



Questions & Answers (Q&A)

RFP for Purchase of a Mobile Unit

(Issued on June 12, 2018)

The following questions were received during the Pre-Proposal Conference on June 14, 2016. No additional questions were received during the Q&A period of May 14-19, 2018. The responses are noted below. Thank you for your interest and participation in the solicitation for the Purchase of a Mobile Unit.

Question #1: The RFP states on page 3, under the section entitled "Specifications for the Mobile Unit", to submit layouts and pictures electronically to WFSCB. Additionally, the RFP also requires proposers to submit an original and three copies of the proposal. Can you explain the difference in the delivery of these materials?

Response: WFSCB is requiring that all information be included in the submission of the original and three copies of the proposal. Additionally, we would like the layouts and pictures to be send electronically.

Question #2: In the RFP under the section entitled "Specifications for the Mobile Unit", page 2, you stated that you are seeking to purchase a twenty (20) to forty (40) foot.....mobile unit. This is a big variance in size, so which one do you want?

Response: *WFSCB is not limiting its options to one specific size. The RFP provides for vendors to recommend more than one unit provided it includes, at a minimum, the specifications outlined in the RFP.*

Question #3: Does WFSCB prefer a four-wheel drive or a two-wheel drive?

Response: Because of the sandy conditions of the terrain found in the coastal areas, WFSCB would prefer a four-wheel drive vehicle. However, hearing that ordering a four-wheel drive chassis may prolong the delivery time of the unit by several months, WFSCB would like to also receive information on the two-wheel drive vehicle to include cost and delivery time.

Question #4: Do you prefer a non-CDL vehicle?

Response: Yes.

Question #5: Do you prefer a gas or diesel powered engine?

Response: *We prefer a gas powered engine. However, we understand there are some advantages to having a diesel powered engine, such as generating more wheel traction on harsh road conditions, sustaining long idle periods of time for operating the generator and back-up power, and prolonging the longevity of the vehicle. WFSCB would like to obtain information on both options (including cost and its advantages/disadvantages, if possible).*

Question #6: The RFP stated, as part of the minimum requirements, that you want communications satellite. Specifically, what type of services were you wanting?

Response: *WFSCB would like to receive Wi-Fi/Internet connectivity.*

Question #7: Would WFSCB like to receive information on the different vehicle service plans?

Response: *Yes.*

Question #8: We understand the request for a lavatory is optional, but would you like information as a separate item?

Response: *Yes.*

Question #9: On the time frame for the delivery of the vehicle, the RFP stated 4 to 6 months. What if the time for delivery is 12 months, would that be acceptable?

Response: *If the delivery time is longer than six months because of delays in obtaining manufacturing parts and/or schedules, we will need to obtain prior authorization from the Texas Workforce Commission before approving the purchase of the vehicle. However, if the delay time is projected to be closer to 12 months or longer, we will not be able to commit to this time period.*

Question #10: The RFP minimum requirements include "Battery Back-up (for situations when electricity is not available) to support the workstations and HVAC". What is the function of this requirement, since the generator is usually the source of power?

Response: *We understand that the generator is the primary alternate source of power, but if it operates on fuel or the vehicle's battery, it may exacerbate the problem. In this case, we would like to see if there is an alternate source of power to help us continue providing services to our customers. We will need power to operate the interior lights, HVAC, work stations, and the PC connections.*

Question #11: Do you want the TV in front or back?

Response: *We would like the TV mounted in the front area.*