

Legal Notice VVTA RFQ 2021-17

Victor Valley Transit Authority
17150 Smoke Tree Street
Hesperia, CA 92345

Request for Letters of Interest and Notice of Availability of a Request for Qualifications for a Design-Build Contract for the Hesperia Transfer Hub.

Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) hereby solicits Letters of Interest from contractor teams (Teams) interested in completing the design and constructing of the Hesperia Transfer Hub in Hesperia, CA, on a fixed price/fixed term basis. The Project is being procured in accordance with a two-part, best-value Design-Build procurement process authorized under CA P.C.C. Division 2, Part 3, Chapter 4 [22160-22169] and 49 U.S.C. § 5325(d)(2).

This Project includes the design and construction of a new Transfer Center in Hesperia, CA. The Center rough order of magnitude show dimensions and will have 8 sawtooth bus cutouts and as many passenger car parking spots as determined are necessary for the size of the approximately 16' x 20' building containing a Security office, 4 restrooms, and space for vending machines. The center will be constructed with an appealing façade and internal walls for necessary space. The location of the Center is approx. 165 ft by 400 ft on the northern portion of a 2.74-acre lot just to the north of the VVTA Maintenance and Operations Facility, located on the corner of E Avenue and Live Oak Street see attached drawing exhibit 1.

This Project is being funded in part by Federal Transit Authority (FTA) funds. Contractor teams are advised to carefully review all contract requirements and to keep complete and accurate records of all spending in the event of contract award. The successful Team and any of its subcontractors shall be responsible for complying with the applicable provisions of FTA grant funding which are incorporated herein by reference and all federal and state laws applicable to federally funded projects. The Project's cost is estimated at approximately \$5,150,000.00 and will include the obligation to provide a five-year warranty for certain elements of the completed work.

Letters of Interest from teams interested in receiving a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Project must be received by 3:00 PM (Pacific Time) on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Letters of Interest must be addressed to Christine Plasting, Procurement Manager, 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345. After receipt of the Letter of Interest, the RFQ packages will be sent via email to the participating teams. Please note that teams must submit Letters of Interest in order to become part of the procurement process for the Project. Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) will NOT be accepted from any party not submitting a Letter of Interest by the specified date. Letters of Interest must provide a mailing address, telephone number, and email address for each Team's designated contact in order to ensure that any addenda that may be issued to the RFQ will be received by the interested Team. RFQ Addenda will be issued electronically, only.

SOQ's will be evaluated by a selection committee established by VVTA, using the following general criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in complex projects, including experience in design-build and experience in design and construction of similar projects, and history of claims and record of safety;

- Understanding of the work, including approach to integration of design and construction, quality assurance and maintenance of schedule;
- Experience and availability of key personnel to be assigned the project;
- Experience of other personnel; and
- General quality of the SOQ submission.

Teams shall affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for award. Teams will also be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations.

Teams will also be required to comply as part of their proposals that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work. The contract will be subject to Buy America provisions and to minimum wage rates in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as well as other applicable labor laws and FTA contract requirements. Each Team that is chosen to submit a proposal will be required to provide a Bid Guarantee in the amount of ten (10%) of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond. The successful proposer will also be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each for the full amount of the contract price.

Complete Instructions for the submission of Statements of Qualifications shall be set forth in the RFQ. VVTA reserves the right to reject any or all SOQ's, proposals, to waive informalities, to advertise for new proposals or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed in the best interest of VVTA.

VVTA is an equal opportunity employer.