



Description of Intended Sole Source Purchase

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This description of commodities or contractual services intended for purchase from a sole source will remain posted for a period of at least seven (7) business days.

Commodity or Service Required: Master Product Purchase Agreement (“MPA”), End User License Agreement (“EULA”) and Amendment No. 1 to both the MPA and EULA (collectively all referred to herein as the “Agreement”) between Meteorcomm, LLC (“MCC”) and SFRTA to permit SFRTA to use MCC’s proprietary Interoperable Train Control Network (“ITCnet”). The ITCnet platform includes a core communications system consisting of a 220 MHz radio network (“ITCR”), a messaging system for the back office and remote devices (“ITCM”), and a systems management framework (“ITCSM”) (collectively defined herein as the “MCC Products”). ITCnet software runs on the ITCR radios that are installed in locomotives, the wayside, and base stations. SFRTA will be able to use and purchase additional MCC Products, as needed in the future, in connection with SFRTA’s Type Approved Positive Train Control System (the “PTC System”).

Description:

SFRTA operates Tri-Rail, a commuter rail service, on the 72 mile South Florida Rail Corridor (“SFRC”) providing service to Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. This service makes stops at eighteen (18) Tri-rail stations and comprises as many as fifty (50) scheduled trains per day. Current rail traffic includes Tri-Rail commuter rail service (operated by SFRTA), CSXT freight service, and Amtrak intercity passenger service. CSXT owns and operates the tracks on either end of the SFRC (north of Dyer Interlocking and south/west of Oleander Junction). CSXT also maintains perpetual exclusive rights on the SFRC through a separate agreement with FDOT.

By law, the PTC System requires interoperable communications, as defined in 49 CFR 236.1003, to be deployed and utilized for host to tenant information exchange. Interoperable communications for the PTC System include MCC Products that are capable of exchanging data with SFRTA’s tenants on the SFRC. MCC is the sole source supplier of the proprietary software needed to operate their ITCnet in the United States that meets the Type-Approved requirements for the PTC System. The Agreement must be in place for SFRTA to operate the MCC Products in revenue service, and to be able to purchase MCC Products in the future.

Intended Sole Source:
METEORCOMM, LLC.

Justification for Sole Source Acquisition:

The following summarizes the decision factors that validate the sole sourcing of the Work to METEORCOMM, LLC.

Meteorcomm, LLC is the developer and sole provider of the MCC Products that are part of the PTC System. SFRTA must have the Agreement in order to obtain the necessary license and to use the MCC Products in connection with the PTC System.

Recommended Procurement Approach: For the reasons stated above, SFRTA intends to utilize the Sole Source procurement method to execute the Agreement with Meteorcomm, LLC as the sole source supplier of the MCC Products.

Prospective vendors are requested to provide information regarding their ability to supply the commodities or contractual services described. If it is determined in writing by the agency, after reviewing any information received from prospective vendors, that the commodities or contractual services are available only from a single source, the agency shall: provide notice of its intended decision to enter a single-source purchase contract.