



INVITATION TO BID NO: 2252488 ADDENDUM NO: 01

STATE OF ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
DIVISION OF PURCHASING

REQ. AGENCY : 999999
PURCHASING DIVISION
AGENCY REQ. NO. :
T-NUMBER : T520
DATE ISSUED : 09/04/13
VENDOR NO. :
VENDOR PHONE NO. :
SNAP REQ. NO. : 1512203
BUYER NAME : PAT ANTLE
BUYER PHONE NO. : (334) 242-7253

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FOR: PREMISE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

BID MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE:
DATE: 09/23/13 TIME: 5:00 PM

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED:
DATE: 09/24/13 TIME: 10:00 AM

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE HEREBY ADDED TO AND MADE A PART OF
(INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 2252488)

BELOW ARE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY VENDORS PERTAINING TO ITB 14-X-2252488 ALONG WITH THE STATE'S ANSWERS. THE ANSWERS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE FINAL.

- Q: WHAT WAS THE APPROXIMATE DOLLAR VOLUME OF BUSINESS DONE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS UNDER THE EXISTING CONTRACT T520?
- A: THE STATE SPENT \$703,528 IN FY12, THE LAST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE SCHOOLS OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.
- Q: SECTION 1.18.2.1 DOES THIS RULE APPLY TO ITEMS THAT NO INSTALLATION IS REQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR? SUCH AS PATCH CORDS; WOULD THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR BE ALLOWED TO SEND THRU U.P.S. DIRECTLY TO THE APPROPRIATE CONTACT?
- A: YES, THE VENDOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHIP DIRECTLY TO THE CUSTOMER WHEN NO INSTALLATION IS REQUIRED.
- Q: SECTION 2.11 WILL THE STATE SUPPLY PLATS OR DRAWINGS OF EXISTING STATE OWNED UTILITIES TO BE LOCATED? WHO WOULD BE LIABLE IF CABLES WERE MISMARKED?
- A: NO, THE STATE/ISD DOES NOT HAVE ANY DRAWINGS AND HAS NEVER PROVIDED THEM IN THE PAST. THE VENDOR HAS ALWAYS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CUT CABLES IF THEIR CONTRACTED LOCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MIS-MARKED

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STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I UNDERSTAND THE ADDENDUM AND THAT, IF INDICATED, IT MUST BE SIGNED IN INK AND RETURNED WITH THE BID OR SEPARATELY, PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND RECEIVED PRIOR TO DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED.

ADDENDUM NOTARIZATION
NOT REQUIRED

COMPANY NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (INK)

MAIL ADDRESS

TYPE/PRINT AUTHORIZED NAME

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE INCLUDING AREA CODE

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THE CABLE LOCATION.

- Q: SECTION 3.8.1.4 "SYSTIMAX OR EQUAL 110 DEMARCATIONS" DOES THIS PHRASE INCLUDE PATCH PANELS OR ONLY 110 BLOCKS AND HARDWARE?
- A: YES, IT DOES INCLUDE PATCH PANELS. ALSO, WE HAVE SPECIFIC VERBIAGE REFERRING TO PATCH PANELS IN SECTION 3 OF THE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT.
- Q: SECTION 5.21.10.10 IN LOCATIONS THAT WIREMOLD HAS TO BE UTILIZED, WILL THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR BE REQUIRED TO PAINT IT TO MATCH THE WALL COLOR?
- A: YES, IF INSTALLING IN A FINISHED EXISTING LOCATION, AND THE CUSTOMER REQUESTS IT. NO, IF INSTALLING IN NEW CONSTRUCTION.
- Q: IS A BID BOND REQUIRED? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE BOND FORM.
- A: A BID BOND IS NOT REQUIRED.
- Q: PLEASE PROVIDE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FORM.
- A: THE REQUIREMENT FOR FURNISHING A PERFORMANCE BOND IS AS FOLLOWS: VENDOR WILL FURNISH WITHIN TEN STATE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF AWARD, A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. IT SHALL CONSIST OF A CASHIER'S CHECK, OTHER TYPE BANK CERTIFIED CHECK (PERSONAL/COMPANY CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE), BANK OR POSTAL MONEY ORDER OR SURETY BOND ISSUED BY A COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS WITHIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA. IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT AND CERTAIN U.S. NOTES AND BONDS MAY BE ACCEPTED WHEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING NO LATER THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING. THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING SHALL BE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND. THE BOND MUST REFERENCE THE BID AND BE PAYABLE TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA. THE PERFORMANCE BOND WILL BE RETURNED IN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING HAS RECEIVED VERIFICATION THAT THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED.
- Q: SECTION 6 PRICING INFORMATION. DOES THE STATE REQUIRE THAT THE SUBMITTED PRICING BE APPLICABLE TO ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE?
- A: YES, THE PRICING IS APPLICABLE STATEWIDE.
- Q: SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1.3.1.2. IS IT CORRECT THAT THE STATE REQUIRES ALL PRICING TO REMAIN FIRM FOR THREE YEARS WITH NO PRICE INCREASES ALLOWED? IF SO, WILL THE STATE CONSIDER CHANGING THIS REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW PRICE INCREASES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS?
- A: YES, IT IS FOR THREE YEARS. NO, THE THREE YEARS REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE CHANGED.
- Q: SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1.4.9. MUST THE BIDDER BE APPROVED TO PROVIDE E-RATE SERVICES AND HAVE A CURRENT SPIN NUMBER ON THE DATE OF SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO THIS RFP (ITB)?

