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Addendum 1

Invitation to Bid # 26-44-214805 – Fairbanks Locomotive and Passenger Railcar Toilet Pumping Services

This addendum is issued to extend the bid closing date for this ITB, provide additional clarification, and answer questions.

Closing Date

The Closing Date for this ITB **has changed**. Bids will be received until Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Alaska local time.

Questions & Answers

1. **Service windows.** The ITB says summer passenger service has averaged around 9 p.m. What hours can the contractor access the Roundhouse and depot, and can both stops normally be done on one run?
   Passenger trains usually arrive in the evening and wait until all passengers have disembarked, the 9 p.m. average is accurate. The train then stays at the station until 8:00 a.m. the next morning. However, ARRC does not want pumping in the morning, because air tests and inspector work on the train begin at 6:00 a.m. The practical access window is therefore about 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

   Both locations can usually be serviced in a single run. The Passenger Railcars are at the depot, and the freight Locomotives are at the Roundhouse, about 300 yards away.

2. **Winter refill.** What triggers the antifreeze requirement for locomotives and passenger cars? What approved product, mix, and amount should we use per unit, and where should it be added?
   The Contractor shall provide the toilet antifreeze/deodorizer when required for winter service. Walex PT-50 Supreme or an approved equivalent is acceptable. The Contractor

shall use the product in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended application and dilution requirements. The product shall be added to the toilet system at the location and in the manner specified by the product manufacturer.

3. **Frozen or stuck valves and return trips.** If an exterior valve is frozen, is the contractor responsible for thawing it, or will ARRC staff handle it? If thawing is the contractor's responsibility, what methods and equipment does ARRC approve? If the valve still won't open or the car is unavailable, who authorizes a return visit, and can we bill a separate trip charge?
   While rare, in the event of a frozen or stuck valve, the Contractor shall notify ARRC before attempting service. Following notification, the Contractor may make reasonable efforts to free the valve, such as applying RV antifreeze to the affected area or lightly tapping the valve to remove surrounding ice. The Contractor shall not force, repair, or otherwise alter the valve. If the valve cannot be safely opened and no ARRC mechanic is available to repair it, the affected car or locomotive will not be pumped and will be serviced in Anchorage (ANC). The Contractor shall not make a return visit for the affected unit unless specifically authorized by ARRC.

4. **Actual workload**. If available, could you share the past 12 months of completed service counts by site and month, along with the number of emergency call-outs?
   ARRC does not have complete historical service counts by site and month available for distribution. Generally, service occurs seven days per week from approximately May 15 through September 15 and twice per week during the remainder of the year. ARRC experiences approximately four to five emergency pumping call-outs during the winter season.

5. Section D.2.1 mentions a narrow driveway. Is that at the Roundhouse or the passenger depot? Can a full-size septic vacuum truck get through in winter, reach the pumping and onsite disposal points, and exit? If there's a known clearance or turning restriction, could you share it so we can compare it with our truck?
   The passenger depot and Roundhouse are separate service areas with different access roads. Both access roads are maintained and plowed and generally provide adequate access and maneuvering space for pumping trucks. Bidders are encouraged to request a site visit to evaluate access using their proposed equipment.

6. Who is the incumbent contractor?
   Horizon Services is the incumbent contractor.

7. What was the last contract award value?
   ARRC will not provide budget information for this solicitation.

8. Are prior bid tabulations available?
   Prior bid tabulations are not available for distribution.

9. Is the prior Scope of Work available?
   The prior Scope of Work (SOW) is not available for distribution. The SOW included in this solicitation is based on the services currently being performed. The principal change is an increase in the anticipated number of locomotives and passenger railcars requiring service. This is due to the train operating schedules. Bidders shall base their bids solely on the requirements and estimated train operating schedules provided in the current ITB and this Addendum.

10. Does prevailing wage apply?
    No, prevailing wage requirements do not apply to this contract.

11. Are there railroad-specific permits, training, or credentials required?
    ARRC does not require any railroad-specific permits, training, or credentials for this Contract. However, the Contractor must satisfy all applicable requirements identified in Section B, Minimum Qualifications, of the ITB and comply with all site-access and safety requirements communicated by ARRC.

12. Are wet signatures required?
    No, wet signatures are not required for bid submission. Electronic signatures and copies of signed documents are acceptable. However, Part VII, Verification and Acknowledgment, of the Bidder's Responsibility Questionnaire must be completed and notarized.

13. Is an optional site walk available?
    Yes. ARRC will not conduct a scheduled group site visit; however, interested parties may request an individual site visit by contacting Rance Jones at 907-290-4831 or JonesR@akrr.com.

    Any questions arising from a site visit that may affect the solicitation requirements shall be submitted in writing to the Contract Administration Specialist.

14. Are there any contract escalation provisions for fuel or labor?
    Yes, please read the following information carefully.

    COST ADJUSTMENT: Rates shall remain firm and fixed for the initial contract year. For each exercised option year, the Contractor may request an annual rate adjustment based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), All Items, Urban Alaska, not seasonally adjusted, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

    The percentage adjustment shall be based on the percentage change between the most recently published index available at the time of the request and the corresponding index for the same period of the preceding year, calculated as follows:
    Percentage Change = (Current Index − Previous Index) ÷ Previous Index × 100

The requested adjustment shall not exceed the percentage change in the CPI, and in no event shall any annual CPI-based adjustment exceed five percent (5%) in any given contract year.

Requests for adjustment shall be submitted in writing to the Contract Administrator at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the beginning of the applicable option year and shall include supporting CPI documentation identifying the reference periods and index values used, together with the calculation of the requested adjustment. Failure to submit a timely request shall constitute a waiver of the adjustment for that option year.

No adjustment shall become effective without prior written approval by ARRC. No retroactive rate adjustments will be allowed.

15. What are historical annual service counts and disposal volumes?
    ARRC does not have complete historical service counts or disposal-volume records available for distribution. Bidders shall base their bids on the operating schedules, approximate quantities, and tank capacities stated in Section D.2.2 of the ITB. All quantities are estimates only and do not constitute a guarantee of work.

16. Are there any known service issues ARRC wants improved under the new contract?
    No specific recurring service issues have been identified by ARRC.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. **Please acknowledge receipt of this and all addenda in your firm's Service Bid Form (Form 395-0129).**

Please direct all responses and/or questions concerning this solicitation directly to:

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