



WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PLATFORM REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

RFI Guidelines

Please note that this is for INFORMATIONAL and PLANNING purposes only and does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP). Responses to this RFI will not be accepted by WMATA to form a binding contract. WMATA will not pay for the information solicited nor recognize any costs associated with the submission of the RFI. The purpose of this RFI is to provide an opportunity for industry to enhance the success of any future procurement to meet this requirement. Any information obtained as a result of this RFI is intended to be used by the Government on a non-attribution basis for program planning and acquisition strategy development.

Please be brief in your answers. If a particular answer; however, is best presented as an attachment you may do so.

WMATA's evaluation and possible selection of companies for further discussions is a business decision and will be based upon a composite of a company's response to the factors set forth under "Information Requested" below. In submitting a response to this RFI, companies agree that the WMATA will not provide its rationale for the selection or non-selection of a prospective business partner(s) for possible further discussions with the WMATA. However, all companies will receive an acknowledgement as to their selection for, or removal from, further consideration. Furthermore, in submitting a response to this RFI, companies agree that any selection or rejection of a business partner(s) by WMATA is final and indisputable.

Confidential Information

The information contained in this Request for Information (RFI) is confidential and proprietary to The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). In accepting this RFI, contractors agree to the following conditions, under USA law:

1. Each party recognizes and agrees that the Confidential Information has been compiled, created and maintained by special effort and expense of the other party.
2. Each party recognizes and agrees that disclosing or disseminating Confidential Information to a third party will have a materially adverse effect on the other party and agrees not to disclose or disseminate the Confidential Information to any third party. Except as necessary to perform its obligations hereunder, each party shall not use, reproduce or draw upon the Confidential Information or circulate it within its own organization.
3. Each party shall provide notice to the other party of any demand made upon it under lawful process to disclose or provide the other party's Confidential Information. Such party agrees to co-operate with the other party if it elects to seek reasonable protective arrangements or oppose such disclosure, at the expense of the party that is seeking the protective arrangements or opposing the disclosure.
4. Any Confidential Information disclosed pursuant to such lawful process shall continue

to be Confidential Information, the access to such Confidential Information shall be limited to those persons (i) only with a need to review such information for the purposes for which the disclosure was required, and (ii) who agree in writing to keep the Confidential Information confidential.

Metro is issuing this Request for Information to obtain recommendations from Contractors. Contractors are asked to submit all responses to this RFI electronically.

Project Introduction

Due to a variety of reasons including exposure to the elements, snow and ice removal techniques, and age, station platforms at some WMATA above ground stations have deteriorated and will soon need to undergo significant repair and/or rehabilitation.

The rehabilitation will include complete platform edge removal and replacement, paver tile replacement over the entire platform, and ancillary replacements of pylons, signage and platform furniture, expansion joints, as well station lighting.

Some Stations may require a portion of the platform to undergo complete concrete slab removal and replacement and/or other structural improvements and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Original Design and Construction

The platforms in all WMATA stations are a minimum of 600 feet long to accommodate the entire length of an 8-car train. The platforms are 30'-½" wide for center platform stations and 15'-0" wide each at a side platform station. The existing platforms were originally constructed of cast-in-place concrete. The platforms are topped with a slip resistant paver floor tile. The platform edge is granite with platform edge lights. A two-foot strip of ADA detectable tiles is inboard of, and adjacent to, the granite edge. Other notable dimensions are:

- Bays are spaced at 33'-4"
- Granite Edge unit is 8'-4"
- Platform Expansion Joints are spaces at 50'-0" O.C.
- Paver Tile Expansion Joints are spaces at 16'-8" O.C.
- Center platforms shall slope 1% from the centerline to the platform edge.
- Side platforms slope 1% from the parapet wall to the platform edge.

Information Requested

WMATA is considering providing contractors with a 90 day construction period, during the summer months of the year, where construction access in and around above ground stations would be completely unfettered by train operations and activities. This 90 day period would allow a contractor complete 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, access to the station platforms, right-of-way, and other ancillary station facilities. Construction staging would be provided

immediately adjacent to the station platform work areas as feasible. The “third rail” traction power system would be de-energized during the entire 90 day construction period.

A 6 to 9 month hiatus between the end of one extended 90 day outage and the beginning of the next extended 90 day outage would be a requirement of the contract.

Due to the number of platforms that need to be rebuilt, it is known that a single contract for the program will cover multiple years.

With the above parameters, WMATA requests feedback from Design Builders/Contractors that address the following questions:

1. How many complete station platform rehabilitation projects could a single Design Builder/Contractor perform in the above referenced 90 day period?
2. What long lead time items that would be required for the completion of the work such as granite edges, edge lighting, signage/HVAC pylons, etc., and what is the lead time required acquiring the materials prior to the 90 day construction period?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using one multi-year contract which would result in a 6 to 9 month hiatus between the end of each extended outage and the start of another?

This is a Request for Information (RFI), not an order. No cost can be charged to WMATA for any reason. This document shall not be construed as a request or authorization to perform work at WMATA’s expense. Any work performed by a contractor will be at the contractor's own discretion and expense. This RFI does not represent a commitment to purchase or lease. Submission of a response constitutes an acknowledgement that the contractor has read and agrees to be bound by such terms.

This is not a request for offers but only a request for information. A determination not to issue a solicitation based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Point of Contact

All communication with WMATA must be directed to the single Point of Contact for this project, as follows:

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Submission of Responses

The information received in response to this Request for Information will be used by Metro to determine the next action steps to move forward. A response will not result in an award. Also, WMATA does not commit to any incurred cost in preparation of a response to this Request for Information.

This RFI remains the property of WMATA at all times, and must be returned by the vendor upon request. Vendors not submitting a response must immediately return all printed, graphic and electronic documentation to the point of contact.

All responses, once delivered, become the property of WMATA.

If you have questions, please e-mail them to nacalvert@wmata.com no later than close of business (5:00 pm), February 9, 2017.

Responses are due by 3:00 pm on February 20, 2018.