

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

INVITATION TO BID NO. 14-001

STATION VENDING MACHINES

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), an agency of the State of Florida, operates Tri-Rail, a seventy-two (72) mile commuter rail service with seventeen (17) stations in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

THE PURPOSE: SFRTA is seeking a Contractor to furnish, install, stock and maintain beverage and snack vending machines at Tri-Rail station locations including protective cages and SFRTA administrative offices in Pompano Beach and Hialeah. This contract shall be for a full turn-key operation. SFRTA intends to execute a Contract with the responsive and responsible Bidder that provides the highest Total Bid Guarantee Amount to SFRTA from this Contract.

A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS should be directed to Mr. Joe V. Rodriguez at SFRTA, 800 N.W. 33 Street, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064, (954) 788-7975. Solicitation documents will be available on Monday, May 12, 2014.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held in the SFRTA Board Room at the address above on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting will be for SFRTA to respond to questions from document holders and clarify requirements in an open forum. Attendance is not mandatory but is recommended.

RECEIPT OF SEALED BIDS: All bids must be received as per the ITB instructions no later than 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the SFRTA office in Pompano Beach.

SFRTA reserves the right to postpone, accept, or reject any and all bids in whole or in part. All Bidders must certify that they are not on the State of Florida Comptroller General's List of Ineligible Bidders. All bids shall remain in effect for One Hundred Eighty (180) days from the ITB submission due date.

CONE OF SILENCE: Any communications between any potential vendor, service provider, bidder, lobbyist or consultant and any board member, staff member, committee member, or consultant of SFRTA regarding this procurement are strictly prohibited from the date on which the solicitation advertisement appears on SFRTA's website or newspaper through the date of contract award and from the date of the filing of any notice of protest of award through resolution for the parties involved in the protest or contract award, whichever is longer.

The only exceptions to this are: (i) any communications with the Procurement Director or SFRTA's designated point of contact; (ii) site visits to the apparent high bidder's or apparent successful proposer's facilities (iii) any communications made on the record at a publicly noticed meeting of SFRTA, or (iv) negotiation meetings held by the Procurement Director.

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