Addendum #2: MVRTA 2020-25 Heavy Duty Transit Bus Procurement

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019

From: Kathleen Lambert, Assistant Administrator

To: All Bidders cc. Joe Costanzo, Administrator; file

PROJECT TIMELINE- revised full time line

The following project timeline is provided for your scheduling information and is subject to change at the discretion of MVRTA:

	Event Date
RFP Issued……..	November 22, 2019
Pre-Proposal Meeting……10:00 a.m.	December 6, 2019
Requests for Questions and Clarifications Due	January 10, 2020
MVRTA's Response to Questions and Clarification……..	January 24, 2020
Proposals Due …….. 2:00 p.m.	**February 7, 2020**
Interviews (tentative)…….	February 12, 2020
Notice to Proceed (tentatively scheduled)	February 21, 2020

All responses to questions, clarifications and addenda will be posted on our website by January 24, 2020 as well as distributed via email to interested participants

Preproposal Meeting held December 6, 2019 at Worcester Regional Transit Authority

Attendees:

Name	Agency/Company
Paul Chilkotosky	Nova Bus, Eastern Sale Manager
Randy Premo	BYD, Regional Sales Manager
Carmine Fiore	New Flyer, Regional Sale Manager
Stephen Cofta	Proterra, Regional Sales Director
John Robb	Safe Fleet, Regional Sales
Jerry Sheehan	Gillig, Regional Sales Manager
Jim Borsari	Alliance Bus Group, National Sales Accounts

Joe Costanzo	MVRTA Administrator, CEO and Procurement Officer
Kathleen Lambert	MVRTA Assistant Administrator
Diane Shea	WRTA Comptroller – Grants Manager
Ahmad Yasin	WRTA Maintenance Manager
Meaghan Lyver	WRTA Marketing Manager
Kathy Jacques	CMTM Executive Assistant

Questions presented in the meeting by vendors

1. Will MVRTA issue a revised schedule for deliverables on the RFP?
    a. Yes, the revised schedule is listed as part of this Addendum, see above.
2. What is the term of the contract?
    a. The proposal contract is a 5-year contract for (14) RTA's in the state of Massachusetts and the Steamship Authority
3. Do you have to bid all fuel types as listed in the RFP?
    a. No
4. Could an agency switch bus length within their min/max as listed in the RFP procurement tables?
    a. No, but if an unused option from another agency were available the agency could use it. Same principle applies to fuel types under FTA bus procurement rules.
5. Does each manufacturer need to bid on every length and fuel type?
    a. No, refer to MVRTA 2020-2025 RFP section 4.4 Cost proposal Evaluation Criteria, which states " The Proposer is allowed to submit a cost proposal that includes pricing for all bus types (i.e., Clean Diesel, Hybrid, and Electric) and sizes (i.e., 30 Foot, 35 Foot, and 40 Foot) or for one or more type/size combinations."
    b. Also, in Section 4.4 "Cost Proposals will be evaluated based on the "Total Base Offer Per Bus," for each bus type and bus size category. "
    c. This means that any accessory such as wheelchair securements or camera systems will not be the basis of the primary cost evaluation score. However, we encourage vendors to participate with bus manufacturers in providing the requested pricing for accessories. Partnerships within the industry are encouraged by FTA.
6. Confidentiality in discussing RFP submission details among partner agencies and vendors is discourage. If known, consequences would lead to a disqualification of the vendor. Please keep discussions among participating parties confidential.
7. Proposers should be aware of: Page 15 Section 2.10 Requests for Approved Equals; Page 17 Section 2.18 Conflict of Interest; Page 26 Section 5.2 Confidential Information