

Bid Questions and Responses

RFP-DOT-20-3009-KW

1. Who is the incumbent supplier?

Response: Transcore

2. Please provide a copy of the existing supplier contract, or contract number.

Response: BDZ98

3. 2-year details on staffing levels for each position, as listed by code #

Response: The Scope of Services and Performance requirements dictate the staffing levels needed to successfully deliver this project. These levels vary dependent upon quality and skill levels possessed by the staff of the vendor.

4. Volume of work / work orders for each position (2-year details) and task code

Response: The Florida Accountability and Contracts Tracking System can be reviewed for the previous contract deliverables including payment and amendments.

Here is the link to review these records:

<https://facts.fldfs.com/Search/ContractDetail.aspx?AgencyId=550000&ContractId=BDZ98&Tab=4>

The advertised contract is not comparable to past contract held by the incumbent. The scope of services for the advertised contract has not previously been used. The previous contract was procured using the Invitation to Negotiate method with considerably more responsibilities than the current advertisement.

5. 2-year details / historical data on frequency, per infraction, as listed within 9.2 'Other Financial Consequences' – so that risk assessment of performance penalties can be assessed.

Response: There is no historical data relevant to the advertised contract in District 3. However, the previous contract had no documented performance deductions.

6. What special conditions apply during a declared emergency? For example:

Are we allowed to bill additional charges for temporary housing, for example, if required?

Response: No

Must full staffing be maintained during this time period?

Response: Yes, so long as conditions are safe to do so.

7. Section 4.1.2.1 includes a list of items which "scheduled preventive maintenance may include, but is not limited to...". This list includes "performing tree trimming, clearing, and grubbing to maintain clear line of sight for signs, signals, CCTV, and other ITS equipment." However, the pricing list includes a clearing and grubbing pay item as well as daily arborist work. How are these items to be differentiated and what specific tree trimming is included in preventive maintenance?

Response: Unit costs are provided in Exhibit C to compensate the vendor for efforts that are not considered preventative maintenance or minor work activities.

8. Are “major repairs” the same as “major deficiencies” as described in Section 4.1.4.1 and Section 4.1.2.1.1, respectively.

Response: Major repairs refers to the repair of major deficiencies.

9. Section 4.1.7 indicates that monthly contract administration includes Mobilization. However, section 4.3.2 describes mobilization for level 2 and 3 that may be paid. Is mobilization included in the contract administration fee or will it be paid on a per work order basis? Additionally, the description for level 2 mobilization states “This level is inclusive of the services described in Level 1”. But no description for level 1 mobilization is included. Please clarify.

Response: An addendum will be issued to clarify the Level 1 information

10. Section 4.1.7 indicates that monthly contract administration includes preventive maintenance. What quantity and type of device will be included in the monthly preventive maintenance effort?

Response: Monthly Contract Administration is a Lump Sum cost separate from device preventive maintenance costs and is not related to device quantities. However, A spreadsheet of current device quantities will be issued by addendum. The bidder should consider all freeways, US highways and State Highways throughout the District to be potential locations for devices in the future.

11. Section 4.2.1 indicates that the Vendor must keep inventory current in the ITS Facility Management System (ITSFM). How will the vendor be compensated for initially updating and entering the necessary inventory into the system?

Response: Initial population of ITS assets in ITSFM will be performed by others.

12. Section 4.2.1 indicates “The Vendor must keep inventory and system information current in District Three asset management systems, including the Maintenance Information Management System (MIMS) and the ITS Facility Management System (ITSFM)”. How will the vendor be compensated for the initial and recurring population of the MIMS database? Additionally, if items of the scope of work that are described as requirements are not possible to be performed within MIMS, how will the Department compensate the vendor for such activities?

Response: Initial population of ITS assets in ITSFM and MIMS will be performed by others. Recurring population of ITSFM and MIMS shall be included in the cost of preventive

maintenance. Population of ITS assets associated with Non-scheduled maintenance and work activities shall be included in the unit costs in Exhibit C.

13. Section 4.9.3 indicates that the vendor is expected to purchase MIMS, ITSFM and other software requested by the Department. The “other software requested” is an open-ended cost to the Vendor and should be compensated separately or it is requested that the Department consider deleting “other software requested” from the scope of work.

Response: The Department will grant approved vendor access to MIMS, ITSFM, SunGuide, or any other software/systems hosted by the Department for proper operation and maintenance of ITS assets. Other required software, such as Microsoft Office and Microsoft Windows referenced in Section 4.9.3 will be required to be provided by the Vendor.

14. In order to present a responsible proposal and allow for the proper staffing, facilities and pricing, the number of devices by type and locations is imperative. Can FDOT provide a spreadsheet listing Device Location, Latitude and Longitude, Device Type, Device Communication type?

Response: A spreadsheet of current device quantities will be provided by Addendum. However, the bidder should consider all freeways, US highways and State Highways throughout the District to be potential locations for devices in the future.

15. A-10, 4.1.2.1.1, 2nd paragraph –
Can you please clarify how the vendor will be compensated for repairing Minor and Major deficiencies?

Response: Minor deficiencies will be addressed during schedule Preventive Maintenance, and all inclusive. Major deficiencies will be addressed as needed. Compensation will be in accordance with Exhibit C.

16. A-10, 4.1.2.2, 1st paragraph –
Can you please verify how the vendor will be compensated for Non-scheduled maintenance includes reactive maintenance, replacements, and diagnostic work necessary to correct deficiencies?

