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RE: RFP-DOT-16/17-2378-DS Environmental and Environmental Construction support Services Contract to Identify, Assess and Remediate Contamination and Provide Required Environmental Support Services for Construction Projects in District Two

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

GROUP #3

Below are questions submitted and responded to as follows:

Question 1: Will the Department confirm if the submission of price proposals that are significantly below market prices, including bids of \$0 or \$1 for an individual item, are acceptable and will not result in a price proposal being deemed unresponsive, irregular or materially unbalanced?

Answer 1: See advertisement section 20 Additional Terms & Conditions “[n]o conditions may be applied to any aspect of this RFP by the Proposer. Any conditions placed on any aspect of the proposal documents by the proposer may result in the proposal being rejected as a conditional proposal (see “RESPONSIVENESS OF PROPOSALS”).” See advertisement section 30 and 30.3 “[i]f any of the pay items are left blank or if N.A. is entered, the solicitation will be found non-responsive.” See advertisement and section 1 MyFloridaMarketPlace, section 7 Intended Award, and section 21 Responsiveness of Proposals.

Question 2: How many contracts will be awarded?

Answer 2: There will be one intended Awarded Vendor for this RFP.

Question 3: In other FDOT Districts, it has been our experience that FDOT does not allow professional services contract duration greater than 5 years in an effort to allow FDOT to consistently seek best-value for the State of Florida taxpayers. Will a contract of a 7-year duration with an option to renew for another 7 years allow FDOT to actively seek best value for the State of Florida taxpayers?

Answer 3: See advertisement, the advertisement is a request for proposal (RFP), not a professional services advertisement. See advertisement section 33 Renewal “[a]ny renewal shall specify the renewal price, as set forth in the solicitation response except that the agency may negotiate lower pricing.”

Question 4: What type of contract rate escalation will be allowed during the 7-year contract and renewal periods? How frequently will contract rate escalation be allowed?

- Answer 4:** Contract rate escalations are not considered in this request for proposal. See advertisement section 33 Renewal “[a]ny renewal shall specify the renewal price, as set forth in the solicitation response except that the agency may negotiate lower pricing.”
- Question 5:** For all labor classifications with overtime, how will overtime be calculated? Is work in excess of 8 hours per day considered overtime? If an individual works greater than 40 hours cumulative in a given week on multiple authorizations or under multiple contracts, can the latter time over 40 hours be invoiced as overtime?
- Answer 5:** Overtime will be paid at the rate of 1.5 times the Straight Time hourly rate of applicable positions as indicated on Exhibit B and upon approval by the Department.
- Question 6:** What is the minimum time charge under the labor category?
- Answer 6:** 0.25 hours minimum.
- Question 7:** Item #108, Is this line item intended for Commercially Licensed Truck drivers (CDL
- Answer 7:** It includes a CDL truck driver.
- Question 8:** Item #112, Is the unit charge for “Technical Editor” supposed to be “per hour”?
- Answer 8:** Yes
- Question 9:** Item #201, What size air compressor should be quoted?
- Answer 9:** Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.
- Question 10:** Item # 202, What size air stripper, in gallons per minute (GPM), should be quoted?
- Answer 10:** Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.
- Question 11:** Item #210, Concrete Coring Machine. Bits are typically considered expendable items. Should costs for bits be included in this line item or will they be considered “other direct costs” with a 12% markup?
- Answer 11:** It’s included in the line item price.
- Question 12:** Item #215, Generator, 7.5 kW – 50 kW, the wattage range for this piece of equipment is large. Could the Department specify the intent of the utilization of this equipment in an effort to provide accurate pricing?
- Answer 12:** Addendum #2 amended Exhibit “B” Line item 215, request bid for 7.5 kW generator.
- Question 13:** Item #217, What type of hydraulic shear should be quoted (i.e., cable, sheet metal, tank)? What should the shear be designed to attach to?

Answer 13: Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services

Question 14: Item #223, What size blower should be included? Should a post-treatment heat exchanger included?

Answer 14: Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.

Question 15: Item #224, What size compressor should be quoted?

Answer 15: Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.

Question 16: Item # 225, What size water tanker should be quoted?

Answer 16: Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.

Question 17: Item #232, The 2-inch centrifugal pump is specified as electric. What is the electrical rating with regards to phase and voltage of the pump?

Answer 17: Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.

Question 18: Items #234 and #235 are for Containment Booms. What is the unit of payment for this item, per inch, per foot, etc...?

Answer 18: Unit price per foot

Question 19: Item # 236, Is this line item a well point pump or hydraulic pump? What size?

Answer 19: Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.

Question 20: Item #240, what size flowmeter should be quoted

Answer 20: Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.

Question 21: Part C – Sampling & Testing Equipment Rates. Some commonly used equipment appears to be missing from this section: dissolved oxygen meter, oxidation-reduction potential meter, and YSI or Horiba multi-meter.

Answer 21: **No response given as no question was asked.**

Question 22: **A.** Part D – Drilling Services Rates. Is this section intended only for direct push technology (DPT) drilling?
B. If so, will all costs associated with hollow stem auger or mud rotary drilling methods be treated as other direct costs and marked up 12%?
C. If not, will you consider adding separate line items for each drilling method, since the associated costs are extremely disparate?

Answer 22: **A. Yes**
B. Yes
C. No

Question 23: Item #302 – This item specifies a man-hole cover with lock. Is a bolt-down manhole considered a lock?

Answer 23: **A bolt-down manhole is not considered a locked well.**

Question 24: Item #307 - Is Item 307 intended to be DPT core sample?