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A: THE E-RATE SPECIFICATION ON PAGE 5 OF THE BID DOCUMENT STATES "IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT THE AWARDED VENDOR WILL PROVIDE A SERVICE PROVIDER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (SPIN) AND MAINTAIN ELIGIBLE STATUS WITH THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY (USAC) AND THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE E-RATE PROGRAM."

Q: WILL THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR BE REQUIRED TO PAY SALES TAX FOR ANY MATERIAL OR LABOR PROVIDED UNDER THIS CONTRACT?

A: THE STATE OF ALABAMA IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING SALES TAX. AN EXEMPTION LETTER WILL BE FURNISHED UPON REQUEST.

Q: ARE ANY PREVAILING WAGE RATES APPLICABLE TO THE CONTRACT RESULTING FROM THIS ITB? PLEASE PROVIDE THE APPLICABLE WAGE RATES.

A: THE STATE/ISD IS UNAWARE OF ANY PREVAILING WAGE RATES.

Q: PARKING IN DOWNTOWN AREAS OF MANY CITIES ACROSS THE STATE HAS BECOME VERY EXPENSIVE. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO HAVE MULTIPLE TECHNICIAN VEHICLES PARKED AT A COST OF \$15 OR MORE PER VEHICLE PER DAY WHILE STATE WORK IS BEING PERFORMED. WILL THE STATE PROVIDE A MEANS TO REIMBURSE THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR FOR PARKING?

A: NO, THE STATE/ISD WILL NOT REIMBURSE PARKING FEES.

Q: THERE IS OFTEN A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TRAVEL TIME REQUIRED TO PERFORM SMALL PROJECTS IN OUTLYING AREAS. IN MANY INSTANCES THE TOTAL VALUE OF THESE SMALL PROJECTS IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COST OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAVEL TIME ALONE. WILL THE STATE PROVIDE A MEANS TO ALLOW THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR TO BE COMPENSATED FOR TRAVEL TIME ON PROJECTS OF THIS NATURE?

A: NO, THE STATE/ISD WILL NOT COMPENSATE FOR TRAVEL TIME OR COSTS.

Q: SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1.18.7. HOW WILL THE SUCCESSFUL VENDOR BE COMPENSATED FOR VISITING CUSTOMER SITES TO DETERMINE THE MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION COSTS OF EACH PDS SYSTEM?

A: THE STATE/ISD DOES NOT COMPENSATE FOR SITE SURVEYS.

Q: DUE TO THE SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSAL EFFORT REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THIS RFP (ITB) WE REQUEST THAT THE DUE DATE BE EXTENDED APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 1, 2013.

A: THE DUE DATE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.

THIS ADDENDUM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE SIGNED OR RETURNED.

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