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Addendum Number 1
Request for Proposal 21-07-208847
Asset Management System(s) Options Review

This addendum is being issued to provide information as follows:

Questions/Answers:

1. **Q:** Is the ARRC's budget for this project \$100k or less?

A:

The estimated total project cost for this solicitation is \$30,000 to \$75,000.

2. **Q:** In researching this RFP, we believe we could develop an asset mgmt system for you for less than it would cost to do the analysis you are requesting. I'm not sure if we should propose within the RFP as it wouldn't meet the procurement requirements.

A:

ARRC will do a follow-on solicitation to acquire the services we desire. We are not, at this time, soliciting for development of an asset management system.

3. **Q:** What type of modifications are you looking for in the functional spec?

A:

We are not expecting any specific modification to be recommended in the functional specifications. It is possible things like the following could be improvements that a fresh review spots: information that is presented too broad so as to not be productive in obtaining a system support result, a typical specification or best practice that is not identified, or a regulatory information tracking or reporting item that is not identified.

4. **Q:** RFP suggests modifications necessary to functional requirements; are modifications requested to technical requirements as well?

A:

Asset related technical requirements are encompassed in functional requirements.

5. **Q:** Is a statement of work for the RFP required?

A:

No, only identification of the procurement strategy was expected.

6. **Q:** What specific outcomes are desired from this evaluation?

A:

If the question is related to the evaluation and comparison of commercial software applications, the 2nd Deliverable bullet is our outcome expectation:

- a short-list of recommended or potentially viable asset management system solutions for consideration, including benefits and challenges of potential fit.

7. **Q:** Two studies were performed including an analysis of potential solutions options. What were the gaps in those studies that did not allow you to move forward with a solution plan and RFP for software?

A:

Since these initial efforts were in advance of the functional requirements, they presented option strategies rather than system-specific solutions. Additionally, now that we have the functional requirements we are able to see patterns where different departments may benefit from having different systems. We are looking for more information about the system options so that we understand if we are putting out an RFP for one large system or more than one smaller, fit for purpose systems.

8. **Q:** Will you allow the vendors that performed the prior studies to propose on this evaluation?

A:

Yes, as long as the vendor is not a commercial software application, or a vendor representing a commercial software application. Vendor cannot have a corporate affiliation, ownership stake or any other financial conflict of interest with the potential software solution.

9. **Q:** What is the anticipated project budget and project duration?

A: Project budget, please refer to question #1.

Project duration, reference IRFP Section C, "At a minimum your proposal shall address the following in order to be considered responsive:

3) Proposed schedule for performance."

10. **Q:** We did not see any DBE/ SBE requirement, can you please confirm this is correct?

A: Refer to Section H, REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FOR FEDERAL-AID CONTRACTS (Less than \$100,000). Although DBE/SBE participation is not a requirement, DBE/SBE participation is encouraged. ARRC's overall DBE goal for 2019-2021 is 3%. This goal is race-neutral and posted on ARRC's website <https://www.alaskarailroad.com/corporate/procurement/dbe-program>.

11. **Q:** Please confirm that travel to ARRC is not required for this project.

A: Reference IRFP Section C, Price:
"ARRC does not require travel for this solicitation; however, if travel is suggested per your proposal, it must be included within your Price Proposal."

12. **Q:** Are there any foreseeable major ARRC milestones coming up that may influence the project timeline?

A:
No, ARRC does not know of any milestones that would influence the project timeline.

All other dates, terms, and conditions remain unchanged.

Acknowledge receipt of this and all addenda in your firm's Service Bid Form (Form 395-0132).

Sincerely,

Michele Hope

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