

SOLICITATION ADDENDUM

Date: **01/02/2024**

Subject: **Single Engine Airtanker A1**

Questions/Answers regarding the required aircraft and certifications, additional equipment/crew, pilots and certifications, and payment.

Solicitation Number: **6100060123**

Due Date/Time: **01/05/2024 – 10:00 AM**

Addendum Number: **1**

To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation “Addendum” as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals).

List any and all changes:

This addendum is to clarify questions asked by perspective bidder(s) of this solicitation.

Answers are **bolded in red.**

Question #1: Is the vendor required to provide a Service Support Vehicle (SSV) in the form of a trailer capable of mixing and loading retardant? Excepting vehicles to provide logistic and maintenance support to the contracted aircraft and flight crews. **Answer: The vendor is not required to provide a Service Support Vehicle.**

Question #2: Will the vendor be required to provide personnel to mix or load retardant at any designated facility during the contract period? **Answer: The vendor is not required to provide personnel to mix or load retardant. Each Tanker Base has dedicated personnel for loading and mixing.**

Question #3: State and federal SEAT contracts we have worked under required pilots and ground crew/drivers to be relieved every 12 days. There is no language in the Statement of Work regarding relief of ground crew/drivers, also, are the same pilots to man the aircraft for the duration of the 37-day Exclusive Use period. **Answer: We do not require the pilots to be relieved during the 37-day period. Strict adherence to crew rest duty cycles will be followed. You may swap out a fully qualified the pilot during the 37-day period if you wish.**

Question #4: We have safely and effectively operated for 3 previous seasons on state SEAT contracts. Our pilots and equipment have been operating under a Cooperator Letter from the contracting states to the Department of Aviation Services (OAS) and DOI. I can provide our cooperator letter from the 2023 season as evidence of federal/DOI/OAS compliancy. As we have been awarded a federal SEAT contract for 2024 going forward, we will be able to be issued a federal OAS card during our inspection in March 2024. Will our current cooperator letter suffice for the purpose of bid requirements? **Answer: As per the Statement of Work, we require a current OAS Pilot and Aircraft card be submitted with the bid.**

Question #5: Are the 1800 minutes/30 hours of guaranteed flight time considered even the aircraft do not fly during the 37-day Exclusive Use period? Our flight hours for 2 aircraft are 52.3 hours round trip from our base of operations to the Commonwealth airport location. May we count on that 30 revenue hours even if the aircraft are not dispatched? **Answer: No payment is made for ferry flights prior to the start date or after the end date. The 1800 minutes are guaranteed flight times. If the aircraft does not get dispatched during the 37-day period, you will still be paid the guaranteed time.**

Question #6: Do you require performance data and/or capacity (per the solicitation) to be included to verify requirements as part of the bid packet? The aircraft are Air Tractor AT-802As currently approved by DOI per federal contract standards. **Answer: Yes, however a current OAS Aircraft Data Card will satisfy this requirement, and must be attached to the bid.**

Question #7: Do you require pilot experience information to be included with the bid? We have 3 pilots who have accumulated more than 25 tactical drops and will be upgrading to level 1 during our inspection/carding in March 2024. Is this permissible to meet the contract requirements for this bid? **Answer: Pilots must have proof of a level 1 endorsement at the time of the bid submission, said proof must be attached to the bid.**

NOTE: NO change to solicitation end date.

Type of Solicitation: Electronic Bid (SRM) - Review the Questions section of your solicitation response to ensure you have responded, as required, to any questions relevant to solicitation addenda issued subsequent to the initial advertisement of the solicitation opportunity.

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous solicitation addenda, remain as originally written.

Respectfully,

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