Thursday, May 30, 2019

This addendum is provided to all known prospective proposers for clarification of the subject Invitation for Bid (IFB).

The following are questions received prior to the deadline for questions on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 5:00 PM (PDT) and the responses from VVTA Staff:

Q1: "Size of the decals on the buses?" "Material of the Decals?" Manufacturer of the Decals?"

A1: The buses are brand new and do not have decals on them.

Q2: "Please let me know if you are able to give us a rendering of the buses and/or a picture of them?"

A2: Please see Attachment 1 to this addendum. The manufacturer has provided an elevation drawing with measurements. Also, this link includes photos of the buses: https://www.newflyer.com/buses/xcelsior-charge/.

Q3: "Photos of the current busses (sic) and the graphics on them?" "How long have the current graphics been on? "Are they reflective?"

A3: See the A1, above.

Q4: "Are they going to want the bus restored to the same graphics that are on the busses (sic) now or a updated design?

A4: The buses do not have a design on them, currently. VVTA will work with the awarded bidder to work on a replacement design once the wraps need to be replaced.

Q5: "Will they supply the design files?"

A5: VVTA will supply the actual design files to the awarded bidder.

Q6: "Is there a DBE requirement for this IFB?"

A6: This is not a federally funded project, so, no.

Q7: "I understand there are decals on the buses now...."

A7: Please see A-1 above.

- Q8: "It looks from the design enclosed that window coverage needed for these wraps. If so, are there any restrictions to the amount of window coverage or are they fully covered? I'm assuming the windows will be covered in perforated window film, correct? Or is there another material specified?"
- A8: The windows need to be covered in film similar to 40% perforated window film. Driver's view from the bus not be inhibited in any way.
- Q9: "Does the VVTA have approved, print-ready files for the bus designs, or will you need design services as well as production of the graphics.?"
- A9: A copy of the approved design was included in the IFB package. The awarded bidder will be supplied with a copy of the file to use for the design.
- Q10: "The IFB states that the winning bidder will have to remove the existing graphics at the end of the campaign (2 years) and put on new graphics. Please confirm."
- A10: Once VVTA decides it is time to remove these wraps (2 years was a guestimate), the awarded bidder will then be contacted to create a new design, remove the wrap, and install new decals or another wrap.
- Q11: "What factors will determine the award of the contract? Is it purely based on lowest bid?"
- A11: As stated in the IFB, Page 14, X.2. Bid Selection: "VVTA will award the contract to the lowest and best responsive and responsible bidder which represents the most advantageous bid to VVTA, price and other factors considered. In determining the most advantageous bid price, quantifiable factors, and other factors are considered. This would include specifications, delivery requirements, the initial purchase price, life expectancy, cost of maintenance and operation over time, operating efficiency, training requirements, disposal value, and other factors contributing to the overall acquisition cost of an item. Consideration may be given, but not limited to conformity to the specifications, product warranty, a bidder's proposed service, ability to supply and provide service, delivery to required schedules, past performances in other contracts with VVTA including timely delivery. VVTA reserves the right to extend any contract when most advantageous to the Authority."

Q12: "Are the buses new or used?"

A12: Brand spanking new.

- Q13: "Will manufacturer's templates of the buses be made available for help in producing the graphic? Or are the graphics print-ready as is confirming to the manufacturer's template?"
- A13: Attachment 1 includes the Elevation and measurements of the bus. '
- Q14: "May we please get the AI file of the design?"
- A14: This file will be provided to the awarded bidder.
- Q15: "...request VVTA please consider providing bidders a couple more days to properly review your responses, prepare and deliver our bids..."
- A15: No.
- Q16: "...please specify the applicable taxes and corresponding tax rates for all bidders."
- A16: Do not include sales tax in your bid. This eliminates the confusion on the rate and errors in calculation that sometimes occur.
- Q17: "'High quality vinyl' is a subjective requirement..."
- A17: 3M, or equal, high quality vinyl that will withstand the elements of the high desert and not fade, ripple or crack over time.
- Q18: "Please provide the specific maximum length time period..."
- A18: 2 years was a guestimate. They will likely stay on for up to approx. 5 years.
- Q19: "Perforated vinyl is used over windows..."
- A19: See A-8, above.
- Q20: "Please define the scope of 'Design Coordination with VVTA staff...."
- A20: VVTA will provide the already approved design to the awarded bidder.
- Q21: "Returning bus to original condition."
- A21: The buses do not have a design, so original condition would be a blank bus. However, VVTA will coordinate with the awarded bidder on a future design of decals or wrap on the buses.

- Q22: "... please provide us a copy of all available files as noted..."
- A22: VVTA has determined that the design file will be shared with the awarded bidder, only. A copy of the design is included in the IFB package.
- Q23: "Please advise if roof of bus will also need to be wrapped."
- A23: No, they will not be wrapped.
- Q24: "Is the 'Warranty Procedures Form' missing from your attachments?
- A24: If your company is providing any kind of warranty for this project, please provide the information on your own form.
- Q25: "Please confirm if Insurance Certificate is required with the submission of the proposal or at the time of contract award.
- A25: Contract Award. However, if the bidder has a copy of their proof of insurance and includes this with their bid, it will expedite the contracting process.
- Q26: "The current price sheet is designed for a total unit and extended pricing and not to list all applicable items and rates as indicated. In addition, IFB Submission of Bid instructions indicates 'Other forms submitted with pricing and not on the specific form for be deemed 'non-responsive."
- A26: Please use the form provided in Attachment F.
- Q27: "...Coordination of Bus Wrap design..."
- A27: Please see A20 above.
- Q28: "Cost to return buses to original condition..."
- A28: Cost to remove the wrap.
- Q29: "Please confirm if all Production and shipping Costs shall be included in the line item for "Installation of Bus Wraps."
- A29: It is up to the bidder to decide which line on the bid form includes which costs.
- Q30: "Are the buses new?"

A30: Yes
Q31: "If the vehicles have been in service, do they currently have graphics and how long have they have the graphics been on each of the buses.
A31: These are brand new buses, of which we have not received yet. So no, they have not been in service.
Q32: "Will all seven buses be available to wrap at the same time?"
A32: The first bus is due to arrive the end of June, 5 buses in July and 1 bus in August. They will not be put into service until September, so there may be time to wrap them all at the same time.
Q33: "Returning vehicles to original condition."
A33: Please see A28 above.
Q34: "Can we assume that after the two year term has expired for the new wraps that the buses will be rewrapped with new graphics?"
A34: Yes
Q35: "Will you accept a bid where we do not include removal after 2 years?
A35: Please note "No Bid" for this line item. VVTA will accept the bid however, we will have to consider this during the determination for award.
Q36: "The design shows the front passenger door is covered. Is this correct?"
A36: Front passenger door windows will not be covered.
Q37: "The windows, are the aluminum framed or do they have Limo Glass?"
A37: Per the manufacturer's rep, "I believe they were hidden frame (limo)"
Q38: "Can we get a copy of the elevation drawings and measurements?
A38: These drawings are included as Attachment 1 to this Addendum.

The Bid Opening is scheduled for 3:00 PM (PDT), Thursday, June 1, 2019, at 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345 Room A104 – Board Room.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain the same.

As stated in the IFB, all addenda must be acknowledged. Please use Attachment D of the IFB to acknowledge receipt of this addendum. Failure to acknowledge any addenda to this IFB may be cause to deem Bidder "Non-Responsive."

******** END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1 ********

