



WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001-2651

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION / MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

1. AMENDMENT/ MODIFICATION: A002		2. EFFECTIVE DATE: (Same as block 17)	
3. ISSUED BY PURCHASING SECTION: Office of Procurement and Materials JGB Room 301-G Washington, DC 20001		4. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than block 3):	
5. CONTRACTOR: (NAME AND ADDRESS) (Street, City, County, State and Zip Code)		6. FORM TYPE: (Check only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. <u>IFB CQ17135R/MH</u> DATE _____ (See block 7) <input type="checkbox"/> MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. _____ DATE _____ (See block 9)	
7. THIS BLOCK APPLIES ONLY TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in block 10. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation, or as amended, by one of the following methods; (a) By signing and returning <u>one (1)</u> copy of this amendment; (b) by acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) by separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE ISSUING OFFICE PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If, by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided such telegram makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.			
8. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required):			
9. THIS BLOCK APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS: (a) <input type="checkbox"/> This Change Order is issued pursuant to _____ The Changes set forth in block 10 are made to the above numbered contract/order. (b) <input type="checkbox"/> The above numbered contract/order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) set forth in block 10. (c) <input type="checkbox"/> This Supplemental Agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of _____ It modifies the above numbered contract as set forth in block 10.			
10. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION: IFB CQ17135R/MH "Rail Grinding Services" is amended as follows: Attachment A provides responses to questions received from interested Bidders. Please read each question and response carefully. Some responses may change aspects of the IFB. Questions in the amendment have been paraphrased due to the length of the original questions submitted by interested Bidders. Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in block 6, as heretofore changed, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.			
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS MODIFICATION AND RETURN <u>1</u> COPIES TO ISSUING OFFICE.		<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR IS NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT.	
12. NAME OF CONTRACTOR/OFFICE: BY _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		15. WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY: BY <u>F.R. Voellm</u> (Signature of Contracting Officer)	
13. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print):		14. DATE SIGNED:	16. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print): <u>Frederick R. Voellm</u>
			17. DATE SIGNED: <u>3/28/2008</u>

IMPORTANT: Please be advised that because this solicitation is an IFB, any qualifying statement, alterations, or exceptions taken to any section of the IFB submitted with the bid package may result in determination that the bid is non-responsive and requires rejection of the entire bid package, thus making the bidder ineligible for award. Also, failure to submit any requirements of the IFB may cause your bid to be determined non-responsive and rejected and thus ineligible for award.

QUESTIONS FROM INTERESTED BIDDERS AND WMATA RESPONSES:

1. QUESTION: 1.0 Scope, Section 1.3 - The equipment must have sixteen (16) stone grinding capability, or greater?

RESPONSE: The sixteen (16) stone grinding machine is preferred. The twelve (12) stone grinding machine is the absolute minimum acceptable.

2. QUESTION: Why is it that the machine “must have” 16 stones?

RESPONSE: Please see the response to Question 1.

3. QUESTION: We have a 12 stone machine that is as capable as a 16 stone machine. Is there any possibility for a waiver for this section?

RESPONSE: Please see the response to Question 1.

4. QUESTION: 3.0 Technical Specifications - Bidder requests that WMATA provide safety protection according to existing WMATA policy, escort bidder’s personnel at all times, and provide an adequate storage location as necessary.

RESPONSE: Acceptable

5. QUESTION: 4.0 Required Submittals - Bidder requests that the Authority make the following modification to this section: *“Pre-Grind Profile Measurement Reporting Requirements: The contractor shall provide the following within three weeks of the rail profile assessment inspection completion...”*

RESPONSE: Acceptable

6. QUESTION: 5.0 Rail Grinding Services, Section 5.2 - Bidder requests confirmation that WMATA will accept similar information to what is shown in Appendix 11.2 to be submitted in a format other than .csv; such as .xls, .xlsx, .xltx, .xlsm, xlsh.

RESPONSE: Acceptable

7. QUESTION: 5.0 Rail Grinding Services, Section 5.7 - As part of Bidder's fire suppression services, the crew typically dumps water at the end of a shift in extremely cold temperatures and fills up the water trucks at the beginning of a shift as a method of freeze prevention. Bidder requests confirmation that this method acceptable.

RESPONSE: Acceptable. However, the dumping flow rate must first be submitted to and approved by WMATA engineers in advance. Afterwards, dumping procedures and location must be approved in advance by the on-site WMATA supervisor for each requested dumping of water.

8. QUESTION: 5.0 Rail Grinding Services, Section 5.7 - Fire suppression system shall have a minimum capacity of 1,200 gallons of water. Our vehicle carries 250 gallons on-board but we could tow a 1,000 gallon water buffalo with no issues, would this be acceptable?

RESPONSE: Acceptable, contingent upon WMATA's safety inspection approval that includes bi-directional driving and braking. The bidder shall provide the specification of the "water buffalo" with the proposal so WMATA can evaluate its acceptability.

9. QUESTION: 5.0 Rail Grinding Services, Section 5.8 - Bidder requests that the equipment requirement for this contract include 10 inch/10V or 10 inch/24 grit stones for rail grinding and 6 inch stones for switch grinding.

RESPONSE: Acceptable

10. QUESTION: 7.0 Delivery Schedule - Bidder requests adequate notice if WMATA wants to work 7 days.

RESPONSE: Acceptable. WMATA will provide a minimum one-week notice.

11. QUESTION: Chapter V - Invoices/Payments/Deductions - Bidder requests ability to invoice Authority weekly.

RESPONSE: Acceptable. However, this will not alter WMATA's schedule for payment.

12. QUESTION: Chapter VII, Section 2 - Insurance Requirements - Bidder requests more information about the WMATA Blanket RRP Program Option waiver fee and how it is determined.

RESPONSE: WMATA's Blanket RRP Program is underwritten by Liberty International Underwriters (LIU). Railroad Protective Liability Insurance is required for any work within 50 feet of WMATA railroad tracks or work within WMATA rail stations. WMATA may waive this requirement if the work qualifies for coverage under WMATA's blanket RRP program and the Contractor selects to prepay a waiver fee prior to contract award. The waiver fee is determined at the rate \$.62 per \$100 of contract value plus 2% of that calculated

amount for limits of \$2M/\$6M (per occurrence/aggregate); and \$.86 per \$100 plus 2% for limits of \$5M/\$10M. These rates are subject to change.

13. QUESTION: If Bidder's bid is accepted, Bidder will request that WMATA approves its Self-Insured Retention policy.

RESPONSE: WMATA may accept Self Insurance for all coverages except RRP on a case by case basis.

14. QUESTION: Chapter XII, Section - Criminal Background Check Requirement - Bidder requests a copy of the form to be provided referenced in section (d).

RESPONSE: The form will be provided after contract award.

15. QUESTION: Chapter XII, Section 1 - Safety Requirements - Bidder requests that the Authority accept Bidder's Employee in Charge (EIC) as the Safety Superintendent.

RESPONSE: Acceptable, if the Employee in Charge otherwise meets all of WMATA's requirements for a Safety Superintendent. Please note: The bidder may assign an EIC responsible for interactions internal to the bidder's work crew, but the EIC and onsite work crew will ultimately report to the WMATA Roadway Worker in Charge (RWIC) or escort secondarily whenever on WMATA's property.