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ADDENDUM # 1

Solicitation Number: 2024-011
Solicitation Name: TYPE I AMBULANCE PURCHASES
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Prime Bidders/Proposers acknowledge the receipt of this Addendum by inserting the number and date in the appropriate position on the Proposal Form. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder/Proposer to disqualification. This Addendum is a part of the Contract Documents. It modifies them as follows:

1. Question:

It appears some of the specifications generically are geared to Fire Apparatus, where the OEM Chassis is a complete and manufactured item of the complete vehicle. With ambulances this is different as we are dependent upon the OEM manufacturer of the separate chassis.

Answer:

Line 21 of the RFP Specifications should read, "The ambulance manufacturer shall engineer, design, and manufacturer the ambulance body on the OEM chassis".

2. Question:

Ambulances are manufactured as an upfit to a supplied chassis, the ambulance body is manufactured and then placed upon a chassis supplied from a different OEM, in this case, Ford Motor Company. No manufacturer can engineer, design, and manufacture the complete apparatus. Will the County modify or strike item 21 to accommodate?

Answer:

Line 21 of the RFP Specifications should read, "The ambulance manufacturer shall engineer, design, and manufacturer the ambulance body on the OEM chassis".

3. Question:

Item 92, and all subsequent references to Weldon VMUX Pods. There is growing acceptance within the industry that the evolution of VMUX will include various integrations and partnerships that may work to eliminate the PODS system and a pivot back to only the Vista Screen button options. Downstream integration and the potential elimination of PODS

creates hardships for electrical engineering to then duplicate a process when the product is no longer available. VMUX, the Herc node, and Vista Screen have remained constant, and it provides the highest amount of capability and information to the end user. It is continually expandable. This is why Road Rescue does not utilize the PODS system. It is a minimal system. The additional cost to the VMUX system that the addition of PODS creates, to accomplish the same programming options seems unnecessary. PODS is also a recognized "option package", specifically to Osage Ambulance. Weldon VMUX and the Vista is standard to all ambulance manufacturers, with exception to Horton and Demers who have proprietary systems. We ask that Cherokee allow for the Weldon VMUX and Vista Screen option to be an allowable substitution for the PODS system, and the "required" category be removed to encourage cost worthy competition.

Answer:

Cherokee County will evaluate alternatives. The bidder shall submit appropriate documentation on the proposed alternative so the County can properly evaluate. The acceptability of the alternative is at the sole discretion of Cherokee County.

4. Question:

Items 117, 118 and 119. In addition to 122, 123 and 124 discussing Electromechanical and Electric sirens and speakers. There is an engineering issue that has arisen with the inclusion of a mechanical siren and the use of a secondary electrical siren. Electrical engineering has found that the start-up amperage on the Screaming Eagle is nearly 200 amps. This will overload the dual battery system Cherokee has specified on the chassis. There is also a question on the amount of space in the bumper to accommodate the Screaming Eagle, and the location of the AC compressor. With regard to the secondary siren, Pathfinder PA 4000, and the BP200 watt siren heads, the size of those speakers prohibit placement in the bumper as they would require cuts in the frame which is not a recommended practice by the OEM. The combination of the Screaming Eagle, Rumbler, and BR 200 siren speakers creates special inability on the F550 Front End.

- a. We propose an alternative, if acceptable. To reduce the amperage draw, a dual siren system including the Federal EQ2B would only create a 20amp start up draw which is easily supported by the dual batteries provided in the chassis specification. The F550 bumper space is limited by the OEM Design. The use of dual Federal MS 100 speakers behind the bumper for this siren will fit for the EQ2B. For the Federal PA 4000, the use of CPI speaker covers in the front bumper with integrated Atlas 100 watt drivers (2) will satisfy the needs for the PA 4000, and we will have bracket space available for the Rumbler sub-woofer. The CPI speaker heads have been the standard for F series siren speaker assemblies since the 2011 Body change.

Answer:

The Eagle Siren has a draw of 38 operational amps with a maximum momentary/peak amp draw of 85 amps per the manufacturer. If this information is not correct, please provide the supporting data and the County will remove the siren from the specifications. If there is not enough room to install the Eagle Siren, the County will remove the siren from the specifications.

The County will not except proposals and/or trucks where the frame is cut to install the siren speakers. Per the Federal Signal's Southeast representative, these speakers will fit in the bumper of a F-550. For assistance with the Federal Signal equipment, you may contact Safety Elite Associates, Chriss Spence at 404-309-0409 or email seacoemail@gmail.com. If there have been changes to the body that will not allow the BP200 speakers to be mounted, the County will select a different model provided by Federal Signal.

5. Question:

Item 162. Which configuration for the Stryker Power Pro are you requesting? There are multiple standard and optional set ups that greatly affect pricing.

Answer:

The Stryker Power Pro shall be the mid-configuration PowerPro XT.

6. Question:

Page 6 Item Two -2. Basis for Adjustment:

- Primary Index: Adjustments will be based primarily on the Producer Price Index for Motor Vehicle Body Manufacturing (PCU336211336211).
- Secondary Index: The Consumer Price Index for New Vehicles (CUSR0000SETA01) will be used as a secondary measure in the event of significant discrepancies with the PPI.
- In the event of an excessive increase in contract price due to this clause, the buyer reserves the right to terminate the contract for convenience, in accordance with the contract's termination clause.

Can Seller terminate the contract for convenience if PPI isn't sufficient, for example Specified chassis prices might exceed PPI Increase?

Items 162 & 153 are subject to price increases that are not in accordance with any CPI or PPI. How should pricing on equipment be handled?

Answer:

Please use the Appendix "E" form located in the "Cherokee County Standard Solicitation T_Cs _Forms_Rev 11-3-2023" document. This form is used to accept or take exception to the County terms and conditions. In Addition to the (PSA) Professional Services Agreement (SAMPLE), any terms and conditions included in the RFP will become part of the PSA. If a Firm plans to take exception to any of the terms and conditions, please list exception(s) in the form but also provide alternate language. If more space is needed than what Appendix "E" provides then attach additional pages as needed to Appendix "E".

For clarity, the above applies to contract terms and conditions and not specification related issues. For specification related issues please follow the instructions on page 8 of the RFP section "SPECIFICATIONS".

7. Question:

Item 47 requests 3000 watt inverter. 3000 watt inverter will require 4 battery system with battery storage in ambulance body, under floor level.

- Why such a large inverter?
- What will inverter power?
- Will 2000 watt be acceptable?

Answer:

A 2000-watt inverter is acceptable to the County.

8. Question:

Item 135- Subfloor is missing $\frac{3}{4}$ " material.

Answer:

Add the $\frac{3}{4}$ " material to the subfloor.

9. Question:

Item 143-156- Bulkhead cabinet will interfere with door forward design. Please provide sketch of layout required?

Answer:

Remove all requirements for the bulkhead cabinets.

10. Question:

Items 171-196 – some of the dimensions requested on exterior compartments interfere with interior cabinet. Please provide sketch layout of exterior compartments. For example, the compartment #3 (178-80) is not compatible with CPR seat requested in section 146.

Answer:

This compartment configuration is a preferred item and if/where the interior and exterior compartments do not work, the County will except alternatives.

11. Question:

Item 207- Current fleet has diamond grade rear chevron. Please clarify that printed Chevron Material is sufficient?

Answer:

Line 207 is changed to read diamond grade rear chevrons are preferred.

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