Butler County Regional Transit Authority

ADDENDUM #1

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#2020-012 Intelligent Transportation System

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Changes to the Solicitation

All changes can be found in the revised solicitation, Version 1.0, available on the solicitation page at butlercountyrta.com. Changes issued via this addendum:

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R. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation

a. This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises *in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.* The national goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) is 10%. BCRTA has established a **0.29%** race-neutral transit DBE goal for FFY 2017-2020**.**

Answers to Questions

1. Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this?
    A. Companies can apply from outside of the USA. Please note that we will require an expert knowledge of National Transit Database reporting per FTA policy. Please review required clauses for Buy America and Fly America requirements applicable to this solicitation.

2. Whether we need to come over there for meetings?
    A. Meetings will be completed virtually until the point where in person applications will be required. For example, training and installation must be completed on-site. Please review required clauses for Buy America and Fly America requirements applicable to this solicitation.

3. Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA?
    A. Tasks can be performed outside of the USA. BCRTA expects to be able to be in contact with the key project team during EST business hours.   Please review required clauses for Buy America and Fly America requirements applicable to this solicitation.

4. Can we submit the proposals via email?
    A. No, as the proposal states BCRTA requires both hard copies and electronic copies to comply with federal regulations and our procurement policy.

5. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and remote work practices, would BCRTA allow for signatures to be digital (DocuSign) for forms and other documents required?
    A. BCRTA will allow digital signatures for forms and other documents.

6. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and remote work practices, would BCRTA be open to amending the Proposal Submission method to allow for an electronic method (e.g. email, Dropbox) instead of print/shipping proposals?
    A. No, BCRTA requires both hardcopies and electronic formats in our procurement policy.

7. Can vendors also submit as supplemental information our own cost breakdown sheet (in addition to the Price Proposal Form)?
    A. Only for clarification, they will not be used in price evaluation of contract award documents. All costs must be included in the price proposal form or they will not be considered part of the bid. Bidders that do not include all costs in the required form will be considered non-compliant and rejected.

8. Is BCRTA open to the purchase of these devices (Getac) from the vendor and resupplying the hardware?
    A. BCRTA would consider a buy-back of the equipment by the vendor subject to federal requirements.

9. Are we looking for a new CAD/AVL system? Or do you currently have a solution?
    A. BCRTA has a current provider for a CAD/AVL system. Our contract expires on May 31, 2021.

10. How old are the Getac units?
    A. The Getac units were installed in Summer 2019 and are 1.5 years old.

11. Do we have/own the keys to the unlock the tablets?
    A. BCRTA would be able to wipe the Getac clear.

12. How do the dispatchers currently change work assignments?
    A. Dispatchers currently do all rostering by hand on paper. We have no online module to change work assignments.

13. Does Remix push out a standard GTFS export?
    A. Remix does push out a standard GTFS-static export.

14. Is the GTFS public?
    A. GTFS-static feed is public on the website. https://www.butlercountyrta.com/gtfs-download/

15. What is our current camera system?
    A. Seon Camera Explorer TX8

16. Do we have sensors on our lifts/bike racks?

A. Safety sensors are on the lifts but no sensors on the bike rack.

17. Would we accept partial response to the RFP, not bidding on CAD/AVL but a sub-component of the unit?

   A. No, we anticipate vendors to partner with a prime sponsor if they would like to bid on certain items. BCRTA seeks to award and pay one (1) prime contractor.

18. Is there flexibility of the timeline for implementation?

   A. There is flexibility on the timeline for implementation. BCRTA will extend a contract with the current CAD/AVL provider until a new system is in place. Preferably the system would be able to be in place before our Fall Bid begins in the middle of August 2021.

19. Are we open to Getac having its own data connection?

   A. No, ideally BCRTA would like to have the tablets run off Wi-Fi from the onboard router. BCRTA may consider wired connections to the router from the tablet if engineered and installed by the vendor as part of this project.

20. How many ports are on the cradlepoints?

   A. There are five ethernet ports on the Cradlepoints. BCRTA has model IBR 1700.

21. What integration are we looking for between the CAD AVL and the camera system?

   A. Camera and CAD/AVL system should talk to one another. For instance, if a passenger calls complaining about an incident but cannot provide a bus number just a route; we should then be able to go into the system and put in the date, time, and route information and get the bus video to pull up to view.
   A. Any emergency alarm triggered by the CAD AVL system shall trigger the alarm for the camera system and vice versa. BCRTA desires to utilize only one emergency/silent alarm button for all onboard systems. The SEON alarm button is currently installed on all equipment.

22. Is it a cloud-based system?

   A. No, onboard cameras utilize a local hard drive. Camera footage is pulled from the DVR via the onboard router and camera application.

23. Do we allow our passengers to have public Wi-Fi on our vehicles?

   A. Passenger wi-fi is planned for future deployment through the existing onboard routers. No timeline has been set to when that will occur.

24. Can you provide the link for the pre/post trip?

   A. Included in the addendum packet is a PDF copy of the pre/post trip.