

RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 437
1 East Shore Road
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835-0437

Invitation to Bid – Request for Proposals

Maintenance Vehicle Lighting Package

Solicitation Number: Contract 18-08

Solicitation Date: July 6, 2018

Bid Proposal

Submission Deadline: July 17, 2018 by 1:00 PM

The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority, a body corporate and politic (the "Authority"), is soliciting bid proposals to purchase vehicle safety lighting pursuant to specifications in accordance with this solicitation.

Bidders are invited to submit bid proposals to the Authority by the Bid Proposal submission deadline.

This Bid solicitation contains, and is subject to the terms and conditions of, the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders (General Terms & Conditions), any Supplemental Conditions, plans and specifications and Bid Form.

The award of the Contract pursuant to this solicitation will be made to the responsive and responsible Bidder with the lowest bid price. *The Authority reserves the right to waive any technicalities in the bid proposals, accept or reject any bid proposal, award a Contract in the best interest of the State, or revoke any solicitation.*

Bid Proposal Summary: The Authority is soliciting proposals from qualified professional vendors to purchase and install a safety lighting package for a RITBA fleet vehicle. The installer shall be within a 125 mile radius of the RITBA maintenance facility located at One East Shore Rd., Jamestown, RI 02835. No Pre-Bid Meeting. No surety required. No bond required.

Bidders must give individual prices which include installation as well as a package price to allow the Authority flexibility in assembling lighting packages. Equipment substitutions will be considered as long as they are equal to the equipment specified in the solicitation.

The below listed lighting equipment is for reference only. The Authority reserves the right to change, alter or modify the specs as needed. Bid price shall include all necessary cabling, parts and needed connectors.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

General Terms & Conditions

Compliance with Instructions to Bidders

These Instructions to Bidders contain terms and conditions that will govern the preparation and submission of a bid proposal and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

Bidders must comply with each and every requirement of these Instructions to Bidders. Any failure to comply with any requirement may result in the determination of a nonresponsive bid proposal and/or the rejection of the bid proposal. Any deviations from the bid specifications must be noted in writing and attached as part of the bid proposal. The bidder shall indicate the item or part with the deviation and indicate how the bid will deviate from specifications.

Offer to Contract

Bid proposals constitute an offer to contract with the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (the "Authority") on the terms and conditions contained in this RFP Solicitation, the laws of the State of Rhode Island, including all procurement statutes and regulations (available at www.purchasing.ri.gov), and applicable federal and local law, all of which are incorporated into this solicitation and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation by this reference.

Questions

Bidders must not address questions or comments about this solicitation to the Authority or its professional advisors. Questions about this solicitation must be emailed and received by the Authority at mdurgin@ritba.org no later than July 12, 2018 at 1:00 PM in a Microsoft Word attachment with the corresponding solicitation number. Questions, if any, and responses will be sent out as an addendum to this solicitation.

Inspection

Bidders shall contact Joseph Levesque, P.E., Chief Engineer, at (401) 423-1952 or jlevesque@ritba.org to make arrangements to inspect the vehicle listed in this solicitation.

Addenda

Responses to questions from bidders, interpretations of specifications, changes prior to the bid proposal submission deadline, approvals of any substitutions, and supplemental instructions and terms will be approved by the Authority. No addenda will be issued within the four (4) calendar day period preceding the bid proposal submission deadline except for an addendum withdrawing the solicitation or extending the bid proposal submission deadline.

Costs

The Bidder is responsible for all costs and expenses to develop and submit a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

Preparation of Bid Proposal

Bid proposals must be made on the Bid Form included in the solicitation and in accordance with the instructions in this solicitation. All applicable blanks must be completed in a legible manner, printed electronically, typed, or handwritten in ink, and amounts must be expressed in both words and figures. In the event of any contradictory terms, handwritten terms prevail over printed or typed terms, and words prevail over figures. Signatures must be in ink. No additional provisions, conditions, or limitations may be made by the bidder, and any erasures and/or corrections must be initialed in ink by the person signing on behalf of the bidder.

Submission of Bid Proposal

The bid proposal must be delivered (via mail, messenger service, or personal delivery) to the Authority and date-stamped receipted by the date and time specified for the bid proposal submission deadline. Any Bid Proposal received prior to the time of opening will be securely kept, unopened. No responsibility will be attached to the Authority for the premature opening of a Bid Proposal not properly addressed and identified.

Bidders should mail bid proposals sufficiently in advance of the bid proposal submission deadline to ensure timely delivery to the Authority. Bid proposals must be addressed to:

Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority
Office of the Executive Director
P.O. Box 437
1 East Shore Road
Jamestown, Rhode Island 02835-0437

Bid proposals that are not received by the Authority by the bid proposal submission deadline for whatever reason will be deemed late and will not be considered. Postmarks will not be considered proof of timely submission.

At the bid proposal submission deadline, bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in public.

Bid Price

The Bidder must submit a Base Bid Price on the Bid Form that specifies all costs and total price for the requested equipment outlined in this RFP Product Specification.

