an apparent conflict between these two specifications arise then the Contractor shall submit a request for resolution of the discrepancy in writing and the Town shall respond in writing as to which better satisfies the intent of the design and will take precedence.

f. REJECTED WORK OR MATERIALS

The successful proposer, at its sole cost and expense, shall remove from the Town's property rejected items, commodities and/or work within 48 hours of the Town'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 RFP 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

State law may require that wages paid on an hourly basis to any person performing the work of any mechanic, laborer or worker under the Contract and the amount of payment or contribution paid or payable on behalf of each such person to any employee welfare fund, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-53, as amended, shall be at a rate equal to the rate customary or prevailing for the same work in the same trade or occupation in the Town. A successful proposer who is not obligated by agreement to make payment or contribution on behalf of such persons to any such employee welfare fund shall pay to each mechanic, laborer or worker as part of such person's wages the amount of payment or contribution for such person's classification on each pay day. Upon Contract award, the successful proposer must certify under oath to the State Labor Commissioner the pay scale to be used by the successful proposer and its subcontractors. The applicable prevailing wage rates are included with this RFP.

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 commencing work on the Project, the successful proposer shall furnish to the Town (1) sufficient evidence of compliance with the workers' compensation insurance and self-insurance requirements of subsection (b) of Conn. Gen. Stat. section 31-284, and (2) a current statement from the State Treasurer that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, as of the date of the statement, the particular party was not liable to the state for any workers' compensation payments made pursuant to section 31-355. Contact the State Treasurer's Office for such statements.

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

The successful proposer and each of its permitted subcontractors shall furnish proof that each employee performing the work of a mechanic, laborer or worker under the Contract has completed a course of at least ten (10) hours in construction safety and health approved by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration or has completed a new miner training program approved by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration. Such proof shall be provided with the certified payroll submitted for the first week each such employee, mechanic, laborer, or worker begins work under the Contract.

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 Contract, including but not limited to:

1. **Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action.** Proposer, in performing under this contract, shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant, or any member of the public, because of race, creed, color, age, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness, unless it is shown by the Proposer that such disability prevents performance of the work involved in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of

Connecticut, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. Proposer further agrees that this article, (and any additional provisions required by law), will be incorporated by Proposer in all contracts entered into with suppliers of materials or services contractors and sub-contractors and all labor organizations, furnishing skilled, unskilled and craft union skilled labor or who may perform any such labor or services in connection with this contract. The following principles and requirements of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, as incorporated herein, will be incorporated into "Equal Opportunity - Non-Discrimination Clause" are hereby deemed to be included in all Town bid documents, purchase orders, lease and contracts entered into with the Town. The principles of Affirmative Action are addressed in the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments of the United States Constitution, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title VI and VII of the 1964 United States Civil Rights Act, Presidential Executive Orders 11246, 11375, 11478 (nondiscrimination under federal contracts), Act 1, Section 1 and 20 of the Connecticut Constitution, Governor Grasso's Executive Order Number 11, Governor O'Neill's Executive Order Number 9, the Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Law (Sec. 46a-60-69) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), Connecticut Code of Fair Practices (46a-70-81), Deprivation of Civil Rights (46a-58 (a)(d)), Public Accommodations Law (46a-63-64), Discrimination against Criminal Offenders (46a-80), definition of blind (46a-51(1)), definition of Physically Disabled (46a-51 (15)), definition of Mentally Retarded (46a-51-13), cooperation with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (46a-77), Sexual Harassment (46a-60 (a)-8), Connecticut Credit Discrimination Law (360436 through 439), Title 1 of the State and the Local Fiscal Assistance Act 1 1972.

Because this project is funded in whole or in part by State funds, CGS Sections 46a-68c through 46a-68k apply to contractors. These Sections trigger affirmative action plan requirements for contractors and the filing of compliance reports with the State by contractors.

