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VIA EMAIL

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RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES

REQUEST FOR BIDS RM-183357 CLEANING SERVICES

Below are the New Jersey Turnpike Authority's responses to inquiries received with respect to the above-referenced Request for Bid ("RFB").

Responses to Inquiries:

1. Approximately how many people are in the building on any given day, including employees and visitors?

ANSWER: Approximately 400.

2. Who is responsible for consumables, E.G. paper products, trash liners, soap, hand sanitizer, female hygiene products etc.?

ANSWER: Cleaning supplies that will be provided by the Authority are limited to paper towels, toilet tissue, liquid hand soap, waxed feminine sanitary bags and plastic trash can liners.

See Section III. A. 2 (page 13) of the RFB.

3. Who is responsible for equipment?

ANSWER: The Successful Bidder shall be required to furnish all supplies and materials, equipment, machinery, transportation and other implements necessary to execute the contract.

See Section III. A. 2 (page 13) of the RFB.

4. Who is the current vendor?

ANSWER: Maverick Building Services.

5. What is the current contract worth?

ANSWER: \$24,291.75 per month.

6. When did the current contractor begin service on this contract?

ANSWER: 04/01/2020.

7. Is there a day porter needed?

ANSWER: No.

8. How many are currently cleaning the building?

ANSWER: The current contractor decides how many cleaners are required to complete the specified tasks per the required services.

9. Can you provide a link that gives the NJ State Prevailing Wage rates?

ANSWER: https://nj.gov/labor/wagehour/wagerate/state_bldg_svc_wage_determination.html

10. Will cleaning be done after hours?

ANSWER: See Section III.C. 4 (page 16) of the RFB.

11. Will cleaning be done every day or what type of frequency?

ANSWER: See Section III.B. 1 through 5 (page 13) of the RFB.

12. Are the current cleaners in a Union? If so, what Union?

ANSWER: Yes, Local 32BJ.

13. The spec mentions Prevailing Wages but this is not a construction project so prevailing wages are not required unless the Turnpike Authority is making prevailing wages a requirement.

ANSWER: Prevailing Wages are a requirement. Refer to [New Jersey State Building Service Contracts Act](#), N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.58 et seq.

14. If prevailing wages are a requirement, what is the hourly rate including benefits?

ANSWER: See inquiry 9.

15. Does the bidder have to submit a price for the window cleaning?

ANSWER: No, that is an Option and will not be a determining factor in awarding the bid.

16. If the contract is extended is the next years price renegotiated based on the increase in the prevailing wage/union contract?

ANSWER: See Section II. A.6 (page 5) of the RFB.

17. Can boatswain chairs be used to clean the exterior windows?

ANSWER: Yes.

18. Is this a 32 BJ contract?

ANSWER: See inquiry 12.

19. When will contract begin?

ANSWER: The Authority anticipates contract beginning on April 01, 2024.

20. Is this a new contract or recompetete?

ANSWER: New contract.

21. Is there any specific proposal formatting required for submission?

ANSWER: This RFB is a SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE “SBE” AND “MBE” SET-ASIDE only.

22. Was the current expiring contract a 2-year contract?

ANSWER: Yes, along with the option of two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

23. Are there any floor plans available or breakdown of flooring types between carpet, tile, concrete, etc?

ANSWER: No, the floor plans do not include flooring types. Floors 3-11 are carpeted with the exception of the restrooms and pantries which are tile. Plaza floor is carpeted with the exception of the elevator lobby which is marble and the restrooms and pantries which are tile. Second floor is ½ carpet and ½ tile (Data Center), restrooms and pantry are tile. 12th floor is carpet with the exception of the Medical exam rooms, restrooms and pantry which are tile.

24. Is there a bathroom fixture count available: toilets, urinals, sinks and dispensers?

ANSWER: Each Ladies Room has 4 sinks and four toilets. There is a soap dispenser at each sink and two toilet paper dispensers per stall. Each Mens Room has 3 toilets, 2 urinals and 3 sinks. There is a soap dispenser at each sink and 2 toilet paper dispensers per stall. Each ADA restroom has 1 toilet and 1 sink. There is a soap dispenser and 1 toilet paper dispenser.

25. Is there a local vendor preference?

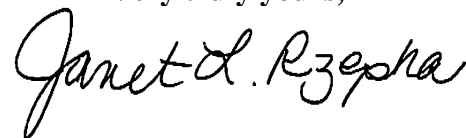
ANSWER: No.

26. Besides COI requirements are there any bonding requirements?

ANSWER: Yes, See Section I. B. 6(a) (page 3) of the RFB, A Bid Bond, Letter of Surety or a Cashier's Check for 10% of the amount Bid is required.

NO OTHER CHANGES. ALL OTHER DATA REMAINS IN EFFECT.

Very truly yours,



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