

CODE: 66-369 Building Maintenance/Renovation Projects

SECTION 56-6

**Bid2022-137 Emergency Purchase of RS45 Cylinders**

Comstar International  
20-45 128<sup>th</sup> Street  
College Point, NY 11356

Contract Award: \$33,600.00

Contract Period: One time purchase



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To: Patricia Peshka, Purchasing Agent

From: Eric J. Earls, Director of Public Works *EJE*

Date: August 11, 2021

Subj: Comstar International, Inc.

The Public Works Department is requesting an emergency purchase of refrigerant for the Thayer/Warburton Arenas. As the previously approved repairs are ongoing to ensure the mechanics that keep the ice frozen are ready for the upcoming winter season, refrigerant levels in both compressor systems are below the level required for proper function. This department has secured pricing from the manufacturer of the RS-45 which, while expensive, is more cost effective than purchasing through the HVAC vendor that will include a markup on the product.

Both Thayer and Warburton Arenas are open seven days a week, sixteen hours a day, particularly from October to March when they are heavily utilized by local organizations, tournaments, competitions, private groups, high schools and the general public.

Based on the information we have currently on the state of the compressors and being mindful of the youth and adults alike that are anticipated to and currently utilize the ice rinks, as well as generated revenue from these rentals, it is imperative that we have the tools to keep the compressors running. This purchase will allow the department to have the compressors running with the correct amount of refrigerant without stressing the function of the systems and causing mechanical breakdowns.

In order to keep the ice surfaces frozen and operable for upcoming programming, as well as the public, it is not in the best interest to delay this purchase for the aforementioned reasons. It should also be noted that this vendor is manufacturer of this material. Please consider this memo a request for an exception to notice under Sec. 56-6 of the Warwick Code for Comstar International, Inc. for the purchase of (140) 24 pound cylinders of RS-45 in the amount of \$33,600.00. Due to the volume requested, there is no additional fees for shipping. This request will be a one-time purchase and no contract period is required.

(66-369 - \$33,600)

**Moretti Christy L**

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**From:** Steven P. Mella <spmella@comstarproducts.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** Moretti Christy L  
**Cc:** Tehmina Kanchwala; Orders  
**Subject:** [EXT] - RE: [EXT] - RE: Quote please RS45

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Hi Christy:

We sell RS-45 in both full pallets of 40 and/or pallets with less than 40 cylinders. If you purchase more than 2 pallets of 40 then you will get a discounted price of \$240.00 per cylinder and free freight for 2 or more pallets. Please send all orders to [orders@comstarproducts.com](mailto:orders@comstarproducts.com)

Regards, Steve

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Moretti Christy L <Christy.L.Moretti@warwickri.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:18 PM  
**To:** Steven P. Mella <spmella@comstarproducts.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] - RE: Quote please RS45

Hi Steve -

I will be requesting to purchase at least three pallets. Do you sell half pallets? I would get three and a half, if you do.

Thanks!  
Christy

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Steven P. Mella [<mailto:spmella@comstarproducts.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Tehmina Kanchwala; Moretti Christy L  
**Subject:** [EXT] - RE: Quote please RS45

Hi Christy:

The current price for a 24 lb cylinder of RS-45 (R434a) is \$248.80 each (40 cylinders per pallet) and free freight for 2 or more pallets.

Product is in stock.

Regards, Steve

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tehmina Kanchwala <[tkanchwala@comstarproducts.com](mailto:tkanchwala@comstarproducts.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:40 PM  
To: Steven P. Mella <spmella@comstarproducts.com>  
Subject: FW: Quote please RS45

Best Regards

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—Original Message—

From: Moretti Christy L <Christy.LMoretti@warwickri.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:38 PM  
To: Tehmina Kanchwala <tkanchwala@comstarproducts.com>  
Subject: Quote please RS45

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Good Afternoon,

Could you please provide a quote for two pallets of RS45, with shipping for Thayer Arena in Rhode Island?

We are reopening our rink and need to get the refrigerant level to operating.

Thank you  
Christy

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