

## Legal Notice VVTA RFQ 2020-10

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 Hydrogen Fueling Station for a design build, turnkey Hydrogen fueling solution for Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA). The project will consist of one station located in Hesperia CA. The station will be equipped with two dispensers, a private 350 BAR (H35) dispenser for VVTA's fleet, and a 350 BAR (H35)/700 BAR (H70) dispenser for light duty and heavy-duty applications with the ability to fuel 60 buses and more than 20 passenger cars per day. The station will include a liquid hydrogen storage tank; liquid hydrogen will be delivered on an as needed basis.

Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) hereby solicits Letters of Interest from contractor teams (Teams) interested in completing the design and constructing of Hydrogen Fueling Station located 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 is being funded 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 \$6,721,180 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 will be received by VVTA until 3:00 PM (Pacific Time) on Thursday, June 30, 2022. Letters of Interest must be addressed to Christine Plasting, Procurement Manager, 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345. After delivery of the Letter of Interest, the RFQ's 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, email address and fax number 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 Hydrogen Fueling Stations, 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 Build America, 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.

The successful Respondent will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Opportunity Laws and Regulations.