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ADDENDUM # 1

RFQ # 7537386

Title: HIGH SPEED SORTING AND BARCODE MACHINE

Bid Closing Date & Time: December 13, 2013 at 10:30 AM (ET).

Notice to Vendors: Attention All Bidders

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Vendor Questions for RFQ #7537386 HIGH SPEED SORTING AND BARCODE MACHINE

Question 1: Is this contract subject to the following?

4.2A. ARRA SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Contracts and sub-awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L. No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto, such contracts and sub-awards, shall be subject to the Supplemental Terms and Conditions For Contracts and Sub-awards Funded in Whole or in Part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto located on the Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

Answer to question 1:

UHIP is not funded under the ARRA. It is fully funded under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Question 2: Please explain the below spec.

The system must have the option of additional in-line OCR engines with algorithms which are capable of reading rejects (non-read) mail pieces both machine print and hand written at 36,000 pieces per hour without the use of remote video encoding

Answer to question 2:

Needs to be able to accommodate a 2nd OCR reader for remote video encoding.

Question 3: Is Linux a hard requirement given we can meet the export requirements?

The system software must be Linux based with the capacity to display reports on the system computer screen before printing. The system must allow for the printing of only selected pages of reports. The system must be able to export run data to P.C. based programs, such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, etc.

Answer to question 3:

No, as long as the Vendor can meet the export requirements. Linux or MS OS is required.

Question 4: Is permit mail mixed weight? System must do Barcoded Rate combined mailings with different postage payment methods. Must combine metered and permit mail in a single mailing per DMM regulations. Upon USPS approval

Answer to question 4:

Yes.

Question 5: Please elaborate on the below requirement.

The software must priority the sort options, and changing these priorities as mail processing needs change.

Answer to question 5:

Must be able, in user specified format, to sort fields based on a set priority.

Name =1

Department =2

Address = 3

Question 6: Will code values be identical for each mail piece within the job?

The System must support sortation based on Data Matrix (QR) Code, including any variation of the QR Code to identify, recognize and sort based on the actual QR Code value.

Answer to question 6:

Same code per Job, but different values of the code per notice to ensure integrity in sortation.

Question 7: Please elaborate on the below requirement. The system must support sortation based on system generated identifiers.

Answer to question 7:

QR code, IMB, postnet, planetcode and 4-CB, 4 State barcodes generated by State Systems on each notice.

Question 8: Merlin is a sampling of submitted mail – they do not verify 100% of mail pieces in a mailing? Likewise, we do not sample 100% of mail pieces; is that acceptable? System must have in-line barcode verification to evaluate 100% of the 1MB barcodes to MERLIN Standards simultaneously during first pass.

Answer to question 8:

No.

Question 9: What are we expected to print on the label?

System must be modular in construction in that it will be capable of adding additional sorting bins or other upgrades at a later date. All upgrades must be done at customer site. Field available upgrades should include:

- a. Inline, linerless labeling at speeds equal to or greater 30,000 pieces per hour
- b. Networking of Other Sorters (including selected competitive systems)
- c. Sort Bin Additions

Answer to question 9:

Need to be able to print an IMB barcode and/or address update change and affix in the Barcode clear zone.

Question 10: 10) We offer bins that have proven history of 10's of million mail pieces before scheduled maintenance is needed. Is the State flexible on this requirement?

Answer to question 10:

No.

Question 11: See above.

System must be provided with extra bins equal to or greater than 2 for each tier provided

Answer to question 11:

No.

Question 12: While our overall speed capabilities are much higher. Our mail piece throughput is 50K per/hr into a single bin. Is that acceptable?

Ink Jet printer must be capable of spraying an 1MB, 5-digit, 11-digit Post net and 4-CB, 4 State, Barcode at a minimum of at a minimum of 70,000 pieces per hour without smearing.

Answer to question 12:

70,000 K requirements are for 4x6 postcards.

Question 13: Related to 2D barcode reading: Will the State require matching of the 2D barcode to the IMb placed on the mail piece?

Answer to question 13:

Not at this time, needs to have the capability.

Question 14: For Purposes of Inbound sortation: Will the State require assistance in designing and deploying inbound sort schemes?

Answer to question 14:

Yes.