

RFQ ADDENDUM #1
 Date of Addendum: 5/12/2023

NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL RESPONDENTS
The Request for Qualifications & Cost Proposals (RFQ) is modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original RFP Documents and any previously issued addenda remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the RFQ. Respondent shall take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting its Proposal.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
The Proposal submittal deadline remains the same and is not changed by this Addendum.

1.0 – RFP		
Item	Section	Description of Change
1.1	Federal Clauses	Missing Federal Clauses and Forms

2.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	
The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the RFP. To the extent that changes to the RFP are required based on the questions received, the RFP has been modified as noted above in the RFP section of this Addendum.	

Item	Questions and Answers
2.1	<u>Question:</u> <u>Answer:</u>

3.0 – INFORMATION	
The following item(s) are provided as a matter of information only to all respondents and do not modify or become part of the Contract Documents.	

Item	Description

END OF ADDENDUM

16. VIOLATION AND BREACH OF CONTRACT

Rights and Remedies of the Agency

The Agency shall have the following rights in the event that the Agency deems the Contractor guilty of a breach of any term under the Contract.

1. The right to take over and complete the work or any part thereof as agency for and at the expense of the Contractor, either directly or through other contractors;
2. The right to cancel this Contract as to any or all of the work yet to be performed;
3. The right to specific performance, an injunction or any other appropriate equitable remedy; and
4. The right to money damages.

For purposes of this Contract, breach shall include.

Rights and Remedies of Contractor

Inasmuch as the Contractor can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract, which may be committed by the Agency, the Contractor expressly agrees that no default, act or omission of the Agency shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the Contract (unless the Agency directs Contractor to do so) or to suspend or abandon performance.

Remedies

Substantial failure of the Contractor to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Contract will be a default of this Contract. In the event of a default, the Agency will have all remedies in law and equity, including the right to specific performance, without further assistance, and the rights to termination or suspension as provided herein. The Contractor recognizes that in the event of a breach of this Contract by the Contractor before the Agency takes action contemplated herein, the Agency will provide the Contractor with sixty (60) days written notice that the Agency considers that such a breach has occurred and will provide the Contractor a reasonable period of time to respond and to take necessary corrective action.

Disputes

Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract that are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by an authorized representative of Agency. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [10] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Agency's authorized representative. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the Agency's authorized representative shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.

In the event that a resolution of the dispute is not mutually agreed upon, the parties can agree to mediate the dispute or proceed with litigation. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, or any other provision of this Contract, it is expressly agreed and understood that any court proceeding arising out of a dispute under the Contract shall be heard by a Court de novo and the court shall not be limited in such proceeding to the issue of whether the Authority acted in an arbitrary, capricious or grossly erroneous manner.

Pending final settlement of any dispute, the parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract, and in accordance with the Agency's direction or decisions made thereof.

Performance during Dispute

Unless otherwise directed by Agency, Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.

Claims for Damages

Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of its employees, agents or others for whose acts it is legally liable, a claim for damages therefor shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.

Remedies

Unless this Contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters

in question between the Agency and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this Contract or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State in which the Agency is located.

Rights and Remedies

The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the Agency or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing

17. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the Agency.”

18. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to FTA and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. The following applies for contracts of amounts in excess of \$150,000:

Clean Air Act

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Agency and understands and agrees that the Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

(1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Agency and understands and agrees that the Agency will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.”

19. DAVIS BACON ACT AND COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT

a. In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

b. The Non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination

issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

“Compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.

- (1) **Contractor.** The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

- (2) **Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the FTA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

- (3) **Breach.** A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

20. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

- a. **Applicability:** This requirement applies to all FTA grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Where applicable (see 40 U.S.C. § 3701),** all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II.
- c. **Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702,** each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

- d. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- e. The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b) provides the required contract clause concerning compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

- (1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- (2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
- (3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

- (4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.”

21. PROMPT PAYMENT

The contractor is required to pay its subcontractors performing work related to this contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than 30 days after the contractor’s receipt of payment for that work. In addition, the contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor's work related to this contract is satisfactorily completed.

22. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

- (1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- i. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- ii. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- iii. At a reasonable price.

- (2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.”

23. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT.

- a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:
- 1) Procure or obtain;
 - 2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
 - 3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment,

services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

- b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.
- c) See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.
- d) See also § 200.471.

GREATER ATTLEBORO-TAUNTON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

COMPLETENESS OF BID/PROPOSAL

I herein certify that I have read and understand all BIDDING/PROPOSAL documents and any amendments submitted by the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority and that I have fully complied with all provisions of same.

I further certify and represent that any omission or deviation from these documents may or will, at the sole discretion of GATRA, render this proposal unresponsive and ineligible for further consideration in this process.

Company _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Name _____

_____ Title _____

Telephone # _____ Date _____

GREATER ATTLEBORO-TAUNTON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATIONS

All questions must be answered. The date given must be clear and comprehensive. This statement must be notarized.

1. Name of Proposer: _____

2. Business Address: _____

3. When Organized: _____

4. Where Incorporated: _____

5. How many years has your firm been engaged in this business under its present name?: _____

6. Have you ever refused to sign a contract at your original proposal or proposed price?: _____

7. Have you ever defaulted on a contract: _____

8. Will you, upon request furnish any other information (appropriate to this solicitation) that the Authority may require?: _____

9. The undersigned hereby authorizes requests of any appropriate person to furnish any information requested by GATRA in verification of the recitals comprising this Statement of Proposer's Qualifications.

Signed by: Name and Title

DATE: _____

GREATER ATTLEBORO-TAUNTON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CERTIFICATE

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The _____ certifies that it is
Name: Company, Partnership, or individual

in conformance with all applicable federal and state equal employment opportunity laws and regulations and that it does not discriminate in any of its employment practices on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, handicap or marital status.

Date _____ By _____

Title _____

GREATER ATTLEBORO-TAUNTON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

I herein certify that I have read and comply with all requirements included in this INVITATION FOR BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. I further understand that any contract arising out of this BID/RFP is subject to assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA). I further understand that any contract arising out of this BID/RFP includes the Advertisement for BIDS/PROPOSALS; the BID/PROPOSAL Document; and the Bidder's/Proposer's responses to the BID/RFP. All Massachusetts and FTA Regulations appropriate and pertinent to this type of solicitation whether or not contained in the bid documents will be complied with.

FIRM

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS

NAME

TITLE

TELEPHONE NO.

DATE

CERTIFICATE

IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT

By signing this Bid/Proposal, the Bidder/Proposer will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any facility to be utilized in the performance of this contract, unless such contract is exempt under the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq., as amended by Pub. L 91-604), Executive Order 11738, and regulations in implementation thereof (40 C.F.R., Part 15), is not listed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 15.20.

2. That the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority will be promptly notified prior to contract award of the receipt by the bidder of any communication from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility to be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

DATE

COMPANY

SIGNATURE

TITLE

**ADDENDUM
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

Proposer must sign the ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM to indicate receipt of Addenda. Please list each Addendum received, sign, and submit this form with your proposal in order for your proposal to be accepted.

Acknowledgement of Addendum No: _____

Acknowledgement of Addendum No: _____

Acknowledgement of Addendum No: _____

Proposer's Signature

Date

Name and Title

Firm Name

