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ADDENDUM # 2

RFP# 7323230A2 TITLE: DIESEL ENGINE RETRO FIT EMISSION

OPENING DATE AND TIME: 12/16/09 - 10:15 AM (NOTE CHANGE)

ADDENDUM:

A. NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE

ATTACHED ARE THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED AT THE NON-MANDATORY PER-BID MEETING OF 11-10-2009.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR BID SUBMITTALS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ALLOW FOR THIS INFORMATION TO BE POSTED ON THE RFP. THE TWO PAGES OF ANSWERS ARE ATTACHED

THE OPENING TIME AND DATE FOR THIS RFP HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM DECEMBER 8, 2009 10:30. TO DECEMBER 16, 2009 10:15.

THE QUESTION PERIOD CLOSING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED DECEMBER 8, 2009

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RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT PRE-BIDDERS CONFERENCE FOR DIESEL RETROFITS

November 24, 2009

A pre-bidders conference was held on November 10, 2009 to allow for questions regarding the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Request for Proposal (RFP) #7323230 entitled "Diesel Engine Retrofit Emission Controls for: School buses, State and Municipal Vehicles". Several questions were raised at that meeting wherein RIDEM officials acknowledged that a response would be posted on the web site. Additional questions have also been received by the Division of Purchases. The paraphrased questions and responses follow.

1. What will be the procedure for payment of the equipment purchased/services rendered?

The intent of this RFP is to establish a Master Pricing Agreement (MPA) that will be available for use by State Agencies (including RIDEM), municipalities and private fleet owners contracted by municipalities to provide school bus services. RIDEM has been awarded approximately \$5 million in Federal grants, including some of the Stimulus Monies, to assist in covering the cost of installing retrofit devices on school buses¹ and other diesel equipment. Payments for these devices will be made by the State Agencies, municipalities or private fleet owners. RIDEM will reimburse these expenditures from the available grant monies as outlined in Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) executed by RIDEM and the State Agencies, municipalities and private fleet owners. Work conducted directly for RIDEM will be paid by RIDEM and available grant monies will be used to reimburse the State for these expenditures.

2. How will RIDEM "equalize" the responses to this procurement?

Assuming that there are an adequate number of responses, RIDEM will select several of the best qualified vendors based on the Evaluation Criteria (page 9) listed in the RFP. From those vendors, RIDEM may negotiate a best and final offer. It is anticipated that several vendors will ultimately be selected to perform the services required under this RFP. Individual negotiations may take place between the RIDEM and each vendor in an attempt to normalize the prices provided for the different control devices. Costs will apply for the three (3) year period of performance of this procurement.

3. Who will provide for the space/facilities for the retrofits?

It will be up to the successful vendor to make final arrangements for installing the equipment. RIDEM will request that fleet owners assist with the installation process by offering facilities for such repairs.

4. How many copies of the proposal are required for submission?

One (1) original proposal and three (3) copies of the proposal are required for the submission. All bids must contain the requirements specified in the RFP including those on page 12 item (h).

5. Is there a hard inventory of the equipment to be retrofitted?

No, the RFP contains a list of general vehicle information related to the current inventory of buses being used to provide school bus services in the state.

6. Who decides what devices will be installed on each school bus?

The decision will be based on the criteria outlined in RIGL 31-47.3, the "Diesel Emissions Reduction Act". The following is a link to the requirements in this law:

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE31/31-47.3/INDEX.HTM>

For estimating purposes, bidders should assume that the entire state is to be considered as being a "Priority Community" as used in the Act.

7. Would the multiple unit price on the cost sheet be determined by the overall award (estimated 1200 buses) or by fleet (actual number of buses per owner/location)?

The multiple unit pricings would apply to multiple units installed as a result of work associated with individual work orders issued by a municipality/fleet owner or RIDEM.

¹ RIDEM will develop the overall program strategy for installing the equipment which will largely be based on the Title 31 requirements for retrofitting all school buses by September 1, 2010