



Solicitation Information

May 4, 2015

Addendum #1

RFP #7549480

TITLE: Statewide Transportation System Oversight & Management – RI Dept. of Education

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 11, 2015 AT 10:30 AM (ET)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM MAY 7, 2015 UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 AT 10:30 AM (ET).

BELOW IS THE ONLY VENDOR QUESTION RECEIVED, WITH STATE RESPONSE. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

Question 1: Appendix A provides two schedules for completion:

- BUDGET MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS
- BUDGET DETAIL SHEET

The schedules anticipate varying costs throughout a year and the term of the contract. We believe that this was the right and proper approach at the time of the original RFP as it allowed for comparisons between internal and external management services to oversee the program. However, we believe the current structure and maturity of the program is a reasonable predicate to reconsider the price methodology and adopt the more common practice used throughout the industry of a firm fixed monthly fee; adjusted annually.

We believe a firm fixed price protects the state by providing for budget certainty associated with program management. Moreover, the state has protected itself from an increase in fees with the specification limitation of “in no event shall the total amount of reimbursement claimed by the vendor

under this agreement exceed the total approved contract amount.” Consequently, we ask the state allow the submission a firm fixed fee price schedule in lieu of the format presented in Appendix A.

Answer:

The state will consider a firm fixed price budget format. Please ensure to include detail/narrative that describes the components included in the fixed price.

**Gail Walsh
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