2. **Executive Orders.** The contract may be subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgate June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgate February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment opening and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the contract as if they had been fully set forth in it. The contract may also be subject to Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms and Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgate April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions.
3. **Connecticut's Prevailing Wage Law Provision.** If applicable, the Proposer must be in full compliance with CGS Section 31-53 and 31-53(a) which applies to each contract for the construction, remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of any public works project by the state or its agents, or by any political subdivision of the State, CGS Section 31-53 (g) provides monetary thresholds which must be met before the law is applicable. In accordance with CGS Section 31-53, projects are subject to the payment of

minimum prevailing wages where the total cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in connection with new construction of any public works project is \$1,000,000 or more and where the total cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in connection with any remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of any public works project is \$100,000 or more. For qualifying projects, all contractors and subcontractors shall submit to the Finance Department certified weekly payrolls for all contracts meeting the stated monetary limits. The certified payrolls shall be submitted to the Finance Department with the Proposer's monthly certificate for payment. The Proposers should familiarize themselves with all aspects of the provisions under state law in order to ensure full compliance.

4. **Occupational Safety and Health Administration Requirements.** According to CGS, Section 31-53b (a) each contract entered into on or after July 1, 2007, for the construction, remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of any public building project by the state or any of its agents, or by a political subdivision of the state or any of its agents, where the total cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in connection with the contract is at least \$100,000 shall contain a provision requiring that, not later than thirty days after the date such contract is awarded, each contractor furnish proof to the Labor Commissioner that all employees performing manual labor on or in such public building , pursuant to such contract, have completed a course of at least ten hours in duration in construction safety and health approved by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration or, in the case of telecommunications employees, have completed at least ten hours of training in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.268. The aforesaid provisions shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Contract with the Town. The contractors should familiarize themselves with all aspects of state law and any applicable regulations pertaining to these requirements in order to ensure full compliance.
5. **Payment Bond/Performance Bond State Law Requirements.** CGS Section 49-41, known as the Little Miller Act, requires that the Town ensure that payment bonds a/k/a labor and materials bond in the amount of the contract are provided for public works projects over \$100,000. When a contract for construction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building is estimated to cost more than \$500,000 additional laws/requirements apply. The contractors should familiarize themselves with all aspects of state law and any applicable regulations pertaining to these requirements in order to ensure full compliance.
6. **State of Connecticut Contractor Prequalification Program.** CGS Section 4b-91 requires all bidders for the construction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building or any other public work by a public agency (includes a municipality) that is paid for, in whole or in part, with state funds and that is estimated to cost more than \$500,000, except a public highway or bridge project or any other construction project administered by DOT, shall be prequalified with the State pursuant to CGS Section 4a-100. Once a contractor is prequalified, it is issued a prequalification certificate by DAS, which certificate is in effect for one year. Subcontractors' work, the cost of which may exceed \$500,000, are also required

to be prequalified. Any bid for a project that requires prequalification must include a copy of the bidder's Prequalification Certificate showing the aggregate work capacity rating required under the contract and the Update (Bid) Statement showing renewal of certificate and/or change in aggregate work capacity. Bids which do not include a copy of the Prequalification Certificate and the Update (Bid) Statement are invalid. Contractors should contact the State Department of Administrative Services to familiarize themselves with these requirements.

7. **Non-Resident Contractor 5% Tax For Contracts.** CGS Section 12-430(7) requires non-resident contractors who perform services or furnish materials, or both, for the construction, alteration or improvement of any project in which the contract price is at least \$250,000, to furnish the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) a Guarantee Bond for 5% of the total cost of the work, issued under a contract using Form AU-766, Guarantee Bond. This form is available on the State DRS website. Form AU-766 must be submitted for each additional change order or supplement issued against the contract. Non-resident contractors must have completed and submitted to the DRS Form REG-1, Business Tax Registration Application, to register with the DRS and have been issued a Connecticut Tax Registration Number. This form is available on the DRS website. Non-resident contractors have 120 days from the commencement of the contract to file the Guarantee Bond with the State. Commencement of the contract, as defined by law, "means the time when the non-resident contractor signs the contract, but, in any event, occurs no later than when the work under the contract actually starts." As soon as the guarantee bond is filed with the DRS, the non-resident contractor shall submit the copy of such Guarantee Bond together with the non-resident contractor's Connecticut Tax Registration Number to the Town department for whom the project is required. After the non-resident contractor receives its Certificate of Compliance from the DRS confirming that the Guarantee Bond requirement has been met, the non-resident contractor shall submit a copy of the same to the department, for whom the work is being performed, with a copy to the Purchasing Department.
8. **Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Minority Business Enterprises (MBE).** If a project is funded in whole or in part by state or federal funds, there may be a requirement that the contractor comply with CGS Section 4a-60 and applicable State regulations. On these projects it will depend upon which set-aside requirements are imposed by the funding agency. If no set-aside requirement is imposed, a statement that the Proposer is required to undertake good faith efforts to include subcontractors and suppliers who are minority business enterprises will suffice and shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Contract with the Town. If there is a set-aside goal, the Town and Proposer shall comply with the Small Contractors Set-Aside Program and the hiring goals identified by the State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO.)

