October 29, 2015

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP MODIFICATION No. 1
Land Survey and Equipment Services For NYSDOT
Contract #C031295 and C031407

Dear Interested Party:

Reference is made to the subject solicitation wherein the following changes are hereby incorporated:

1. RFP Section 3.2 Requirement 224 (Page 17, Design): **Strike** Requirement #224: “224 Include a CDMA Modem capable working on the Verizon network and connecting to the internet”

2. RFP Section 3.2 Requirement 293 (Page 19, Design): **Strike** Requirement #293: “293 One (1) plumb bob set”

3. RFP Section 3.4 Requirement 221 (Page 41, Construction): **Strike** Requirement #221: “221 Include a CDMA Modem capable working on a cellular network and connecting to the internet”

4. RFP Section 3.4 Requirement 291 (Page 44, Construction): **Strike** Requirement #291: “One (1) plumb bob set”

5. RFP Section 5.3.2.1 Design Technical Demonstration Evaluation (RFP Page 66): **Strike**: Technical Demonstrations, which are scheduled for two days, one day for Design and one day for Construction, will be held at a time and location to be determined; and **insert**: Technical Demonstrations will be held at a time and for a duration to be stated in the Technical Demonstration Invitation.”

6. RFP Section 5.3.2.2 Construction Technical Demonstration Evaluation (RFP Page 69): **Strike**: “Technical Demonstrations, which are scheduled for two days, one day for Design and one day for Construction will be held at a time to be announced,”; and **insert**: Technical Demonstrations will be held at a time and for a duration to be stated in the Technical Demonstration Invitation.”

7. After RFP Attachment 13, **Add** new RFP Attachment 14 Questions and Answers.

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No other provision of the solicitation is otherwise changed or modified.

A one-page mandatory ACKNOWLEDGEMENT reply is attached. To ensure that your proposal is deemed to be responsive to the RFP, acknowledgement receipt of RFP Modification #1 is required by all firms submitting proposals. Acknowledgement instructions are to be found on RFP Modification #1 Page number two. Thank you.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT: MODIFICATION NO. 1
Request For Proposals Contract #C031295 and C031403
LAND SURVEY AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR NYSDOT

An authorized representative of your firm or organization must acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this Modification No. 1 by signing and returning one copy of this Modification to the undersigned via inclusion in the Contract Section of your firm’s Part II Cost and Contract Proposal to NYSDOT.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED: BY: ______________________________
NAME: ____________________________
TITLE: ____________________________
FIRM: ____________________________

NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BY: ______________________________
NAME: ____________________________
TITLE: ____________________________
FIRM: ____________________________

original signed by: Barbara Sonenberg, for WILLIAM A. HOWE
Director, Contract Management Bureau
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for
Land Surveying Equipment & Services for NYSDOT Office of Design (Contract #C031295)
and
Land Surveying Equipment & Services for NYSDOT Office of Construction (Contract #C031403)

Attachment 14
Questions and Answers

Question 1: Will a firm be dismissed if the M/WBE Good Faith Effort (GFE) is not complete?
Answer 1: A firm’s proposal may be dismissed if either contract goal is not met and the submitted M/WBE Good Faith Effort (GFE) is deemed to be not acceptable. NYSDOT expects complete GFEs, reflecting a robust effort to secure MWBE subcontractal services. A robust effort means that the Good Faith Effort log accurately lists all firms contacted and documents attempts by date and outcome. A robust effort means that all of the RFPs requirements/procedures for trying to meet combined 30% M/WBE goal requirement for each contract have been met, including the requirements of the M/WBE Explanation Letter. NYSDOT encourages proposers to submit questions regarding M/WBE requirements. MWBE submissions are subject to clarification questions.

Question 2: If an M/WBE firm proposes as a prime must that firm still meet the 30% M/WBE goal?
Answer 2: Yes, because the combined 30% MWBE goal is a subcontracting opportunity. If a proposing firm is an M/WBE, it must still meet the 30% combined M/WBE goal and/or provide an acceptable Good Faith Effort and Letter of Explanation as to why the 30% M/WBE goal or any portion of this goal, could not be met, for either contract. Please note that stating that the Prime can accomplish the work itself or that the Prime can accomplish the work itself more economically, is NOT an acceptable reason for not meeting the 30% M/WBE goal. Should an MWBE prime be selected for contract award, the MWBE prime’s spending under each awarded contract will contribute towards NYSDOT corporate MWBE goals.

