

IFB Solicitation Number IFB FQ16124/CPR
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WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
600 FIFTH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

June 10, 2016

AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
Thermite Field Welding Services

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A. The solicitation documents accompanying solicitation IFB FQ16124/CPR are hereby revised/changed in part as follows:

Responses to questions that were submitted. Please see attached.

Original signed June 10, 2016
Kunj Behari Date
Contracting Officer

B. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
Proposers are required to acknowledge receipt of Amendment 1 in writing on the Solicitation Form Acknowledgement of Amendments, page 13 in the solicitation), in the space provided below or by separate letter or facsimile.

Name Date

Company Name

- A. If the prime bidder is a certified DBE will they still be required to provide the required participation? Or will they not be required to provide any participation besides their own?

A prime contractor that is WMATA certified DBE will not be required to provide the required 26% DBE goal. The DBE status gives him 100% credit towards the 26% goal. A DBE company working as Prime Contractor must ensure to perform 75% management/oversight over other contractors it seeks to bring onto the project.

- B. This contract is for a very specialized service and all independent testing, with the exception of testing of qualification welds, will be performed by others. Can the 26% DBE Goal requirement be lowered or removed completely to allow a non-DBE certified contractor to provide the best possible proposal to the authority?

The DBE goal of 26% set for this contract cannot be lowered or removed completely to allow non-DBE certified contractor to provide the best proposal. There is a process and requirements set in place by WMATA for a contract to seek a waiver of the DBE goal. Please see Section 6 s.6 (c) and attachment B-3 of the solicitation.

- C. This project only requires the contractor to provide thermite weld kits for this project. Thermite weld kits only make up approximately 10% of the total cost of performing a thermite weld. There are also are not any manufacturers of thermite welds that are certified DBE manufacturer. Can the 26% DBE Goal requirement be lowered or removed completely to allow a non-DBE certified contractor to provide the best possible proposal to the authority?

See B above and S.6, S.6(c) Appendix B and Attachment B-3 cite4d above.

- D. We are a non-DBE certified contractor that can provide all of the work in this project in house. We are also a small family owned business that specialized in this type of work. Without the ability to purchase the thermite weld kits from a certified DBE manufacturer it will make it impossible for us to provide the authority the with best possible price.

See B and C above.

- E. We feel a 26% DBE participation goal is excessive on a contract that is to provide a specialized service and will increase the overall cost that WMATA has to pay for this service and may put at risk the quality of work and service that WMATA receives. Can the 26% DBE Goal requirement be lowered or removed to allow a non-DBE certified contractor to provide the best possible proposal to the authority?

See B and C above.

2. Is this project a SBE set aside project?
No, the project not an SBE set aside. SBE set asides are for projects that are less than \$500,000.
3. Will the contractor be paid for the 4 required qualification welds at the unit price or are these incidental to the contract?
The qualification welds are incidental to the contract.
4. Will the Authority provide the rail required for the qualification welds or will the supply of the rail for the qualification welds be the contractor's responsibility?
WMATA will supply the rail.
5. Must each welding crew provide 4 qualification welds or are only 4 qualification welds required no matter how many crews the contractor provides?
4 qualification welds is the maximum required.
6. Are the qualification weld good the 2 year base contract and the 3 option years or must they be performed each year?
No. Four qualification welds will suffice.
7. Is it correct that the only testing that the contractor is responsible for is the testing for the qualification welds and all other testing will be performed by the Authority?
WMATA will ultra-sound the welds.
8. Must the contractors welding crews be trained and certified by the manufacturer of the weld kits annually?
Not if they have thermite welding experience.
9. Will the contractor be required to perform any road closures and/or traffic control for this project?
No, all welds are in the right of way.
10. How long is the WMATA safety training? How good is the safety training good for? And is there a cost for the training class to the contractor?
6 hours at no cost.
11. What will be the anticipate work schedule for the welding crews? Will the contractor be required to work nights and weekends? Will the contractor be required to work 7 days a weeks?
The work schedules vary and welding will be done on day and/or night shift. The contractor will not have to work 7 days but the day off could be any day of the week.
12. Will the contractor be required to provide multiple crews for this contract?
Possible but we will give you notice.
13. Will the contractor be required to provide any rail, plates, joints bars or other track materials for this contract?
No