State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract be set aside for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") under the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4a-60g. (25% of the total state-funded value with DAS-certified Small Businesses and 6.25% of the total state-funded value with DAS-certified Minority-, Women-

, and/or Disabled-owned Businesses.) The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals.

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut; and the contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved;

The contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, to state that it is an “affirmative action-equal opportunity employer” in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;

The contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment;

The contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and sections 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by the Connecticut CHRO pursuant to sections 46a-56, 46a-68e, 46a-68f and 46a-86; and

The contractor agrees to provide the CHRO with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor as relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.

The contractor agrees and warrants that it will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on the project.

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation;

The contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment;

The contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said commission pursuant to section 46a-56; and

The contractor agrees to provide the CHRO with such information requested by the commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor which relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.

9. If a project or program is funded in whole or in part with federal funds, the Federal Uniform Guidance Procurement Standards, 2 CFR §§ 200.317-200.327, shall apply and full compliance by Proposer with same shall be required.
10. The successful proposer shall:
 - (a) comply fully with all federal and state antidiscrimination and contract compliance laws, and shall not discriminate or permit a discriminatory practice to be committed;
 - (b) cooperate fully with the Connecticut CHRO;
 - (c) submit periodic reports of its employment and subcontracting practices in such a form, in such a manner and at such a time as may be prescribed by the commission;
 - (d) provide reasonable technical assistance and training to minority business enterprises to promote the participation of such concerns in state contracts and sub- contracts;
 - (e) make a good faith effort, based upon the availability of minority business enterprises in the labor market area, to award a reasonable proportion of all subcontracts to such enterprises;
 - (f) maintain full and accurate support data for a period of two (2) years from the date the record is made or the date the contract compliance form is submitted, whichever is later, provided that this provision shall not excuse compliance with any other applicable record retention statute, regulation or policy providing for a period of retention in excess of two (2) years;
 - (g) not discharge, discipline or otherwise discriminate against any person who has filed a complaint, testified or assisted in any proceeding with the commission;
 - (h) make available for inspection and copying any support data requested by the commission, and make available for interview any agent, servant or employee having

knowledge of any matter concerning the investigation of a discriminatory practice complaint or any matter relating to a contract compliance review; and

- (i) include a provision in all subcontracts with minority business enterprises requiring that the minority business enterprise provide the commission with such information on its structure and operations as the commission finds necessary to make an informed determination as to whether the standards of Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Section 2 of Public Act 89-253, have been met; and
- (j) undertake such other reasonable activities or efforts as the commission may prescribe to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises as state contractors and subcontractors.

11. Contractor shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60g (Set-aside programs for small contractors and minority business enterprises).

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 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.

t. COMPLIANCE WITH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT

The successful proposer shall comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

u. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The successful proposer agrees to comply with Executive Order 11246, including the inclusion of the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause in every contract and purchase order entered into with subcontractors and suppliers as required by 41 CFR 60-1.4, as supplemented by the Department of Labor Regulations. No person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of the Contract. Proposers agree that contractors and subcontractors on this Project shall take affirmative action to ensure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay, or other forms of compensation and selection for training and apprenticeship.

