

DOT-RFP-20-1115JA
Questions & Answers

Question: We've seen that some bidders will enter in a \$1.00 cost for some sections that appear to make it unfair to other bidders who are putting in an actual cost to perform the tasks. Do you have a pricing schedule that you are using for each section, to ensure no one enters in unfair pricing?

Answer: If a rate of \$1.00 is made, the selected firm will be held to that rate for that item. It is up to the bidders to determine what rate (cost) they propose for the items listed. As stated in the RFP, bid prices for items listed in Exhibit C will be placed into a typical project scenario to determine the lowest bidder.

Question: If the submitter is a DBE how do we complete the Anticipated DBE Participation Form since it states amount to be "subcontracted" to the DBE?

Answer:

DBE Utilization

The Department began its DBE race neutral program January 1, 2000. **Contract specific goals are not placed on Federal/State contracts;** however, the Department has an overall 8.1% DBE goal it must achieve. In order to assist contractors in determining their DBE commitment level, the Department has reviewed the estimates for this letting. As you prepare your bid, please monitor potential or anticipated DBE utilization for contracts. When the low bidder executes the contract with the Department, information will be requested of the contractor's anticipated DBE participation for the project. While the utilization is not mandatory in order to be awarded the project, continuing utilization of DBE firms on contracts supports the success of Florida's Voluntary DBE Program, and supports contractors' Equal Employment Opportunity and DBE Affirmative Action Programs.

NOTE: Any project listed as 0% DBE availability does not mean that a DBE may not be used on that project. A 0% DBE availability may have been established due to any of the following reasons: limited identified subcontracting opportunities, minimal contract days, and/or small contract dollar amount. Contractors are encouraged to identify any opportunities to subcontract to DBEs. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at (850) 414-4747.

DBE Reporting

If you are the prime contractor on a project, complete the attached Anticipated DBE Participation Statement and submit the information at the pre-construction or pre-work conference for all federal and state funded projects. This **will not** become a mandatory part of the contract. It will assist the Department in tracking and reporting planned or estimated DBE utilization. During the contract, the prime contractor is required to report actual payments to **all** subcontractors through the web-based Equal Opportunity Reporting System (EORS), BizWeb. All DBE payments must be reported whether or not you initially planned to utilize the company. In order for our race neutral DBE Program to be successful, your cooperation is imperative. If you have any questions concerning the completion or submission of this information, contact the FDOT EOO at (850) 414-4747.

Bid Opportunity List

The Federal DBE Program requires States to maintain a database of all firms that are participating or attempting to participate on FDOT-assisted contracts. The list must include all firms that bid on prime contracts or bid or quote subcontracts on FDOT-assisted projects, including **both DBEs and non-DBEs**.

A form is included to record bidders' information for **ALL** subcontractors or sub-consultants who quoted to you for specific projects for this letting. If a contractor quoted to you for more than one project you only need list that contractor once. If you have submitted a bidder's list to the Department previously, you need only list new companies who have quoted to you or requested to be on specific projects. If you do not know the answers to numbers 2, 3, 4, or 5 you may leave them blank and the Department will complete them. This information should

be returned with your bid package or proposal package or submitted to the Equal Opportunity Office within three days of your submission. It can be mailed or faxed.

**Please reply to: Florida Department of Transportation
Equal Opportunity Office
605 Suwannee Street, MS 65
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450
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(850) 414-4879**

Question: On the Exhibit C Price Proposal we noted that there are no line items for Soil or Groundwater Treatment systems or Strippers. Should those be added based on the scope of work described in the RFP?

Answer: There is no need to add these to the price proposal. If a Soil or Groundwater Treatment system(s) or Strippers are necessary under this contract, the consultant awarded the contract will seek three quotes (assuming the total cost of such systems is over \$2,500) for this equipment. The lowest bid would normally be used. If the price for this equipment is \$2,500 or less, the consultant will provide a single price for this equipment, unless additional bids are requested by the Department. These items are not included on the Exhibit C Price Proposal due to the potential for significant variation in the specifics of the equipment that may be needed.

Question: On the Exhibit C Price Proposal is it correct that the Personnel rates are hourly?

Answer: Yes

Question: Under what circumstances does the FDOT need Medical waste cleanup, control, containment, transportation, and disposal?

Answer: The FDOT would need medical waste cleanup, control, containment, transportation, and disposal when medical waste is discovered within FDOT's right of way or facilities and FDOT determines it is necessary to cleanup, control, contain, transport and or dispose of this waste.

Question: On page A-2 item #6 it mentions the "Reimbursement for Petroleum Contamination Site Cleanup Requirements". Are any of the anticipated sites part of the Petroleum Restoration Program or do they need to be worked on by an Agency Term Contractor under the FDEP contract for eligible sites? Is being an Agency Term Contractor part of the RFP requirements or should it be?

Answer: There may be work required on or for contamination from sites covered under a funding program of the FDEP's Petroleum Restoration Program. These sites may also be worked on by an Agency Term Contractor under a FDEP contract. FDOT will determine exactly who will perform any work needed by FDOT. Being an Agency Term Contractor is not a requirement of this RFP. It has been determined that this is not a need of this RFP.

Question: On the price Proposal, Item #115 CO2 Meter (for tank removal), does the Department intend to use this instrument to verify CO2 levels for tank purging with dry ice? If so, does the instrument need to be capable of reading CO2 to a level of 60% or greater, i.e., using a Landtec GEM 5000?

Answer: Yes, the meter is to verify the CO2 level during tank purging. As such, this meter will need to read a level of greater than 60%.

Question: Would the vendor be required to have a physical presence in the counties listed for service in the RFP?

Answer: No, that is not a requirement

Question: Please confirm that all required forms, except for the price proposal form, should be included in Part I – Technical Proposal.

Answer: Correct