

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Town of Exeter
2024 Downtown Exeter Mobile Vending

The Town of Exeter requests written bid proposals for the opportunity to enter into a license agreement with the Town of Exeter for vending from a mobile vending unit in the downtown area of Exeter. The Town of Exeter has identified one (1) municipal parking location within the downtown from which it will permit vending from a mobile vending unit. The Vendor submitting the best qualified bid proposal will be forwarded for Department approvals, then submitted to the Select Board for approval. Upon approval, Vendor has 10 days to return signed license agreement to the Town Manager's Office; failure to do so may result in the Town proceeding to the next best qualified bid proposal.

Bid proposals begin at \$2,400.00 annually.

The Town of Exeter is equal opportunity/affirmative action. All qualified proposals will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, or national origin.

Award of Agreement is contingent on State of New Hampshire and Town of Exeter Health Regulations, Town of Exeter Ordinance 802, receipt of Certificate of Insurance and payment of accepted bid within 10 days of approval.

The Town of Exeter reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any proposal that it may deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Please submit clearly marked, sealed proposals,
no later than December 1, 2023, to:

Town of Exeter – 2024 Mobile Vending RFP
Town Manager's Office
10 Front Street
Exeter, NH 03833
(603)773-6102

**Town of Exeter
Exeter, New Hampshire
2024 Downtown Mobile Vending**

Bid Specifications

Introduction

In 2021 the Exeter Select Board amended Ordinance 802.9 relative to Mobile Vending from municipal parking spaces. Pursuant to the ordinance change:

- Mobile vending from downtown parking spaces shall be permitted only from one (1) space approved by the Exeter Select Board;
- Mobile vending from this space shall be permitted on a yearly basis from January 1st through December 31st per calendar year;
- The mobile vending location shall be awarded to the best qualified bidder;
- There shall be a minimum bid price for use of the mobile vending space.

The vendor who submits the best qualified bid for the downtown mobile vending space will have the opportunity to enter into a license agreement to vend from the downtown municipal parking space. The license will provide for vendor's exclusive use of the vending space for that period of the calendar year. The agreement will be in accordance with Exeter Ordinance 802. Vendors should review Ordinance 802 carefully.

This bid applies only to mobile vending units (not carts) and one (1) designated downtown municipal parking space.

Vendor submittal requirement:

- A cover letter describing the mobile vendor unit along with accompanying photos and dimensions; food/goods vendor proposes to sell; and days/hours vendor anticipates selling;
- The fully completed application for bid;
- Copies of permits issued by the State of New Hampshire for vending of goods or food.

Vendor is not required to obtain local and state permits prior to submission of a bid, but will be required to obtain all state and local permits prior to execution of the license for the designated municipal mobile vending space.

Disqualification: Vendor will be disqualified if:

- Vendor has a history of non-compliance with local and/or state regulations, ordinances and/or laws;
- Vendor's proposed mobile vending unit, proposed method of servicing customers, or goods/food for sale raise health or safety concerns that cannot be reconciled through the agreement terms. By way of further guidance, it is imperative that vending be able to occur in a manner which does not create a risk for customers, vehicular traffic, the vendor or others, or create damage to Town property;
- in regard to food vending, if Vendor has within the last year had a health inspection that yielded more than 2 critical item violations per inspection, or any repeat critical item violation(s), a total inspection score of less than 80, or if the Commissary names on the Commissary Agreement did not maintain an inspection score of 80 or greater;
- Vendor has a history of harassing, intimidating or threatening others;
- the bid proposal is on a form other than that furnished by the Town of Exeter;
- there are unauthorized additions, conditions or irregularities which may make the bid proposal incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous as to its meaning;
- more than one proposal is submitted for the same work from an individual, firm or corporation under the same or different name or there is evidence of collusion among bidders;
- Vendor fails to submit all required information; or
- disqualification is in the best interest of the Town of Exeter.

By submitting a bid proposal, the Vendor authorizes the Town to undertake such investigation as may be necessary to verify the Vendor's qualifications (per RSA 31:102-b). The Vendor may be requested to execute a release in favor of third parties who have information relative to the Vendor's qualifications. Refusal to execute a release may result in disqualification.

Delivery of Bid Proposals

When sent by mail, the sealed proposal shall be addressed to the Town at the address and in the care of the official in whose office the proposals are to be received. All proposals shall be filed prior to the time and at the place specified in the invitation for bid proposals. All bid proposals should be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope "Downtown Exeter 2024 Mobile Vending". Proposals received after the deadline will not be opened or considered. Faxed or emailed proposals are not acceptable.

Withdrawal of Bid Proposals

A proposal may be withdrawn prior to execution of agreement.

Reservation of Rights

The Town of Exeter reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any proposal that it may deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

**Exeter 2024 Downtown Mobile Vending
Bid Proposal Application Form**

The undersigned submits the following price proposal to vend from the designated Exeter downtown mobile vending space. The Vendor submitting the best qualified bid proposal will be offered the opportunity to enter into a license agreement with the Town. Vendor shall specify amount in both words and figures. If there is a discrepancy between prices written in words and those written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.

Minimum bid proposal is \$2,400.00.

Downtown Mobile Vending Space Bid in words:

Downtown Mobile Vending Space Bid in figures:

Submitted by: _____
(please print)

Signature: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Corrections on the bid form should be made by crossing out the error and entering the new price or information above or below it. The correction must be initialed. In case of discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.