END OF STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

SCOPE OF WORK

OVERVIEW:

The Town of Cheshire is seeking to hire a qualified engineering firm for preparing design plans for Aquatic Enhancements to the Cheshire Community Pool located at #520 South Main Street in Cheshire, as outlined in the “Scope of Work” and as depicted on the Conceptual Plan included within this RFP. The improvements seek to expand use by town residents and to further enhance site amenities. **The base bid shall cover design services associated with the exterior aquatic enhancements portion and a bid alternate covering design associated with interior splash pad amenities.**

The Project is being funded in whole or in part with State of Connecticut funds through a STEAP grant. All terms, conditions and requirements of the STEAP grant are expressly incorporated into the bid documents and the contract to be entered into between the Town and the bidder awarded a contract. Bidders are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the requirements, terms and conditions of the STEAP grant.

All design work and resulting engineering drawings shall be completed in accordance with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges and Incidental Construction, Form 818, dated 2020 through Supplemental Specifications dated January 2022 (referred to herein after at “Form 818”) and the Town of Cheshire Guidelines and Specification for Public Improvements (referred to herein as “Public Improvements”).

The Public Improvements are available on the Town’s website at: <https://www.cheshirect.org/>

CTDOT Form 818 are available electronically at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOI/IT/ConnDOT-Publications-Manuals>

It is the goal of this RFP to have a turn-key, complete set of detailed construction plans and technical specifications to create project documents for bid letting and construction.

EXPERIENCE:

Consultants responding to this RFP must supply information on their firm and examples of similar projects. Work specific to splash pads and aquatic enhancements should be provided. The project team (including any sub-contractors) shall be clearly identified, and only those members of the team who would actively be working on the project should have resumes included with the submission. All members of the project team shall possess the requisite licenses at the time of the proposal and throughout the project if chosen.

TIME OF COMPLETION:

The consultant affirms that TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE regarding the execution of this project and furthermore accepts the Town’s commitment to have a biddable set of final construction drawings

completed within **sixty (60) consecutive calendar days**, starting on the Notice to Proceed. **Firms shall provide project milestone dates in their proposed schedule.**

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & MEETINGS:

The design consultant shall be responsible to provide project oversight and coordination as necessary for prompt and successful completion of all contract services.

The project manager and project engineer shall attend a project kick-off meeting and be available for up to four (4) coordination meetings with the Town throughout the Contract period. The Consultant will also be available for meetings with affected utilities and local and state agencies associated with the design for this Project, if needed.

SURVEY SERVICES & BASE MAPPING:

The design firm shall provide a topographic survey as necessary to complete design services. A base map shall be prepared showing contours and spot elevations, as needed. Survey shall contain sufficient detail to accommodate design, and identify all potentially impacted vegetation, utilities, and drainage.

All topographic and utility information collected from the Town and utility companies and supplemented by physical evidence in the field shall be shown on the base maps for this project.

All survey information shall be compiled and presented pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Sections 20-300b-1 through 20-300b-20 and the "Standards for Surveys and Maps in the State of Connecticut" as adopted by the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors, Inc. on September 26, 1996, as amended.

Adequate benchmark(s) shall be provided for construction.

PRELIMINARY DESIGN:

The designer shall provide the Town for review, a preliminary design showing the exterior aquatic enhancements, as depicted within this RFP. The design shall minimize the need to relocate utilities, while meeting generally accepted engineering standards for design.

In addition, design recommendations and an opinion of probable construction cost (construction cost estimate) of the preliminary design shall be provided for initial review and comment by the Town.

FINAL DESIGN:

Based upon review by the Town and other agencies, a Final Design and Technical Specifications for the exterior aquatic enhancements will be prepared.

The Final Design shall include, but not be limited to, Existing Conditions Plan; Layout Plan; Grading & Drainage Plan; Planting & Landscaping Plan; Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan; Construction Details & Notes; MEP Plans, Details & Notes; and Details for Appurtenances.

In addition, the Consultant shall provide a Final Cost Estimate and an estimated construction duration.

BID ALTERNATE (INTERIOR ENHANCEMENTS):

Additional products and/or services related to design of the interior aquatic enhancements shall be identified as an Add Alternate. **This work is not to be included in the Base Bid.**

Additional work for interior enhancements to include: (1) Preliminary Design & Opinion of probable construction cost; (2) Final Design; (3) Final Cost Estimate; and (4) Technical Specifications.

