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Addendum Number 3

Invitation to Bid 24-57-212362

ARRC 1115 East Whitney - Electrical Removal & Relocation

Offers will now be received until 3:00 pm local time on September 19, 2024.

This addendum is being issued to provide information as follows:

1. Has CEA been issued a work order for the utility work and has it been scheduled? If not, has anyone communicated with CEA recently about their backlog and likelihood of getting the work done this year? Typically CEA and other utilities get busy at the end of the year and any underground work not already scheduled by September 1st is usually put off until the next year. Obviously this could impact the project since no contractor wants to run buildings on generators all winter waiting for CEA to schedule work.
ARRC has been in persistent communication with CEA, the work is scheduled and the equipment is available, as soon as the contract is finalized we will begin to coordinate exact days and times for coordinated efforts on site.
2. How quickly is ARRC likely to execute a contract? We do not start work or order materials until we have a signed contract.
ARRC will sign the contract asap with selected bidder provided the low-bid is within budget constraints, the review process will be appropriately expedited given the short window of performance.
3. Have the drawings been given to MOA building safety for plan review? If not, that could introduce additional delays (since CEA will not reconnect power to a new service unless it has been approved by a city inspector, and no inspector will approve a new service without a permit, and a permit cannot be issued without plan review by MOA building safety.)
Plans are being submitted this week, will share permits with selected contractor on receipt.
4. Is there a strong reason for the short timeframe? If this project is anything like the typical projects we see, it will take at least a month to get a signed contract, it will take at least another month to get CEA scheduled, pull a permit from MOA and procure materials. By then the ground will be frozen and nearly impossible to dig without paying extra for ground thawing and blankets. CEA rarely installs underground when the ground is frozen—and it is very difficult to get proper compaction below freezing.
ARRC's intention is to expedite all potential hurdles to have the installation occur prior to ground-freezing. CEA has been involved through the development of the ITB and has

signed off on drawing revisions to date. If it proves to be impossible to perform the work this fall the contract period of performance will be extended and no liquidated damages will be charged, and the work will proceed upon ground-thaw. The intention to perform the work in the fall is to avoid complications performing the work during passenger season which will typically have already begun by the time the ground thaws.

5. Are liquidated damages actually \$.00 (zero) as stated on page 23 of the ITB? If so, what incentive does a contractor have to get the work completed in less than a month?
No.
6. Do Alternates A-1 & A-2 need to be complete before 10/15/24 if awarded?
It is ARRC's intention that this work is performed simultaneously with the base scope of work. This may be negotiated upon award of the contract. Certainly priority should be given to the base scope of work.
7. Are you open to the work being finished in August of 2025?
ARRC's intent is that the work be completed as the contract stipulates. If this proves to be impossible alternate timelines will be addressed. Passenger season starts mid-May and closes mid-September, the intention is to perform the work outside of this window and as soon as is practicable.

Please acknowledge receipt of this and all addendums in your Firm's Construction Bid Form 395-0121 (12/99). **All other dates, terms and conditions remain unchanged.**

Please direct all responses and/or questions concerning this solicitation to C. Lee Thompson, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Contracts, 327 Ship Creek Avenue, Second Floor, Anchorage, AK 99501, telephone number 907-265-2068, cell number 907-854-3141 or at email address THOMPSONC@AKRR.COM.

Sincerely,

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