

Questions from Vendors on December 3, 2014 to City of Pittsburgh
Regarding ARLE Request for Proposals

Question 1

Thank you for providing the prevailing wage ordinance. Please confirm which specific job classifications apply to the work performed under this RFP to ensure our pricing reflects the appropriate rates.

Response to Question 1

The use of the prevailing wages rates must be consistent with the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act. Pennsylvania prevailing wage rates can be obtained from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor & Industry.

Question 2

RFP Page 8, Section 2.6.2: The proposing vendor must have sufficient experience in providing large scale and full service Automated Red Enforcement Systems and services to cities of similar size.

What is the required number of programs the proposing vendor will be required to have to qualify as sufficient experience in providing large scale and full service Automated Red Light Enforcement programs to cities of similar size to Pittsburgh (population of approx. 350,841)? What is the minimum length of time each respective program must have been operational?

Response to Question 2

The City would like to see that a proposing vendor has at least three fully implemented Automated Red Light Enforcement programs in cities of similar or greater size to Pittsburgh. These reference programs should be operational for at least two years from the implementation of the program at the first intersection(s). Vendors with less experience than cited are still invited to submit a proposal but scoring will reflect the vendor's experience.

Question 3

To honor the intent of the MBE/WBE Veteran goals and also have the most experienced firms perform the requirements of the RFP, would the City allow fulfillment of the goals for disadvantaged firms to be defined as subcontractors to a non-MBE/WBE prime contractor?

Response to Question 3

Yes, contractors can fulfill the MBE/WBE Veteran goals using subcontractors to a non-MBE/WBE prime contractor.

Question 4

In order to provide the City with the best technical solution at the most competitive price, would the City be willing to consider extending the deadline for submission of responses from Friday, December 12 to Friday, December 19?

Response to Question 4

Yes, the City will accept proposals up until 3:00 PM on Friday, December 19. Please ensure that all guidelines about proposal submission outlined in the RFP are followed.

Question 5

Response 42: Regarding Response 42 where the City states that pages will not count for lists of detailed information, should the responses where the lists occur be on separate pages? For example, in response to 2.1.1, should the list of contracts be its own pages within the main document – or should this list be pointed to and appear in the appendices where pages are not counted? Is this applicable to other sections such as 2.6.1 where the list of cities where camera system is currently used?

Response to Question 5

The appendices should include supporting or supplementary information only.

Question 6

Response 41: Regarding the response to question 41, how many self-service terminals will the City require and at how many locations?

Response to Question 6

The City requires at least one self-service terminal. If you believe additional self-service terminals are not beneficial, please include your rationale in the proposal. Similarly, if you believe that a larger number of self-service kiosks is beneficial based on your experience in other cities, please fully explain the rationale behind a larger number of self-service terminals.

Question 7

Response 4: Response 4 states: “The existing record drawings will be provided to the vendor in PDF format.”

Could the existing drawings be provided in CAD format instead of PDF?

Response to Question 7

No, most of the City’s record drawings are hand drafted and no CAD files are available.

Question 8

RFP page 2, Sample Contract, Section II, General Terms and Conditions: Page 2, Section II. General Terms & Conditions, clause A. General Requirements, "Exhibit B: Affidavit Regarding Accepting Provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act." Would the City please provide this referenced exhibit?

Response to Question 8

Sample is attached.

Question 9

RFP Page 10, Sample Contract, Section XI, Insurance: "XI. INSURANCE

Prior to the beginning of any work or program covered under this agreement, CONSULTANT shall deliver to CITY certificates of insurance duly executed by the officers or authorized representatives of a responsible and nonassessable insurance company, evidencing the following minimum coverages for the benefit of CITY, which insurance shall be noncancellable, except upon thirty (30)-day prior written notice to CITY. CITY shall be named as additional insured with regard to the General Liability policy.

What's the City's intent or definition regarding the highlighted word "nonassessable"?

Response to Question 9

The term "nonassessable" refers to an insurer (e.g., a stock company) that does not have the right to assess policyholders for additional amounts to make up shortfalls in the cost of operating the company.

Question 10

RFP Page 5, Section 2.4.2: In this section it states: "An Automated Red Light Enforcement System is defined as inclusive of all equipment and personnel required for the photo enforcement of red light violations in the City of Pittsburgh. The Department must require the vendor to install all hardware including the traffic violation detection system. Required hardware must include, at a minimum, all computer interfaces, software, cameras, flash strobes, poles, violation detection system, wiring, and any necessary appurtenances to support a fully functional Automated Red Light Enforcement System. The vendor must work with the electric provider to establish a separate electrical service and billing account. The electricity costs must be paid by the vendor."

Would it be possible to get temporary power from the City's traffic controller or other existing power source until the vendor gets the permanent power source installed?

Response to Question 10

The City requires that the permanent power source is installed before any red light enforcement equipment becomes operational. The power source must be separate from the traffic signals. Pending both City and Duquesne light approval/inspections, power may be shared with the street light service.

Question 11

Would the City be willing to include the following language with respect to transaction taxes in its contract with the vendor?

“The Contract Price is exclusive of applicable Transaction Taxes for which the City is responsible to pay or reimburse Vendor as noted below.

The City shall be responsible for Transaction Taxes based on or measured by the purchase of goods and services from Vendor unless the City is exempt by law, in which case it will provide Vendor with a valid exemption certificate. Vendor shall be responsible for Transaction Taxes based on any goods or services used or consumed in performing the work under the Contract. Transaction Taxes include, but are not limited to sales, use, services, excise, transactionally-based gross receipts, privilege or other like taxes, plus any interest and/or penalty thereon (“Transaction Tax”). Vendor and the City each agree to take commercially reasonable steps to cooperate with each other, including by providing exemptions and certificates to each other, to minimize Transaction Taxes, to the extent permissible under applicable law.”

Response to Question 11

The City is not able to discuss contract provisions until a final vendor is selected. In your pricing proposal, please clearly explain the impact that this provision would have on your final pricing.

Question 12

Is pricing included in the 20 page maximum?

Response to Question 12

Yes, pricing is included in the 20 page maximum submission limit.