DELIVERABLES:

A full-resolution PDF copy of all materials will be required and project specifications shall be submitted as a Microsoft Word file. Also, one (1) set of all electronic files on USB drive in AutoCAD release 2018 to 2022 DWG format including all supporting files shall be provided.

In addition, four (4) full-size sets shall be provided. Plans shall have the original (live) signature and seal (embossed) of the professional(s) responsible for the plans, reports, and supporting documentation (or portion thereof), as applicable. The signing professional(s) shall be appropriately licensed in the State of Connecticut.

BID DOCUMENTS:

All of the items listed above shall be provided in electronic format to the Town for the file and so they can be posted to the town web site when the project is ready for bid.

BID ASSISTANCE:

The design Consultant will assist the Town during the bidding of this project. Work shall include:

- Preparation of Bid Form;
- Provide response(s) to bidder questions;
- Develop amendments and addenda as needed;
- Provide revisions to the plans as necessary for addendum revisions; and
- Review contractor qualifications and provide recommendations.

The Town of Cheshire will be responsible for preparing the final bid documents and all advertising costs associated with the Bid Process.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:

After receiving bids for the project during the construction phases, the Town will determine the extent of the Consultant's services that will be needed during construction. To the extent that these are determined necessary, this fee will be negotiated at that time and shall not be part of this RFP.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation of the Proposals and ultimate selection of the design consultant shall be based on the following criteria:

- Firm and Individual Qualifications
- Experience with similar projects
- Capacity to perform the work
- Past Performance
- Fee Proposal
- References

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 RFPs, it will not be the only basis for award. Due consideration may also be given to 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 RFP.

END SCOPE OF WORK

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The General Contractor and all Subcontractors shall carry the following insurances for the duration of the Project, in coordination with the GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION. Insurance companies shall be licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut.

		(Minimum Limits)
General Liability*	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
	General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
	Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Auto Liability*	Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	\$1,000,000
Umbrella* (Excess Liability)	Combined single Limit (Each Occurrence)	\$1,000,000
	Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Professional Liability	Each Occurrence	\$2,000,000

* The Town of Cheshire shall be named as “Additional Insured.” Coverage is to be provided on a primary, noncontributory basis. Waiver of subrogation must be provided.

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.

Workers Compensation:	Statutory Limits	
Employer’s Liability:	Each Accident	\$100,000
	Disease Each Employee	\$100,000
	Disease Policy Limit	\$500,000

Original, completed Certificates of Insurance must be presented to the Town prior to Contract execution. The successful bidder 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

PROPOSAL FORM

PROPOSER'S FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

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

A. LUMP SUM BASE BID (EXTERIOR ENHANCEMENTS):

To provide the products and/or services specified in, and upon the terms and conditions of the RFP for the exterior work as specified in the Scope of Work outlined within this RFP for the total LUMP SUM BASE BID of:

_____/100 Dollars

(write out in words)

(\$ _____) (in numbers)

B. ADD ALTERNATE (INTERIOR ENHANCEMENTS):

To provide the products and/or services specified in, and upon the terms and conditions of the RFP for the interior work as specified in the Scope of Work outlined within this RFP. Bidder will complete this work for the following ADD ALTERNATE LUMP SUM price:

_____/100 Dollars

(write out in words)

(\$ _____) (in numbers)

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 RFP. Except as otherwise expressly stated in the RFP, no additional payment of any kind will be made for work accomplished under the price(s) as proposed.

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

1. Exceptions to the RFP

_____ This proposal does not take exception to any requirement of the RFP, 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 RFP requirements, including but not only the following Contract Terms set forth in Section 26 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 i.t 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 proposals or bids or the performance of work on public works projects or contracts?

_____ Yes

_____ No

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

PROPOSAL BID SECURITY

The proposer has included herein the required certified check or proposal (bid) bond in the amount of 5% 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 RFP, UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS DESCRIBED ABOVE. PROPOSER AGREES THAT IT WILL SIGN CONTRACT PROVIDED BY THE TOWN, WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS OR ALTERATIONS, WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF AWARD.

BY _____
(PRINT NAME)

TITLE: _____

(SIGNATURE)

DATE: _____

END OF PROPOSAL FORM

LEGAL STATUS DISCLOSURE FORM

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."

