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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

**PYLON LIGHTING FIXTURES
TRACKBED/PARAPET LIGHTING FIXTURES**

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1.0 Introduction

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) submits this Request for Information (RFI) from those qualified entities (Contractor/Respondent) interested in producing/manufacturing Pylon Lighting Fixtures and Trackbed/Parapet Lighting Fixtures. Interested entities must demonstrate the ability to manufacture the above mentioned light fixtures as described in the provided performance specification.

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit information that will enable WMATA to determine industry participation in response to the release of a future Request for Proposal (RFP).

This is a Request for Information only and your response is not an offer. This Request for Information does not commit WMATA to any incurred costs in preparation of any submission to this notice, or to contract for services and it is issued for WMATA Market Research purposes only

2.0 Background Information

WMATA intends to replace the T-12 fluorescent trackbed and high intensity discharge (HID) pylon lighting systems on the platform level in (48) underground Metrorail Stations with high-quality, robust, future-proof LED lighting systems. WMATA has roughly 500 pylons and 82,000 LF of trackbed fixtures in the system.

A performance specification has been developed to meet WMATA Design Criteria, improve the lighting levels in the underground stations, and minimize the need for maintenance. The new lighting system must address the harsh environmental conditions, maintainability, and sustainability while maintaining the specified performance and adhering to the physical parameters provided in the specification.

Environmental Conditions

WMATA underground stations experience a harsh transit environment, often damp or wet locations with changes in temperature, pressure, vibration, and electro-static brake dust. The brake dust is attracted to metal and accumulates on the existing lighting systems, resulting in the stations becoming increasingly dim over time. Fixtures will be exposed to water, either from tunnel drainage and leaks, or by way of cleaning via pressure washing.

Maintainability

The specification takes into consideration the ease of fixture/driver installation and replacement. With the expected longevity of LED fixtures, a maintenance plan to combat the environmental conditions and sustain the integrity of the light in the station has been considered in the development of the specification.

Sustainability

WMATA is looking for LED light fixtures to have longevity, continued supply availability and withstand the development of new LEDs and drivers. Even though the technology may be changing, these lighting systems must perform identically to the systems they are replacing in terms of color, power, and optics.

2.1 Scope Overview

This is a Request for Information (RFI) wherein WMATA is requesting review and feedback from the industry on the feasibility of the developed performance specification. The specification aims to stipulate high-performance lighting fixtures that take into consideration the environment in which they will exist, aligning with industry standards concerning warranty, guarantee, and maintenance. We encourage this conversation to reflect innovation, opportunities for improvement, and insight into industry capabilities and willingness to provide WMATA with the design intent.

Included in this RFI are questions from WMATA to the lighting manufacturing industry concerning and the performance specification for potential offerors review and comment. WMATA will review any submitted comments and hold a public forum to further discuss options on June 23, 2017 from 10 am to 12 pm at WMATA Jackson Graham Building Headquarters. An unobtrusive site walkthrough will follow.

2.2 Submission of Information

2.2.1 Qualified Contractors / Respondents are required to review the above Scope Overview and submit the following information:

1. The name of your organization with telephone/fax numbers, and name, email address, and mailing address of primary point of contact.
2. Demonstrate the ability to product/manufacture Pylon Lighting Fixtures and Trackbed/Parapet Lighting Fixtures conforming to the above mentioned specifications.
3. Clearly demonstrate that Contractor / Respondent have successfully provided similar goods for other customers within the last four (4) years.
4. Qualified Contractors / Respondents must provide three (3) references for past performance; WMATA will verify contractor past performance by contacting the provided references. Please provide, name, title, address, telephone number and Email address for reference point of contact.

2.2.2 This Request for Information (RFI) is issued for informational and planning purposes only. It is not to be construed as a commitment by WMATA to issue a solicitation or ultimately award a contract. Responses will not be considered as proposals nor will any award be made because of this RFI. WMATA will NOT be responsible for any costs incurred by interested parties in responding to this Request for Information.

3.0 WMATAs Point of Contact

WMATAs sole point of contact (POC) for matters related to the RFI shall be Carolina Young, Contract Administrator. WMATAs POC is the only individual authorized to discuss this RFI with any interested parties. All communications with WMATAs POC about this RFI shall be in writing.

Name: Carolina Young, Contract Administrator

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WMATA disclaims the accuracy of information derived from any source other than WMATAs POC, and the use of any such information is at the sole risk of the Respondent.

All written communications to WMATA from Respondent shall specifically reference this RFI, No.: RFI 17-152/CY.

4.0 Submission of Information

Responses shall be no more than five (5) pages in addition to the standard informational or promotional literature of the submitting entity. The submission shall be clearly marked as RFI 17-152/CY. Vendors shall provide written responses to the attached questions as part of their submission.

Submissions shall be made electronically, via Email to

Carolina Young, Contract Administrator
cyoung2@wmata.com

Submissions shall be emailed by **3:00 PM EST, June 16th, 2017**.

Neither fax nor regular mail/courier submissions will be accepted. Respondents are responsible for effecting delivery by the deadline above. WMATA accepts no responsibility for misdirected or lost responses.

An Open Forum will be held by WMATA on June 23th, 2017 at 10:00 AM EST at

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followed by a site visit. Potential Offerors are encouraged to participate in this event. Only two (2) representatives per vendor will be accommodated. Please RSVP via email to Ms. Carolina Young at cyoung2@wmata.com by COB on June 20th, 2017. Please include the potential offeror name, and the attendees' name, title and contact information.

5.0 RFI Documents and Addenda

The RFI Documents and Addenda, if any, will be posted on the WMATA website:

http://www.wmata.com/business/procurement_and_contracting/solicitations/

6.0 Rights and Obligations of WMATA

6.1 Reservation of Rights

WMATA reserves to itself all rights (which rights shall be exercisable by WMATA in its sole discretion) available to it under applicable law, including without limitation, the following, with or without cause and with or without notice:

6.1.1 The right to cancel, withdraws postpone or extend the RFI in whole or in part at any time, without incurring any obligations or liabilities;

6.1.2 The right to issue a new RFI;

6.1.3 The right to reject any submittals and responses received at any time;

6.1.4 The right to modify all dates set or projected in this RFI;

6.1.5 The right to terminate evaluations of responses received at any time;

6.1.6 The right to suspend and terminate this RFI, at any time;

6.1.7 The right to waive or permit corrections to data submitted with any response to this RFI;

6.1.8 The right to issue addenda, supplements, and modifications to this RFI;

6.1.9 The right to permit submittal of addenda and supplements to data previously provided with any response to this RFI;

6.1.10 The right to hold meetings and conduct discussions and correspondence with one or more of the Respondents responding to this RFI to seek an improved understanding of the responses to the RFI.