

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 15-016

OPERATING SERVICES FOR SFRTA'S COMMUTER BUS SYSTEM

THE PURPOSE: SFRTA is seeking a qualified Contractor to operate Commuter Bus service for Tri-Rail, the SFRTA-operated commuter rail passenger service. Tri-Rail operates on a 72-mile rail corridor located within Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Tri-Rail operates 50 trains per day on weekdays and 30 trains per day on the weekends. Trains stop at 18 stations located within the Tri-County area Tri-Rail serves. The purpose of the Commuter Bus service is to provide a safe, comfortable, and efficient means of transporting the public to and from the Tri-Rail stations that provide scheduled Commuter Bus service. On occasion, Contractor will be required to provide Commuter Bus service for special events and emergency bus bridge service. The term of the Agreement will be five (5) years and two (2) additional one (1) year option periods.

A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS should be requested via email at RFP15016@sfrta.fl.gov. RFP Documents may also be requested by contacting Mr. James Schafer, CPCM at SFRTA, 800 N.W. 33rd Street, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064, (954) 788-1785. Solicitation documents will be available on September 2, 2015.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE will be held in the SFRTA Board Room at the address above on September 9, 2015, 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.

RECEIPT OF RFP: All Proposals must be received as per the RFP instructions no later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on September 28, 2015, at SFRTA's office in Pompano Beach, Florida.

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

DBE PARTICIPATION: SFRTA solicits and encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation. DBEs will be afforded full consideration of their responses and will not be subject to discrimination.

NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION: A portion of this project is funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. Any resultant Agreement shall be subject to all federal requirements, rules and regulations.

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 SFRTA 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 SFRTA.

Procurement Director.
Christopher C. Bross, CPPO, FCPM
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