

March 19, 2019

ADDENDUM #1

RE: Request for Proposals – **Statewide Bridge Painting Services 2019**

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the above-mentioned services is clarified by addressing the following questions:

1. Please advise what the contractor pre-qualifications requirements are, if any.

A. Contracts for Services do not require prequalification.

2. Will the questions be answered before 03-18-19, so that, if necessary, further questions may be a submitted before the deadline of 03-18-19?

A. Per the RFP:

Questions: All questions related to this RFP shall be forwarded to Tricia Scribner, AOT Contracts Specialist, in writing to the address above, by e-mail at contract specialist email or by fax at (802) 828-5545. All such questions and requests shall be received no later than March 18, 2019, prior to 2:00 P.M. VTrans will not be bound by any oral communications. All questions or requests for clarification received will be documented and answered after this date.

3. Will we be permitted to view all questions & answers submitted by all participants before the deadline of 03-18-19?

A. Please see above.

4. Pg. 6, para. 2, “The examples must be of similar size,…” What is the size of this contract?

A. The example of similar size does not relate to the size of the contract. Similar size in relation to a project.

5. Pg. 2, para. 8, “VTrans intends to select more than one contractor...” What is the size of the contract to be given to each contractor?

A. The maximum amount for each contract will not be released until after the Consultant Selection Committee (CSC) meeting is held. The maximum amount for Primary Contracts does not guarantee that a contractor will receive any work under the Primary Contract or the payment of any portion of the maximum amount. The Contractor will be paid for products or services actually delivered or performed, as specified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (SOW), in accordance with Attachment B, Payment Provisions.

6. Pg. 3, para. 1, “Best value is based on capacity, creative/ technical solution...” What is VTrans definition of Capacity, as it relates to this paragraph? If previous bridge painting projects have been successfully completed with VTrans, is a Vtrans performance evaluation acceptable for submittal? See page 8, para. 4. Past Performance: “The past performance evaluation will... but then see pg. 6, G., para. 3, the technical proposal shall not include... any in-state or out of State evaluation.

A. This section is discussing the 2nd tier selection process and capacity indicates that they have the appropriate number of key personnel to complete the task on time and with the key personnel indicated in the RFP. As more and more work is assigned to a particular contractor they become too busy to handle additional work. Capacity is basically their ability to deliver the amount of work assigned to them within the timeframe allotted.

7. Does the contractor supply the RFP be prequalified with VTrans for Bridge Painting? If yes, what is the size of prequalification limit required to bid the project?

A. Please see above.

8. Does the contractor need to have a current QP1 & QP2 license as issued by SSPC?

A. No.

9. In regard to insurances costs to be evaluated:

a) Is a performance bond required to receive a contract? If yes, what is the amount?

A. No.

b) General Liability Insurance is based on contract amount. Do you have an estimated range for the contract for any one contractor?

A. Per the Request for Proposal (RFP), Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants, provides the minimum insurance requirements. No.

- c) To evaluate Workers compensation costs for bridge painting. Is the bridge over a highway or a navigable river?

A. Per the RFP:

Work Orders: Specific tasks will be awarded through the Work Order process. Each Primary Contract holder will receive Work Order Requests in order to submit proposals for specific tasks. VTrans will award Work Orders to the contractor who represents the best value for the State.

- d) Railroad Insurance is an additional expense. Is the bridge or bridges over or under a railroad track?

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- e) Railroad bridges require the use of the railroad's flagger costs. Is VTrans paying for the RR flaggers or is the contractor?

A. Yes.

10. Containment of the bridges are required. Are the bridges Highway bridges, RR bridges, Truss Bridges, Bridges over waterways? Cost evaluation is different for each bridge as listed above.

A. Highway bridges, those include truss bridges, beam brides, slab bridges, some are over water, and some are over roads.

11. What is the DBE goal for this project?

A. There is not DBE goal.

12. Are plans to be designed by a VT PE? (ex. Containment Plans, Traffic Control Plans, etc)

A. No.

13. Is the environmental plan to be designed by a Licensed Hygienist?

A. No.

14. Is Lead certification required before submittal of the proposal or can it be obtained before the award of the contract or commencement of the project? Usually the license for both for the company & the employees expire after one year.

A. Any certification(s) or license(s) should be included with the key personnel resume.

15. How much time is given to the contractor to commence work after a work order has been issued?

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16. Is Night work required? What are the time restrictions to start & end work each day? Is weekend work permissible?

A. No. The task order should include time restrictions if applicable.

17. Are concrete barrier walls required? If so, who will obtain, install & pay for these?

A. No.

18. The proposal is not to exceed 20 single sided pages Pg. 4 of 80. If resumes are required for each key personnel & all employees, that alone can reach 20 pages. Please advise.

A. Per the RFP:

Key Personnel. Identify the name and title of all personnel who will be assigned to provide services under this contract, and resumes for each. The resumes shall not exceed one (1) page each. Indicate the types of tasks that will be assigned to key personnel, and attach with the resume any certifications or special licensing the individual holds that is pertinent. This section DOES NOT count toward the page limit indicated above.

19. Is TSP monitoring required? Are they to be administered by a third party?

A. No.

20. Pre-job & Post job soils to be taken by a geologist or by the company's competent person.

A. No.

21. In our proposal are we to submit one hourly rate for each type of bridge? For example; an hourly rate to contain a truss bridge would be more than the containment of a highway bridge. If only one hourly rate can be given for all types of bridges, the contractor would have to protect its costs by submitting the highest cost. This doesn't comply with VTrans intent of receiving a proposal "in the best interest of the State" Please advise.

A. Per the RFP:

Price/Cost:

Using the attached Hourly Rate Schedule as an example, provide fully burdened hourly rates for all classifications you anticipate utilizing under the Primary Contract. The classifications must be consistent with the key personnel and technical portions of your proposal.

The submitted rates will be in effect for the initial term of the Primary Contract, which is two (2) years. Rates can be revised during the exercise of option years. This section DOES NOT count toward the page limit indicated above.

22. Should questions be submitted not on letterhead & not identifying the sender?

A. Questions can be submitted on letterhead and can identify the sender.

23. Does VTrans supply the staging area for each bridge to be painted?

A. No.

24. Is a rigid platform containment required, as in other VTran projects, for the use of VTran representative inspectors?

A. Yes.

Sincerely,

Tricia Scribner
Contracts Specialist