



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #09-014

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Below are questions with responses that VRE has received as of July 14, 2009. Whenever possible, questions are presented as originally asked. Otherwise, the question is presented to capture the main thrust or idea of the question or inquiry.

1. Are Offerors required to submit a bid bond/bid guarantee with their proposals?

No.

2. Will VRE consider awarding multiple Contracts for Custodial and Seasonal Services? For example, a Contract for services performed in Station Zone 1 and another Contract for Station Zone 2, etc.

No. VRE will award one (1) Contract for Custodial and Seasonal Services and one (1) Contract for Maintenance Services.

3. Are Offerors expected to submit two (2) separate proposals – one (1) for Maintenance Services and a second for Custodial and Seasonal Services?

Yes.

4. Can VRE confirm that crews must arrive at the stations to Pre-Treat or Clear Accumulation within one (1) hour of notice by VRE?

Yes. See Attachment P.3, Section 4.1.B of the solicitation.

5. If there are a series of snow events in one (1) day which require the Contractor to visit a station once in the morning and again later that afternoon, will each visit be considered a separate sweep?

Yes, two (2) visits to a particular station on the same day will be considered two (2) sweeps.

6. At what point will the Contractor be alerted by VRE to move to Pre-Treat or Clear Accumulation in order to meet the one (1) hour response time required? If the Contractor waits too long, crews will be stuck in traffic which will make it impossible to reach the sites within the one (1) hour window.

VRE will provide advance notice whenever possible. However, the weather is unpredictable and the Contractor shall be prepared to mobilize whenever adverse weather is a possibility and to do whatever is necessary to meet the one (1) hour response time requirement.

7. Why are some facilities such as the Lorton Station Parking Lot listed as an exclusion in Attachment P.3, Section 6.K, but at the same time included in the Cost Proposal and Schedule of Prices for Custodial and Seasonal Services?

See Addendum No. 1. While specific facilities identified by VRE are generally excluded because they are typically serviced by others, VRE may require these facilities to be serviced on an as needed basis by the Contractor.

8. What depth of snow is defined as requiring the Contractor to Clear Accumulation? If there are five (5) or six (6) inches on the ground, that depth of accumulation will require two (2) pushes.

There is no depth of snow definition requiring the Contractor to Clear Accumulation. Payment will be made on a per sweep basis, not a per push basis, regardless of the depth of snow.

9. At what depth should the Contractor start moving snow?

See the response to Question No. 8 above.

10. Should the Contractor include sand and salt in their cost to Clear Accumulation and Pre-Treat/Re-Treat?

Yes.

11. Are all wages for the Contractor's and Subcontractor's employees required to be in compliance with the Davis Bacon Wage Act?

No. In accordance with Clause 50 of Attachment P.1, General Terms and Conditions, the Davis Bacon Act is applicable to construction projects totaling more than \$2,000 only. Therefore, the Contractor is required to be in compliance with the Davis Bacon Act only when performing work on select construction based Task Orders. VRE will specifically indicate in a Task Order request whether or not the Davis Bacon Act is applicable to that specific task.

12. Will VRE post the current Federal Prevailing Wage Rates published by the U.S. Department of Labor?

The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the wages and fringe benefits paid to laborers for applicable Task Order work is in compliance with the Davis Bacon Act. The Contractor can use the Wage Determinations Online (www.wdol.gov) site to obtain the current Federal Prevailing Wage Rates for each Task Order work.

13. Is VRE requiring certified payroll from the Contractor and all Subcontractors for all employees, including management personnel and snow removal crews?

Yes, upon request, certified payroll must be submitted to VRE by the Contractor.

14. It is this Contractor's understanding that Schindler provides proprietary maintenance service for the elevators located at the Manassas Parking Garage. Can VRE confirm whether or not these elevators can only be serviced by Schindler?

Maintenance of the elevators at the Manassas Station Parking Garage has been included again in the Scope of Work. See Addendum No. 2.