Question 3: Will you be releasing a list of M/WBEs interested in subconsulting for this project? Will M/WBE contractors that are interested in being subcontractors on the contract, know what Primes to contact to solicit some of the work?
Answer 3: NYSDOT has published the source list of all parties who have expressed interest in participating in this Best Value NAE Request for Proposals. M/WBE firms or Primes may utilize this list for subcontracting opportunities. As stated in the RFP (Page 2): “A directory of certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and certified Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) is available from the following searchable database website: http://www.esd.ny.gov/MWBE.html” Please note that it is the Proposing firm’s responsibility to ensure that a proposed M/WBE is listed on this website.

Question 4: Can an M/WBE subconsultant participate on more than one proposal?
Answer 4: Technically, only one proposal per firm is required per the RFP. A qualified M/WBE subconsultant may be utilized under either contract being awarded per the RFP. The same M/WBE subconsultant may also be proposed by more than one proposing Prime firm.

Question 5: I am currently a registered WBE with New York State. Do I need to have particular commodity code selected to be eligible for teaming?
Answer 5: No, since this RFP is a non-engineering, non-construction best value solicitation. There are no particular commodity codes specified for either contract to be awarded per this RFP. NYSDOT may track commodity code information for designated MWBE subconsultants after contract award.
Question 6: Upon award of the above contracts, will the State of New York provide WBE parties proof that the awarded bidder did seek proper course of action to team with appropriate WBE firms?
Answer 6: NYSDOT is a State agency which follows and implements ESD’s MWBE program per NYSDOT’s and ESD’s requirements. During proposal pre-screening, NYSDOT will review each submitted MWBE submission for completeness and acceptability, including abiding by ESD’s MWBE program requirements. In addition, the proposal from the selected consultant is subject to FOIL after contract award.

Question 7: Is there any type of graph or listing that would represent the Allocation of the equipment throughout your eleven regions?
Answer 7: That information is not available at this time.

Question 8: CDMA is asked for in the GNSS sensor and in the controller. To save the DOT money why not have it in one or the other? If that is acceptable which is preferred?
Answer 8: This Modification #1 removes Design Requirement #224 for the CDMA modem in the controller and removes Construction Requirement 221 for the CDMA modem in the controller.

Question 9: Why does the digital level kit spec requests plumb bob kits. Levels can't use plumb bobs.
Answer 9: This Modification #1 removes Design Requirement #293 for the plumb bob set, and removes Construction Requirement #291 for the plumb bob set.

Question 10: Intuicom is the bridge manufacturer, by providing their solution do we meet the specifications by default? Or is the range requests still required?
Answer 10: The range requests, an RFP requirement, are still required.

Question 11: Can we offer a choice of GNSS Receivers for the two groups to pick the one they prefer if cost is not different?
Answer 11: No. Each proposal must name the specific GNSS Receivers that the firm is proposing for each contract.

Question 12: Please verify if the Technical & Management portion of the submittal makes up what is referred to as the "Scope of Services" (section 3) which is the same as "Schedule A"? There are references on page 55 paragraph 2, page 57 paragraph 4 and then again on page 79 paragraph 2 to both terms which we understand to be interchangeable and encompass the sum of the items for the Technical & Management portion of the response. If the Scope of Services is different from "Schedule A" please advise where Schedule A can be found?
Answer 12: The RFP’s Scope of Services shall become Schedule A in the executed contracts. The Technical Response referred to on page 57 is incorporated into the Contract as Schedule A. The Scope of Services and Schedule A are interchangeable terms.

Question 13: What constitutes Schedule B (including Exhibits for it)?
Answer 13: In the contracts with the selected Consultant, the costs, supporting cost tables, and any other necessary cost information shall become Schedule B.