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Questions/Answers:

Question #1: I do not see a BOM on the listing, can you please let me know how I can receive this information?

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Answer #1: A bill of materials is not on this solicitation as each project under this term contract will have specific project drawings and a list of materials provided to the awarded contractor beforehand.

Question #2: Where can I find prints and specifications?

Answer #2: Section 4.7.3 states that PBA will provide detailed project drawings before each project. This solicitation is for services for multiple projects throughout the term contract, it is not for one project.

Question #3: "Invoices must be submitted monthly." Would PBA entertain a process of weekly invoicing?

Answer #3: PBA should receive invoices as work is completed. If the project is set up in phases, we would allow progress billing by phase. In the event, PBA or our clients delay a project, we'd allow progress billing for materials provided. Final project invoices are to be submitted within 30 days of project completion.

Question #4: Is it a guarantee that should the project estimate exceed \$100,000, that both Performance and Payment Bond be required?

Answer #4: Yes, PBA requires performance and payment bonds for any projects that exceed \$100,000 and reserves the right to require performance and payment bonds on a project-by-project basis regardless of project amount. The contractor will be informed at the time of project if that project requires a performance and payment bond.

Question #5: Section 4.2.2 appears to deny subcontractor labor, while section 4.13 appears to allow subcontractor labor. Which is correct?

Answer #5: Both are correct, Section 4.2.2 states that no subcontracting will be permitted without prior written permission from PBA.

Question #6: Section VI and Attachment O both documents required pricing quote, confused as to which one is actually required to populate, please advise.

Answer #6: Section 4.14.3 states that Attachment O is a template for future quotes and does not need to be returned with your submittal. Section VI is required with your submittal as that is where pricing should be populated for your submittal.

Question #7: What actual documentation is necessary to “furnish satisfactory evidence” of the ability to provide services as mentioned in section 1.22?

Answer #7: Examples (photos) of prior projects completed, technician certifications, project-related references, proof of ownership or ready access to the tools to complete the project (bucket trucks, lifts, fusion splicers, etc. with certifications on their use), and identifying any subcontractors to be used and the service of use.

Question #8: PBA Does not guarantee any quantities of services. Should we assume this work exists “as needed” without any current projects in queue?

Answer #8: The work will start on an as-needed basis.

Question #9: Section 4.2.10, Pole attachment rights- is the contract expected to pay attachment fees or is that the responsibility of PBA?

Answer #9: Pole attachment fees will be the responsibility of PBA and PBA’s clients. The contractor will be required to clearly identify the owner of the pole(s).

Question #10: What is the current mileage of aerial plant to be maintained?

Answer #10: 20 miles

Question #11: What is the current mileage of UG plant to be maintained?

Answer #11: 5 miles

Question #12: Is there an estimate of how much UG plant is anticipated to be built during the course of the contract?

Answer #12: No, this will be on an as-needed basis.

Question #13: Is there an estimate of how much aerial plant is anticipated to be built during the course of the contract?

Answer #13: No, this will be on an as-needed basis.

Question #14: How many properties is PBA currently managing?

Answer #14: Currently, over 100 and this can change at any time.

Question #15: The scope of work indicates that the provision is for “outside plant construction and repair”. Will there be any expectation of work inside the buildings beyond the cable entrance and termination?

Answer #15: The scope could include inside work. That will be determined on a project-by-project basis, but we do currently have a term contractor for inside work.

Question #16: What is expected of the contractor in terms of coordinating the pole owners to acquire pole attachment rights?

Answer #16: Identify the owner, assist in making first contact if needed, assist with completing any engineering required, assist with providing any requested documentation to the owner, etc.

Question #17: There is no mention of make-ready. For new aerial construction, who is responsible for identifying any make-ready issues and coordinating the resolution for those issues?

Answer #17: If KUB poles are involved, KUB’s new policy on Make Ready work falls on the new carrier to identify, coordinate, and complete the work at PBA’s expense.

Question #18: Is the expectation that the contractor will supply materials such as cable, handholes, splice enclosures, etc? If not, which materials will be supplied by PBA and which will be provided by the contractor?

Answer #18: It is expected the contractor will be supplying all necessary materials to complete the work. Section 6.1 states all labor rates should include all labor and supplies to provide services. Additionally, section 6.2.4 is section to list cost for parts, equipment, and components outside of the labor portion.

Question #19: What permits are expected to be necessary for the completion of the work?

Answer #19: Road closure permits and TDOT permits if required in TDOT Right of Ways.

End of Addendum #2.

All addenda must be acknowledged in Tab III of the submittal.



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