



January 14, 2019

RE: RFB 2018-11-14  
ITEM: Transit Buses  
RFB: Closes: February 25, 2019 4:00 PM MDT

**ADDENDUM #4  
Dates and Schedule Clarification**

Addendum #4 for Valley Ride/Valley Regional Transit Request for Proposal (RFP 2018-11-14, Transit Buses) is hereby made part of the project requirements and contract documents for the referenced project. Please note, failure to acknowledge this Addendum does not relieve you from fulfilling the Addendum requirements.

The following schedule and information is now part of the procurement process:

Activity	Timeline
RFB Issue Date	November 16, 2018
Questions Due	February 5, 2019 4:00 p.m. MST
Bid Due	February 25, 2019 4:00 p.m. MST
Submittal Review and Selection	February 24-26, 2019
Notification of Intent to Award	February 27, 2019
Notice to Proceed	March 8, 2019 / Agreement

Additional updates to RFB 2018-11-14

- Project Manager: Leslie Pedrosa, Interim Operations Director.
- Submission Requirements: The page limit for submissions has been raised to 20 pages, with double-sided print. The required signature pages provided in the RFB will not count towards the 20 pages allowed.

Clarification and Responses to submitted questions:

1. Is this is a single-source bid?

VRT intends to award a contract to one single bidder.

2. Will VRT accept independent proposals for the 30' and 35' buses?

All bids must contain proposals for 30, 35, and 40' buses, as VRT is interested in purchasing multiple buses of varying sizes during the life of the contract.

3. Will VRT accept proposed vehicles that have a 10 year or 300,000 k mile life expectancy?

VRT will not accept any vehicles that have a life expectancy lower than the terms stated in the RFB and Addendum 1: The minimum expected life of a proposed vehicle must be 12 years or 500,000 miles.

4. There are different specifications in the RFB and addendum 1. Which document should we address?

Please address Addendum 1, and all released addendums thereafter, when information varies from the original RFB.

5. Is there a form for 3.2.5 Disclosure?

There is no official form in the RFB, a written statement from the bidder will suffice.

6. In Exhibit A, there seems to be two affidavits but only one signature line. Is an additional signature required?

One signature will qualify for both documents. While preparing bids for submissions, please ensure that the appropriate staff member of the organization signs all required signature lines. Missing signatures will result in a nonresponsive bid.

7. Will VRT release point values for the evaluation criteria?

8.

VRT does not intend to release point values for the evaluation criteria. Please note that it is arranged in weighted order, with the categories with the highest point value at the top of the list.

9. Please provide a sample of the Indemnification clause that would be included in the contract:

#### **ARTICLE 6 - INDEMNIFICATION**

**6.1** Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless VRT, its members, directors, officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, suites, administrative proceedings, and expenses, including attorney fees and costs, resulting from a breach of this Agreement by Contractor or any errors or omissions of Contractor, or any agent, employee, or subcontractor of Contractor, in the performance of this Agreement.

**6.2** If either party files an action to enforce this Agreement, or which arises out of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs of suit including attorney's fees and costs of litigation, arbitration, and including appeals.

10. How many copies of the bid is required for submission?

Only one copy is required. Bids can be submitted electronically or by mail. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the submission is received by VRT before the bid deadline.

11. Will Acceptance language be included in the agreement attached to this RFB?

The contract between the awarded bidder and Valley Regional Transit will include the following language in regards to Testing and Acceptance:

Within fifteen (15) calendar days after arrival at the designated point of delivery, the bus shall undergo agency tests conducted by the Agency. If the bus passes these tests, or if Valley Regional Transit does not notify the Contractor of non-acceptance within 15 days after delivery, then acceptance of the bus by the agency occurs on the 15<sup>th</sup> day after delivery. If the bus fails these tests, it shall not be accepted until the necessary repair procedures have been carried out and the bus retested until it passes. Acceptance occurs earlier if the Agency notifies the contract of early acceptance or places the bus in revenue service.

Minor changes to this language may be negotiated between the awarded bidder and Valley Regional Transit.

12. Can the time frame in the Price Adjustment clause be adjusted to 18 months?

18 months is acceptable. All price adjustments must be based on CPI after this time period has passed.

13. Which PPI Index will VRT utilize for this project?

RPB 2018-11-14 and subsequent agreement will utilize PPI Category 1413.

There are no other changes at this time.

Sincerely,



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