Bid Price Proposal Form

The Bidder must complete, sign, and submit the Bid Price Proposal Form.

Public Copy

Bid proposals submitted in response to this RFP solicitation are deemed public records pursuant to the Rhode Island "Access to Public Records Act," R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-2-1 et seq. Each bid proposal must include a duplicate original "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. Bidders may redact in the public copy any trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is of a privileged or confidential nature pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act.

Responsibility of Bidder

The Authority may make a reasonable inquiry to determine a Bidder's capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, including without limitation, the financial strength and responsibility, integrity, and reliability of the Bidder. The failure of a Bidder to provide information promptly in response to an inquiry, including without limitation, financial statements and business references, may result in a determination of the bidder's non-responsibility.

Taxes

The Authority is exempt from federal excise taxes and state and municipal sales and use taxes. The Bidder shall not include such taxes in any prices in the bid proposal.

Indemnification

The successful bidder will indemnify and hold the Authority, its members, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, losses, judgments, recoveries, liabilities, costs and expenses (including without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs), or any kind, that the Authority, its members, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns may incur arising out of this solicitation, any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation, and/or the act or omission of the bidder, its subcontractors, or their

employees and agents.

Withdrawal

A bidder may withdraw its bid proposal at any time prior to the bid proposal submission deadline. Bid proposals are irrevocable for a period of 60 days following the bid proposal submission deadline.

Reservation of Rights

The Authority reserves the right, at any time, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to: (i) revoke, suspend, or terminate this solicitation; (ii) accept or reject any and all bid proposals, in whole or in part; (iii) waive any technical defects, irregularities, or omissions in any bid proposals; and/or (iv) terminate any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation, with or without cause.

Award

The Authority, in its sole discretion, will award the contract pursuant to this RFP solicitation to the qualified bidder who submits the lowest responsive and responsible bid proposal. The Authority may determine, in its sole discretion, the low bid proposal on the basis of the amount of the Base Bid Price. The successful Bidder will receive a Notice of Intent to Award from the Authority with instructions for the Bidder to submit further documentation.

Compliance with Terms of Contract

Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms and conditions of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation may result in nonpayment, suspension or termination of the contract, suspension or debarment of the bidder, or any other necessary or appropriate remedy.

Delivery

RITBA
1 East Shore Road – Maintenance Building Parking Lot
Jamestown, RI 02835

- Preparation for delivery: At time of delivery, the Maintenance Vehicle Safety Lighting will be inspected by a RITBA representative to ensure all specifications have been met. The maintenance vehicle must be delivered with all equipment in place, cleaned, and ready for operation.

- If any deficiencies are observed and cannot be corrected within two (2) business days, the vehicle will be deleted from the invoice and payment will not be made until corrective action is taken and the vehicle is re-inspected and accepted. It shall be the responsibility of the vendor for the pick-up and delivery of the vehicle for re-inspection.
- It will be the responsibility of the lighting package vendor to transport the vehicles from RITBA, 1 East Shore Road, Jamestown, RI 02835 to the lighting package vendor's location and the return transportation from the lighting package vendor's location to RITBA.
- For instructions on pick-up and delivery schedule arrangements, contact *Joseph Levesque, P.E., Chief Engineer at 401-423-1952 or jlevesque@ritba.org.*

Warranty

Product and installation will be free from defect in design, workmanship and materials under substantiated normal use for a period of five (5) years from the date of the original purchase. Warranty should also apply to accessories included with the product.

Training

Upon delivery of product, vendor will provide training for the operation of equipment.

Bid Price Proposal

Maintenance Vehicle Lighting Package

We the undersigned propose to provide RITBA "Maintenance Vehicle Lighting Package" for the following price option(s) as stated below:

1. **RITBA 2018 Ford F-150 Super Cab**

SUPPLY AND INSTALL:

Whelen Fleet Rack TA, TA Control Head, Whelen Liberty 14 Super LED Lightbar (49") w/ Amber Arrows, Auto Hi/Lo Photocell, Stud Mount Kit (w/ Interior Switch) \$ _____

(2) Whelen 500 Series Rubber Mount Lights Mounted on Tailgate Beside Existing Brake/Turn Signals or in Tail Light Housings (w/ Interior Switch) \$ _____

(2) Whelen ION SpitFire Super-LED (Amber) Mounted in Front Grill (w/ Interior Switch) \$ _____

Total Package Price: \$ _____

Company Name

Street, City, State, Zip

Telephone

1. Acceptance

It is acknowledged that this Submitted Bid shall be opened and accepted and is irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the Bid closing date.

The Bidder understands that the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any informalities to the bidding.

Once the successful Bidder is approved by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority within the attached Bid Specifications, the RITBA shall execute a Contract within ten (10) days.

2. BID FORM SIGNATURE(S)

(Authorized Bidder's Name - Printed)

Authorized Signature(s): _____

Title: _____

Please include three (3) references with the Bid.

REFERENCES:

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

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