



Request for Proposal – Helium for 2026 Parade Spectacular

General Information

The Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular is one of the largest helium balloon parades in the country with 15 balloons, marching bands, dance troupes and more. This single day event in Stamford, CT attracts over 75,000 spectators. This annual is held the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Stamford Downtown Special Services District (DSSD) is requesting proposals of a full-service bleacher production company. The interested parties should be able to address the needs of DSSD in the most efficient manner possible.

Scope of Work

Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular- Sunday, November 22, 2026

1. Production Management:

1. Be available for calls as required by DSSD and city officials.

2. Production Services and equipment:

1. Provide approximately 50,000 CF of helium to fill 15 giant parade balloons
2. Have all necessary hoses and equipment needed to fill balloons. Approx. 1000' of hose is needed to reach all balloons in the inflation area with multiple feeds usable at any given time.
3. Be in compliance with city, state and federal regulations regarding the dispensing of helium.
4. Provide all necessary labor for hose/equipment setup and breakdown.

The proposal must contain the following items of information:

1. Background and description of the company.
2. Description of the equipment that will be used.
3. Pricing for entire scope of work including labor.
4. References for similar scope of work

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Insurance Requirements:

- a) Evidence of a policy of general liability insurance insuring against any property damage or bodily injury in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence,
- b) \$2,000,000 aggregate for general liability,
- c) \$1,000,000 CLS automobile) and (hired and non-owned automobile coverage to be included)
- d) \$500,000/500,000/500,000 Employers liability (workers' compensation), \$10,000,000 umbrella. The owner of the venue, the City of Stamford and the DSSD its agents, employees and representatives should be listed as additional insured for general liability with a waiver of subrogation for general liability and workers' compensation and contain a provision stating that DSSD will be notified not less than 30 days in advance of the cancellation of any such policy.

Terms, Conditions & Limitations

This Request for Proposals is subject to the specific conditions, terms and limitations stated below:

1. No applicant will be selected if it is in default upon any debt, contract or obligation to the Stamford Downtown Special Services District, or City of Stamford.
2. The Stamford Downtown Special Services District shall not pay any costs or losses incurred by any applicant at any time, including but not limited to, the cost of responding to this RFP.
3. This RFP does not represent any obligation or agreement whatsoever on the part of the Stamford Downtown Special Services District to vendor applying.
4. An invitation to respond to the RFP does not create any rights on the part of the applicant.
5. Any documents provided to the applicant represent the best available information at the disposal of the Stamford Downtown Special Services District, and are provided in good faith without warranty of accuracy or applicability. Respondents are encouraged to undertake their own investigations.
6. DSSD reserves the right to accept or reject all or part of a proposal for any reason DSSD deems advisable.

***Proposals should be submitted to the Stamford Downtown Special Services District via email events@stamford-downtown.com.
Submission deadline: May 13, 2026 at 4pm.***

*Stamford Downtown reserves the right to cancel this RFP during the process.
Any bids received will be returned.*