Response: All Non-scheduled maintenance will be addressed as needed. Compensation will be in accordance with Exhibit C.

17. A-16, 4.1.7, 1st paragraph – Monthly Contract Administration is to cover Management, Preventative Maintenance Services, Power bill processing and Mobilization.
Preventative Maintenance, the Project Manager as well as other administrative staff are listed in the bid item listing. Can you please clarify the intent of “Monthly Contract Administration” and how the vendor is to be compensated for each?

Response: Contract Administration is compensated on a monthly basis in accordance with Exhibit C. The intent is that compensation for these efforts will be Lump Sum on a monthly basis. Additional staffing pay items are allowed for Non-scheduled activities.

A-18, 4.2.2, Use Inventory Database/Facilities Management System (ITSFM). Vendor shall use.. Cabling, Duct, Splice points... Vendor shall document as-built information for construction projects throughout the district...

18. Will the ITSFM system be populated with existing information when the selected Vendor takes over the new contract?

Response: Yes, all existing facilities will be pre-populated into ITSFM.

19. Is the intent of 4.2.2 to have the vendor document changes made by the vendor?

Response: Yes. As well as any other changes associated with “work by others”, as directed by the Department.

20. If changes need to be documented that were not made by the vendor, how will the vendor be compensated?

Response: The vendor will be compensated in accordance with Staffing rates in Exhibit C for updates associated with “work performed by others”, as directed by the Department.

A-20, 4.2.4.3 The Vendor shall review design and construction plans, as directed by the Department’s Project Manager,

21. How will the vendor be compensated for work as described in 4.2.4.3?

Response: The vendor will be compensated in accordance with Staffing rates in Exhibit C, as directed by the Department.

A-23, 4.3.2 3rd paragraph – level is inclusive of the services described in Level 1 and may include up to four technicians and vehicles as approved by the Department.

22. As a level 1 section was not included, can you please clarify Level 1?

Response: An addendum will be issued to clarify the Level 1 information.

The following paragraph will be included in this section:

Level 1: This level is for normal preventive maintenance and minor repair activities associated with all weekly field work performed under this CONTRACT. This level includes the use of any necessary vehicle, including a bucket truck, and other common equipment used to perform preventive maintenance and minor repairs.

Level 1 mobilization is incidental to preventive maintenance and minor repairs activities. The cost shall be inclusive of the vendor’s device unit cost proposal in Exhibit C.

A-41, 4.9.3 Software –The Vendor is expected to use, purchase, or have the following software available for the performance of work described in the CONTRACT:

23. Does FDOT currently have MIMS for use on this project by the selected Vendor?

Response: The Department will make MIMS available to the awarded vendor.

24. Does FDOT currently have ITSFM for use on this project by the selected Vendor?

Response: The Department will provide access to ITSFM for all certified and approved vendor staff.

25. Is the intent for the vendor to acquire additional licenses for MIMS or the entire package?

Response: Licenses for MIMS will be provided by the Department.

A-43, 4.9.5.2 Control of Equipment – The Vendor shall secure a new storage container(s), as necessary, under this CONTRACT to store spare parts at the location(s) designated by the Department. The Department may elect for the Vendor to pick-up and deliver parts as needed to locations in the geographic coverage area of this CONTRACT.

26. How will the vendor be compensated for work as detailed in 4.9.5.2?

Response: These costs shall be incidental and included in the monthly Contract Administration, in accordance with Exhibit C.

A-45, 4.10.2.2 System Device Uptime – The Vendor will implement and maintain tools that collect and report SYSTEM availability, including SYSTEM device and overall SYSTEM uptime percentages.

27. Are the current elements (device locations) connected with a communication system?

Response: Yes. All current elements are equipped with some level of communications.

28. What type of communication is being utilized by each device? i.e. Fiber, twisted pair, cellular...?

Response: Freeway management System is connected via fiber. The Arterial Management System is a combination of fiber, twisted pair, or cellular. Some of the remote weather stations have satellite communications uplinks, but the vendor must connect locally for configuration.

29. Are the devices NTCIP compliant?

Response: Some devices are NTCIP compliant, such as CCTV and DMS.

30. Is there a current monitoring system in place?

Response: Monitoring systems are currently in place. However, there is no singular, automated monitoring tool for the entire system.

31. What is the current monitoring system in place?

Response: The primary tool used for monitoring is SunGuide.

32. Will the selected vendor be allowed to use the existing monitoring system?

Response: The selected vendor will be given access to existing monitoring systems, as approved by the Department

33. (633.1.310) Fiber optic cable, Install, Overhead – Does this price assume that stand wire is in place? This question also relates to all Overhead Fiber Optic Installation

Response: This pay item assumes that the support wire will be installed by the vendor.

34. (635-2-11) Pull & Splice Box Installation – Will these PB be installed in concrete, dirt, or gravel?

Response: This pay item may require installation in all 3 substrates.

35. (630-2-11) Conduit, F&I, Open Trench – Can you please confirm which type / size conduit (HDPE / PVC or Rigid Etc.) will be required? This question also relates to all Conduit Installation.

Response: HDPE is typical and ranges based on application. i.e. 1” HDPE for locate wire or 2” HDPE for electrical, etc.

36. (633-3-11) Fiber Optic Connection Hardware, F&I, Splice Enclosure – Which size fiber will be installed in this enclosure?

Response: Most fiber is corning 144 count fiber single mode roughly .960” in diameter, however it is possible to have multiple FOC of varying sizes introduced into the enclosure depending on application.