

FQ15237 Six (6) Tie Breaker Stations Upgrade Orange and Blue Lines VA, DC and MD

IFB Questions and Responses

STATUS DATE: October 16, 2015

Q#	Questions	WMATA Responses or Clarifications
1	We may be interested in bidding on the referenced project if it is big enough for us to be competitive. Is there a published dollar value range for this project?	WMATA will not issue the dollar range for this project.
2	We are looking to bid the subject project, but there is some confusion on where and when the Pre-bid conference is being held. The Letter to Contractors indicate the Hyattsville location at 10 AM while the solicitation instructions instruct us to meet at JGB at 8:30 AM. Can you clarify which time/location is correct?	IFB Letter information is correct: Pre-Bid Conference: will be held on October 20, 2015 starting at 10:00 AM at 8100 Professional Place, Hyattsville, MD 20785-2225, Conference Room #1, 1st Floor. Item 4 of Solicitation Instructions (pdf page 20 of 421 in Volume 1) will be corrected in future Amendment.
3	In the TBS drawings, it shows the HMI being a separate unit from the RTU, with the RTU being combined with the network cabinet. In the SCADA drawings, it shows the HMI and RTU being combined with a separate network cabinet due to space constraints. Please clarify which would be correct, and where in the TBS they would be situated.	Pending WMATA response
4	The TBS drawing package cable schedules are inconsistent with the SCADA drawing package cable schedule. For example, various components are connected to the network switch via fiber and Ethernet cable to the network switch for indication in the SCADA drawings, while the TBS cable schedule shows them being connected via regular multiconductor copper cable to the HMI (which we are assuming is also the RTU at this moment). Please clarify what wires we should run, or if we are installing both schemes for compatibility and future development. Is it possible to get a consolidated cable schedule if the latter is the case?	Pending WMATA response
5	In order to prepare the most competitive solution, we request an extension to the bid date of three weeks. Please consider this request.	Pending WMATA response
6	Enclosed, please find our written request for an extension of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Six-(6) Tie Breaker Station Upgrade; Orange and Blue Line, Va., DC. and MD., project bid due date. 1. We would like to request an extension to the bid due date. Please extend the bid due date forty-four (44) days, to December 18, 2015?	Pending WMATA response
7	There was no Systems Integration Specification included within the documents. Please provide if required?	Pending WMATA response

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8	Is a Temporary DC Power Supply required during testing of the new DC Switchgear and who is responsible for this equipment?	Pending WMATA response
9	16051D-1.01-E references several specifications not provided. Please clarify?	Pending WMATA response
10	Volume 1, Page 5 notes for Railroad Protective Insurance; "For bidding purposes, an allowance will be provided on the Unit Price Schedule." The bid form does not currently have an allowance for Railroad Protective Insurance. Please clarify?	Line Item 008 RAILROAD PROTECTIVE LIABILITY WAIVER FEE for a lums sum allowance of \$30,000 will be added to Amendment 1.
11	Volume 1, page 208, section 2.58.7 notes the contractor shall provide a full time Quality Manager, while page 218 and 219, section 2.68 notes the Quality manager as half time. Please clarify?	Pending WMATA response
12	Specification 128 requires custom manufactured wire with large minimums exceeding the quantities required for this contract. Please confirm bidder is required to comply with this specification?	Pending WMATA response
13	Volume 1, Section 2.68 Contractors Qualifications are not indicated to be submitted as part of the pre-award data for purposes of being considered before award. We suggest these qualifications be submitted as part of the pre-award data and reviewed by WMATA prior to award.	Pending WMATA response
14	Requirement is for a VA Class A license. It does not specify a specific trade. Are we to assume any VA Class A license would be applicable?	The Bidder must comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations including Virginia State licensing requirements. Refer to Virginia State licensing requirements.
15	To the above question-If a specific trade is required, are we in compliance as long as the application has been submitted and we are awaiting to take the test?	The Bidder must comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations including Virginia State licensing requirements. Virginia State licensing requirements.
16	What will the possibility of an extension to the bid date?	Pending WMATA response
17	could you please confirm our understanding that a WMATA badge is not required for the Pre-Bid and Site Visit.	Refer to Pre-Bid Conference Clause of IFB Letter in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS, p.6 of 421.
18	In cable schedules K07TB1-TB-300, K07TB2-TB-300, G01TBS-TB-300, G02TB1-TB-300, the cable schedule shows that we will have to run power feeds to lighting beyond the Tie Breaker Stations. We request for more information regarding this scope regarding distance and the number of devices powered off of the circuit.	Pending WMATA response
19	Please provide the location of the negative polarity junction boxes as indicated in cable schedules K06TB2-TB-300, K07TB1-TB-300, K07TB2-TB-300, G01TBS-TB-300, G02TB1-TB-300, and G02TB2-TB-300.	Pending WMATA response

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20	I'm also hearing this project may not happen. We have a team flying in. Is there still a prebid Tues?	Refer to response to RFI No. 2 in this document.
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