



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB No. 024-009)

OVERHAUL OF LOCOMOTIVE AIR COMPRESSORS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Below are questions VRE received as of March 13, 2024 by 2:00 P.M. ET, with responses. Whenever possible, questions are presented as originally asked. Otherwise, the questions or inquiries are presented to capture the main thrust or idea.

ATTACHMENT A- SCOPE OF WORK

1. What is the delivery volume, delivery pressure, frequency conversion, and after-treatment equipment needed?

VRE is unclear as to what is being asked. We interpret delivery volume to mean delivery schedule. We interpret delivery pressure and frequency conversion as referring to the functionality of the air compressor. Lastly, we interpret after-treatment equipment to include air dryers, filters, and separators.

The delivery schedule is outlined in Attachment A– SCOPE OF WORK, Paragraph 6, which states:

- A. All twenty (20) locomotive air compressors shall be overhauled and delivered to VRE by the Contractor within **five hundred (500) consecutive calendar days** from the date set forth in the written Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) for this Contract.
- B. VRE is responsible for shipping each of the locomotive air compressors to the Contractor for the required overhaul services. VRE will send a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) air compressors per month to the Contractor.
- C. The Contractor shall return to VRE each overhauled locomotive air compressor within **fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days** of receipt of the locomotive air compressor from VRE.

The functionality of the air compressor can be found in ATTACHMENT F- LOCOMOTIVE AIR COMPRESSOR MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTION. VRE will procure after-treatment equipment outside this contract.

2. Would VRE consider purchasing new air compressors instead of rehabilitating the air compressors currently used by its fleet of locomotives?

Not at this time. This contract is for the overhaul of locomotive air compressors not for the purchase of new locomotive air compressors.

**ATTACHMENT D – FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) THIRD PARTY
CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

3. This is an FTA funded project. Therefore, all Bidders must comply with and sign the Buy America Certification. Manufactured goods must be 100 percent produced in the U.S. A manufactured good is considered produced in the United States if: (1) All of the manufacturing processes for the product take place in the United States, and (2) All of the components of the product are of U.S. origin. A component is considered of U.S. origin if it is manufactured in the United States, regardless of the origin of its subcomponents. 49 CFR 661.5(d).

