

# **SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

## **INVITATION TO BID NO. 13-002**

### **LOCOMOTIVE FUELING SERVICES**

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), an agency of the state of Florida, operates a seventy-one (71) mile commuter railroad with seventeen (17) stations in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

**THE PURPOSE** of the ITB is to obtain the services of a Contractor to procure and deliver an estimated 3,000,000 gallons of fuel annually for SFRTA's Tri-Rail Commuter Rail Services. Fuel types to include Red Dyed Off Road Low Sulfur Number 2, Red Dyed Off Road Ultra Low Sulfur Number 2, Bio-Diesel blends and B100 Bio-Diesel.

The majority of fuel shall be delivered to a fuel storage tank located at SFRTA's Hialeah Yard Maintenance Facility, 9400 N.W. 37th Avenue, Miami, Florida. The Contractor shall also be required to deliver on demand up to twenty percent (20%) of the fuel directly to SFRTA locomotives at SFRTA's West Palm Beach Maintenance Facility at 435 S. Tamarind Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida and to SFRTA back-up power generators located at SFRTA's Hialeah Yard Maintenance Facility and SFRTA's corporate office at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pompano Beach.

A new proposed northern maintenance facility may be constructed during the course of this contract. This new facility would be about 4.6 miles north east of the current West Palm Beach (WPB) maintenance facility.

In addition, on an emergency basis only, the Contractor may be required to deliver fuel at accessible locations along SFRTA's Tri-Rail operating rail corridor. The selected Contractor shall provide metered fuel logs indicating the exact quantity deposited in each locomotive and the fuel storage tank.

**A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS** should be directed to Joe V. Rodriguez at SFRTA, 800 N.W. 33 Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064, (954) 788-7975. The cost of the solicitation document is \$50.00, non-refundable. Checks or money orders, made in favor of SFRTA should be forwarded to Mr. Rodriguez at the address above. Solicitation documents will be available on or about Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

**A PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held in the SFRTA Board Room at the address above on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 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 highly 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 November 28, 2012 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 low 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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