

Draft Informational Meeting
January 30, 2019
Questions and Answers 27-35

27) Please provide a Pay Item on Form SP for the Statewide VMS Board work detailed in Part 3 Section 12.3.2

Answer: The Authority has not yet incorporated those items, but they will be in the Final RFP.

28) Part 3, Section 8.3.1.1 requires the Design/Builder to supply all electrical power required. This includes connection to existing electrical utilities and all associated utility fees. The utilities have a procedure that requires an application for power drops to be filed, and a design/review process completed prior to providing a price for the work. Utility fees often include both engineering and construction cost to the contractor, a simple drop sometimes exceeds \$50,000.

Given the number of locations required, and the uncertainty of the actual cost of the commercial power connection, would the Authority consider creating an Allowance or Drawdown Bid Item to reimburse the D/B for the actual cost of all the utility fees?

Answer: We are investigating. This may not be in the Final RFP but via an amendment.

29) Section C.2.2.3 Design-Build Quality Control Plan instructs the Proposer to submit two separate QC org charts. Table C states the page limits for the Design-Build Quality Control Plan to be "max. 15 pages plus Org. Chart." Are we correct to assume we are allowed 15 pages of narrative plus two org charts - which would result in a 17-page maximum for this Plan?

Answer: This will be clarified in Final RFP.

30) We have several questions related to Part 3, Section 15.3.1. This requires Mainline and ORT gantries to be erected in a 20-minute window between 1 A.M. and 3 A.M. In addition, if either of these windows is exceeded, damages will be assessed under Section 619 of the Standard Specifications, and it will be considered a Major Violation Act, leading to a loss of opportunity to earn an Early Completion Incentive.

Answer: This provision has been modified - see the last tracked change version of Section 15 of Part 3.

- a. Will State Police be provided for slowdown/stoppages of traffic on both mainline and ORT locations?

Answer: Yes – but details need to be worked out. Expect to see this appear in Part 5 – Special Provisions.

- b. Sometimes, work is delayed because the State Police are late because they have other emergency duties to perform. Will the Contractor be granted relief of these times if the State Police unavoidably impact the work window?

Answer: We will address this question along with 30a) under Part 5 – Special Provisions.

- c. Given the extensive amount of ORT Gantry Work, where some of the remote ORT exits have very minimal traffic during these hours, will the Authority consider extending the work window?

Answer: The work window of 1AM to 3AM or the 20 minutes for gantry erection?

- d. The schedule will most likely require gantry erection during some of the winter months. Weather could be a huge factor. Would NYSTA consider waiving the required minimum 3-day notice for an adjusted closure date if closure is delayed due to weather?

Answer: This involves notification to the public, we intentionally lessened it to 3 days. The public has to be made aware days ahead of time so they can adjust schedules or choose a different direction.

- e. Will the Authority allow some minor ORT Gantry work (vertical legs, longitudinal pieces, etc.) to be performed from Lane Closures during the day, or must all ORT Work be performed from 1AM to 3AM?

Answer: Yes, see section 15.3.2 in Final RFP. However, these conditions only apply if the work being described or done does not involve material being erected above traffic as per 15.3.14.

- f. Since damages are already assessed for working beyond the allowed windows per Section 619, would the Authority consider deleting the language “*This is considered a major violation act*” from Sections 15.3.1, 15.3.2, and 15.3.3?

Answer: The provisions as major violations shall remain bit as stated in 30 above the provision of the liquidated damages has been modified.

31) Will revised bonding requirements be published due to the additional work related to the ORT facilities and exit paving?

Answer: No the bonding requirements shall remain as requested in the RFQ.

32) Why are there Special Provisions for 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 related to Bridge Bearings in Section 5?

Answer: This is normal language we try not to pull things in and out of each individual RFP. If they don't apply don't consider them.

33) Part 3, Section 22.3.10 states that parking spaces provided must be within 15 FT from building. Requirement in Section 26.3 is 150 FT. Should they both be the same?

Answer: Yes Section 26.3 needs to be reworded actually, both sections relative to parking spaces and access by vehicles.

34) Can we get a copy of the final forms for the proposal asap, I assume they will Be released with the Final RFP.

We are anticipating the forms won't be subject to header/footer changes when addendums are received. In the past the footer had changed with the submission date which created a great deal of rework. I just wanted to send you a message so it could be considered before they are released.

The forms are something we would like to get filled out and collated ahead of time so we can get Volume 1 Complete and so we can concentrate on the technical and pricing components as we approach the due date.

Answer: Yes we will make every attempt to honor this request. If, however, any form changes significantly, it has to be noted by amendment and the new form has to be used. We understand the concern and do not wish to require additional work on the part of the Design-Builder.

35) Forms LDB, Form LSI, and Form SDU all require the Proposer to provide pricing information. The ITP instructs that these forms are to be submitted with Volume 1 on 5/13/19. We anticipate to still be collecting pricing information beyond that date to prepare for the 6/6/19 deadline for Volume 3, we ask that these three forms be modified for inclusion in Volume 3 instead of Volume 1. In addition, Form AAP-10 requires a Bidder Code that includes whether the MWBE or SDVOB has been selected. We most likely won't know the Vendors that have been selected/Awarded work until the Price Proposal date.

Answer: The forms have been modified and are required both at the Technical Proposal date (See ITP Appendix B) and updated and submitted at the price proposal date (See ITP Appendix D).