IF A PARTNERSHIP:

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 Partners

Name & Title (if any)

Residential Address (street only)

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Residential Address (street only)

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Residential Address (street only)

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."

Sign on the next page

Proposer's Full Legal Name

(print)

Name and Title of Proposer's Authorized Representative

(signature)

Proposer's Representative, Duly Authorized

Date

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>) and will comply with federal Executive Order 11246 (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/executive-order-11246/ca-11246>).
- 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.
- 9) I/we have read and understand the RFP Documents and all addenda, and our proposal has been made on the basis thereof.

Legal Name of Proposer

(signature)
Proposer’s Representative, Duly Authorized

Name of Proposer’s Authorized Representative

Title of Proposer’s Authorized Representative

Date

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 bid;
- (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 bid, 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:

CHRO CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS
(NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS)

(SEE ATTACHED)

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 _____

3. BUSINESS NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE _____
TELEPHONE: _____
INDIVIDUAL CONTACT NAME AND POSITION _____

END OF STATEMENT OF REFERENCES



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Standard Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect

AGREEMENT made as of the day of in the year
(In words, indicate day, month and year.)

BETWEEN the Owner:
(Name, legal status, address and other information)

and the Architect:
(Name, legal status, address and other information)

for the following Project:
(Name, location and detailed description)

The Owner and Architect agree as follows.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

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ARTICLE 1 ARCHITECT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Architect shall provide architectural services for the Project as described in this Agreement. The Architect shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by architects practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The Architect shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the Project. The Architect shall assist the Owner in determining consulting services required for the Project. The Architect's services include the following consulting services, if any:

During the Design Phase, the Architect shall review the Owner's scope of work, budget and schedule and reach an understanding with the Owner of the Project requirements. Based on the approved Project requirements, the Architect shall develop a design, which shall be set forth in drawings and other documents appropriate for the Project. Upon the Owner's approval of the design, the Architect shall prepare Construction Documents indicating requirements for construction of the Project and shall coordinate its services with any consulting services the Owner provides. The Architect shall assist the Owner in filing documents required for the approval of governmental authorities, in obtaining bids or proposals, and in awarding contracts for construction.

During the Construction Phase, the Architect shall act as the Owner's representative and provide administration of the Contract between the Owner and Contractor. The extent of the Architect's authority and responsibility during construction is described in AIA Document A105™-2017, Standard Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor. If the Owner and Contractor modify AIA Document A105-2017, those modifications shall not affect the Architect's services under this Agreement, unless the Owner and Architect amend this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Owner shall provide full information about the objectives, schedule, constraints and existing conditions of the Project, and shall establish a budget that includes reasonable contingencies and meets the Project requirements. The Owner shall provide decisions and furnish required information as expeditiously as necessary for the orderly progress of the Project. The Architect shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the Owner's information. The Owner shall furnish consulting services not provided by the Architect, but required for the Project, such as surveying, which shall include property boundaries, topography, utilities, and wetlands information; geotechnical engineering; and environmental testing services. The Owner shall employ a Contractor, experienced in the type of Project to be constructed, to perform the construction Work and to provide price information.

ARTICLE 3 USE OF DOCUMENTS

Drawings, specifications and other documents prepared by the Architect are the Architect's Instruments of Service, and are for the Owner's use solely with respect to constructing the Project. The Architect shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including the copyright. Upon completion of the construction of the Project, provided that the Owner substantially performs its obligations under this Agreement, the Architect grants to the Owner a license to use the Architect's Instruments of Service as a reference for maintaining, altering and adding to the Project. The Owner agrees to indemnify the Architect from all costs and expenses related to claims arising from the Owner's use of the Instruments of Service without retaining the Architect. When transmitting copyright-protected information for use on the Project, the transmitting party represents that it is either the copyright owner of the information, or has permission from the copyright owner to transmit the information for its use on the Project.

ARTICLE 4 TERMINATION, SUSPENSION OR ABANDONMENT

In the event of termination, suspension or abandonment of the Project by the Owner, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed. The Owner's failure to make payments in accordance with this Agreement shall be considered substantial nonperformance and sufficient cause for the Architect to suspend or terminate services. Either the Architect or the Owner may terminate this Agreement after giving no less than seven days' written notice if the Project is suspended for more than 90 days, or if the other party substantially fails to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement shall terminate one year from the date of Substantial Completion.

