

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**INVITATION TO BID NO. 10-005**

**PROCUREMENT OF NEW COMMUTER RAIL LOCOMOTIVES**

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The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), an Agency of the State of Florida, operates a commuter railroad with eighteen (18) stations in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

**THE PURPOSE** of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to enter into an Agreement with a Contractor to provide services for the complete design, manufacture, delivery, testing and warranting of TEN (10) new commuter rail locomotives as specified in the Technical Specifications and the option to purchase up to SEVENTEEN (17) additional locomotives, FOUR (4) of which are for Sound Transit in Seattle, Washington. The completed vehicles must comply with all applicable standards and practices of the Association of American Railroads (AAR), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other applicable laws and/or regulations of the Federal Government and the State of Florida. The Period of Performance for this project shall not exceed seven hundred thirty (730) days from Notice to Proceed.

**A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS** should be directed to Mr. Pat McCammon at SFRTA, 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33064, (954) 788-7902. The cost of the solicitation documents is \$150.00, non-refundable. Checks or money orders, made payable to SFRTA, should be forwarded to Pat McCammon at the address above. Solicitation documents will be available on or about March 1, 2010, and will be provided only in electronic format on CD-ROM media.

**A PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held in SFRTA's Board Room, 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pompano Beach, Florida, on March 18, 2010, at 10:00 A.M local time. 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.

**REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION** regarding specifications or bid documents must be submitted to Pat McCammon via e-mail or facsimile to SFRTA at the address included in the solicitation documents no less than ten (10) calendar days before the due date for submittal of bids. Questions received prior to the Pre-Bid meeting may be answered prior to that meeting by means of an Addendum.

**RECEIPT OF SEALED BIDS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION PACKAGES:** All bids and technical information packages must be received in separate sealed packages no later than 4:00 P.M. on April 16, 2010, at SFRTA's office at 800 NW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Pompano

Beach, FL 33064. All envelopes must bear the SFRTA-provided label, which clearly indicates the BIDDER'S NAME, ITB NUMBER, TITLE, AND BID DUE DATE.

**BID SECURITY** in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Invitation To Bid.

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 Comptroller General's List of Ineligible Bidders. All bids must remain in effect for One Hundred Eighty (180) days from the date of Bid openings.

**NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION:** this project is funded in part by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration and American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Any resultant Agreement shall be subject to all federal rules and regulations. All bidders must be on FTA's list of qualified Transit Vehicle Manufacturers.

**CONE OF SILENCE:** Any verbal or written communications between any Bidder (potential or actual), or its representatives and any SFRTA Board Member, staff member, or consultant regarding this procurement are strictly prohibited from the date of the ITB advertisement through the date of execution of the contract. The only exceptions to this are: (1) written requests regarding information or clarification made to SFRTA's designated contract specialist during the allowable time period under the solicitation; (2) any communications at a publicly noticed meeting of SFRTA; and (3) any communications with the SFRTA Director of Procurement. Any violation of the requirements set forth in this section shall constitute grounds for immediate and permanent disqualification of the Bidder/violator from participation in this procurement.

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