

VVTA RFQ 2020-10 HYDROGEN FUELING STATION ADDENDUM NO. 1

Thursday, August 4, 2022

This addendum is provided to all known prospective proposers for clarification of the subject Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The following includes questions that have been received by prospective proposers prior to the deadline for questions on Friday, July 22, 2022, and answers provided by VVTA Staff:

- Q1: “In the RQF[sic], it specifically outlines that VVTA is requesting a liquid hydrogen station with certain specifications. That being said, if we propose a gaseous hydrogen station that meets the same specifications, will that preclude us from advancing to the short list?”
- A1: This solicitation is currently the Request for Qualifications. Please complete the documentation included in the RFQ in order to be considered for the short list. The Request For Proposal (RFP) will include the details with the specifications for the Design Build of the station and your question will be answered during that RFP process.
- Q2: “We understand that liquid is a preferred method of storage for this RFQ, but we feel that since we have a gaseous plant being built less than 10 miles away from the proposed hydrogen fueling station in Hesperia, gaseous is a feasible solution to VVTA’s hydrogen needs. Based on this, will we need to include any type of whitepaper or information explaining the benefits of gaseous supply?”
- A2: See A1 above
- Q3: “Is there any chance that we could get a list of those that provided Letters of Interest and receive the referenced RFQ?”
- A3: The companies who have provided VVTA with Letters of Interest and have received the RFQ are:
- Chart, Inc.
 - Clean Energy
 - Linde
 - Stratos Fuel
 - H2B2
 - Kiewit
 - Air Products
 - Messer
 - Air Liquide
 - Trilliam
 - Cleancor Energy

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Q4: "Would a gaseous hydrogen facility proposal be considered in lieu of a liquid facility during the RFP process?"

A4: Because the RFP will be for the Design/Build of the Facility, it will depend on the system you would offer. Since this is the RFQ process, currently, please submit you SOQ's to be considered for the project.

Q5: "Please confirm that VVTA requires reference project dollars in 2022 dollars...?"

A5: Yes, please use 2022 dollars.

Q6: "Form E. Question 16 specifies listing Public Works Projects with final project value of \$10 million (in 2022) dollars which conflicts with the requirement to list projects valued at over \$6 million (p. 14, 17 & 46 in the RFQ) Please confirm the required project value is over \$6 million, which is more in line with the anticipated project budget of \$6.8 million."

A6: Please use the value of \$6 million.

Q7: "Is there a specific surety bond form/sure working required for this project?"

A7: It will be included in the RFP package for those proposers who are deemed qualified through this RFQ process.

Q8: "Please confirm if it is acceptable to identify the key project team including Project Manager, Principal Engineer, Lead Design Engineer, On-Site Project Manager, and Start-Up Manager in lieu of the nine project team roles listed on page 17 and 18 of the RFQ. At this stage, no technical specification is available. We prefer to select and identify our final engineering team (electrical, mechanical and process engineer) in our response to the RFP. We prefer to list these engineering roles as "TBD" in this RFQ response to ensure we will offer VVTA the strongest team for the project according to the full specification.

A8: It will be difficult for our evaluation team to evaluate the Statements of Qualifications if you do not include team members and their experience they bring to the project.

Q9: "Would it be acceptable for the surety bond to be annually renewable?"

A9: This is a question to pose during the RFP process.

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Q10: “Would it also be acceptable for the 5-year warranty to be excluded from the performance bond which is typically for one year? The bidder expects that the 5-year warranty is intended for the equipment only.”

A10: Please see A9 above.

Q11: “Form E Question 14 : We have opportunity to work with some very experienced and high-quality contractors when it comes to H2 fueling stations. They are taking exception to this mandatory requirement. Given we are interested to present an offer based on the most experienced and qualified contractors in this specialized field, will VVTA consider removing this requirement from disqualification?”

A11: Please see A8 above.

Q12: “It appears VVTA would like us to identify our selected contractor and answer specific questions on their experience/qualifications as part of the RFQ response. As part of the normal proposal development process by Linde Engineering, we do not select a contractor until we see the full scope required. Also, we cannot enter into serious selection discussions with the contractors until they know the full scope of what is expected of them. Would it be possible to delay the answers to these questions until we submit our firm proposal rather than try to address in the RFQ stage ? “

A12: See A8 above

The Due Date for SOQs remains as 3:00 PM, Thursday, August 11, 2022. All other terms and conditions of the RFQ remain the same.

As stated in the RFQ, all addenda must be acknowledged. Please use FORM C included in the RFQ package to acknowledge receipt of this addendum. Failure to acknowledge any addenda to this RFQ may be cause to deem Potential Proposer as “Non-Responsive.”

End of Addendum No. 1