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ARTICLE 5 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located. Terms in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those in AIA Document A105-2017, Standard Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor. Neither party to this Agreement shall assign the contract as a whole without written consent of the other.

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Owner or the Architect.

The Architect shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of, or exposure of persons to, hazardous materials or toxic substances in any form at the Project site.

ARTICLE 6 PAYMENTS AND COMPENSATION TO THE ARCHITECT

The Architect's Compensation shall be:

The Owner shall reimburse the Architect for expenses incurred in the interest of the Project, as set forth in Architect's Proposal.

Payments are due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Architect's monthly invoice. At the request of the Owner and only upon the execution of a written agreement between the Owner and the Architect, the Architect shall provide additional services not included in Article 1 for additional compensation. Such additional services may include, but not be limited to, providing or coordinating services of consultants not identified in Article 1; revisions due to changes in the Project scope, quality or budget, or due to Owner-requested changes in the approved design; evaluating changes in the Work and Contractors' requests for substitutions of materials or systems; providing services necessitated by the Contractor's failure to perform; and the extension of the Architect's Article 1 services beyond three (3) months of the date of Substantial Completion through no fault of the Architect.

ARTICLE 7 OTHER PROVISIONS

(Insert descriptions of other services and modifications to the terms of this Agreement.)

Owner's Request for Proposals # __, dated ____, 2023, and Architect's Proposal, dated ____, 2023, are expressly incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully stated herein.

This Agreement entered into as of the day and year first written above.

OWNER (Signature)

ARCHITECT (Signature)

(Printed name and title)

(Printed name, title, and license number, if required)

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~~The Owner shall pay the Architect an initial payment of (\$) as a minimum payment under this Agreement. The initial payment shall be credited to the final invoice.~~

The Owner shall reimburse the Architect for expenses incurred in the interest of the Project, plus percent (%) as set forth in Architect's Proposal.

Payments are due and payable upon within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Architect's monthly invoice. Amounts unpaid () days after the invoice date shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate of percent (%) or in the absence thereof, at the legal rate prevailing at the principal place of business of the Architect.

~~At the request of the Owner,~~

At the request of the Owner and only upon the execution of a written agreement between the Owner and the Architect, the Architect shall provide additional services not included in Article 1 for additional compensation. Such additional services may include, but not be limited to, providing or coordinating services of consultants not identified in Article 1; revisions due to changes in the Project scope, quality or budget, or due to Owner-requested changes in the approved design; evaluating changes in the Work and Contractors' requests for substitutions of materials or systems; providing services necessitated by the Contractor's failure to perform; and the extension of the Architect's Article 1 services beyond three (3) months of the date of this Agreement-Substantial Completion through no fault of the Architect.

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Owner's Request for Proposals # , dated , 2023, and Architect's Proposal, dated , 2023, are expressly incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully stated herein.

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I, Jeffrey M. Donofrio, hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that I created the attached final document simultaneously with its associated Additions and Deletions Report and this certification at 17:15:14 ET on 11/20/2023 under Order No. 3104238686 from AIA Contract Documents software and that in preparing the attached final document I made no changes to the original text of AIA® Document B105™ – 2017, Standard Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect, other than those additions and deletions shown in the associated Additions and Deletions Report.

(Signed)

(Title)

(Dated)

CONCEPTUAL PLAN

(SEE ATTACHED)

Cheshire Community Pool Aquatic Enhancements

Cheshire, Connecticut
Concept Plan

- 1 Outdoor Splash Pad
-(2,400 Square Feet)
- 2 Indoor Splash Pad
-(350 Square Feet)
- 3 Plant Bed
- 4 Ornamental Fence
- 5 Modular Block Retaining Wall
- 6 Lawn Area
- 7 Concrete Hardscape Area
- 8 Shade Structure
- 9 Bench
- 10 Picnic Table
- 11 Lounge Chair
- 12 Light Post
- 13 Safety/Useage Signage



Splash Pad Features