Answer 24: **Not limited to DPT**

Question 25: Item #308 – Is Item 308 intended to be a standard penetration test?

Answer 25: **No**

Question 26: Item #313, Should the carbon be priced out as new virgin carbon or will FDOT accept re-activated carbon?

Answer 26: **Rate is for virgin carbon.**

Question 27: Item #316, What size or micron mesh bag filter should be quoted?

Answer 27: **Equipment bids should be for standard equipment used in industry and for the equipment to be operational and ready to perform work in accordance with the scope of services. Please see scope of services.**

Question 28: Item #329, the text following “including” is not present. Can FDOT provide the remaining text? Complete text states

Answer 28: **“Full-Face Respirator (including cartridges)”**

- Question 29:** Section F – Disposal Rates, the note at the end of the section says, “Disposal invoices shall not include transportation fees.” Please confirm that associated waste transportation fees are a separate item? If so, will waste transportation an “other direct cost” with 12% markup?
- Answer 29:** **The transportation is a non-item.**
- Question 30:** Items #376, #377, and #378 – Can we assume the generated residue from lead-based paint cleaning operations are non-hazardous?
- Answer 30:** **non-hazardous**
- Question 31:** Items #379 through #384 – These items are listed with units of “event”. Is the reporting also included in these items?
- Answer 31:** **Yes**
- Question 32:** Item 413 – There are multiple methods for hexavalent chromium that provide differing detection limits. Which method should be quoted?
- Answer 32:** **The analytical range should be determined by the FDEP Cleanup Target Levels established for soil, groundwater and surface water cleanup levels as defined in Chapter 62-777, FAC.**
- Question 33:** Items # 407 to 435 (pages 24 to 26) are repeated are repeated on pages 27 to 29.
- Answer 33:** **This is confirmed, please discard this duplication**
- Question 34:** Items # 500 to 503 (page 30) are repeated on page 31.
- Answer 34:** **This is confirmed, please discard this duplication**
- Question 35:** Item #434, Total Recoverable Petroleum Hydrocarbons is typically determined in Florida using the FL-PRO method (Item #424). What method should be quoted for Item #434, since FL-PRO is already included as Line Item #424?
- Answer 35:** **Laboratory method for Line Item 434 Total Recoverable Petroleum Hydrocarbons is FL-PRO. Enter the price proposal for FL-PRO in Line Item 434.**
- Question 36:** Section 21.1, page 61, Responsiveness of Proposal. This section states “A responsive proposal is an offer ... receiving seventy (70) points or more on the Technical Proposal”. However, Section 30.1, page 66, Evaluation Process, states that 125 points are required are required to be considered responsive. Please clarify which point total results in a responsive Technical Proposal.
- Answer 36:** **125 required points.**
- Question 37:** Section 22.2, page 62, specifies 11 point font. Section 22.4, page 64, specifies “not less than 10 point font”. Please clarify the minimum acceptable font size.
- Answer 37:** **Minimum 11 point font.**

Question 38: Section 22.2, page 62, specifies aerial font. Are other font types allow in graphics, headers, or figures, as necessary to provide contrast or enhance readability?

Answer 38: Yes

Question 39: Section 22.2, Item 2.b, page 62. Identification of a Technical Assistant Contract Manager (CM) and an Administrative Assistant CM are required. To ensure we assign the most appropriate personnel to the Assistant CM roles, please clarify the District's expectations for these two positions in terms of training, degree, and responsibilities

Answer 39: **The expectation for these Assistant Contract Manager positions is to provide the Department with technical and administrative contract management in the absence of the Contract Manger. The Assistant CMs shall have direct knowledge of the processes and status of the Department's contract and have qualifications equal to the Contract Manager.**

Question 40: Section 22.2, Item 4.e, page 64. The item requests actions to remove and dispose of a FDOT bridge containing "structural steel coated with heavy metals". Is the heavy metal coating a paint or some other type of coating?

Answer 40: **The coating in the reference section is the applied paint coating.**

Question 41: Section 22.2, Item 4.f, page 64. The item requests actions to support FDOT "bridge painting projects". Is the intent of this item for the vendor to provide lead paint abatement for bridge demolition/renovation projects?

Answer 41: **NO, the intent is for supporting FDOT during the bridge painting contractor's work.**

Question 42: A. Item 34 on page 9 specifies an "in-house qualified environmental specialist" and the pricing form indicates this person should have 5 years of experience. Are there any other necessary qualifications such as a specific degree type or level of degree (AS, BS, MS, PhD) necessary for this position?
B. Should the proposed person(s) proposed for this position have any specific State registrations such as Professional Engineer, Professional Geologist, or Licensed Environmental Professional?

Answer 42: **A. Minimum a BS in an environmental science field of study with a minimum 5 years of experience in contamination and remediation practices (i.e. prepare and interpret contamination impact studies (Phase 1 and 2 Environmental Assessments), knowledge of regulatory agency contamination criteria, experience in remediation processes, ability to interpret engineering plans, etc.)**
B. None are required.

Question 43: Item 34 on page 9 – Is this position intended to be a dedicated position or can more than one qualified staff members, once approved, be utilized in order to ensure full coverage during absences such as vacations or illness?

Answer 43: **The Department prefers one dedicated position however additional staff would be considered for approval.**

Question 44: Item 34 on page 9 – Is it the intention of the Department to have this person permanently located in Lake City or will the department pay travel and per diem costs?

Answer 44: This person is located within District 2. Travel is paid, per diem is not, Refer to RFP.