

Solicitation Questions & Answers for New Jersey VAHCS Courier Services

1. Question: Who is the contractor currently performing the work and how much was the award amount?

Answer: This is a new requirement for the locations requested in the SOW.

2. Question: What is the current contract number?

Answer: This is a new requirement for the locations requested in the SOW.

3. Question: Was there any changes to the scope of work

Answer: This is a new requirement for the locations requested in the SOW.

4. Question: What was the cost of the final full option year of the previous contract?

Answer: This is a new requirement for the locations requested in the SOW.

5. Question: How many drivers/vehicles are currently used to service the current contract?

Answer: This is a new requirement for the locations requested in the SOW.

6. Question: What is the vehicle sizes required?

Answer: A vehicle size requirement is not needed.

7. Question: CLIN 0004 specifies "PER MILE", but then "24.00 PER TRIP." Should pricing for this CLIN be submitted by mile or by trip? Can you please verify that the unit price requested is per mile not per trip?

I have a question concerning CLIN 0004,1004,2004,3004 and 4004.

Answer: CLIN 0004 & CLIN 1004 should read 1 for ESTIMATED QUANTITY and PER MILE for UNIT. Please note CLIN 2004, CLIN 3004, and CLIN 4004 are no longer required. See attached updated solicitation.

8. Question: Do you need us to submit a complete and signed copy of SF1449?

Answer: No, a 1449 is not required for this solicitation.

9. Question: Will this contract be SCA enforced? After reviewing the solicitation on FBO, it contains language and dollar values regarding the Service Contract Act. This solicitation stipulates \$18.39 minimum wage for courier drivers, \$4.27 minimum H&W, Sick

Time/Vacation. Do you verify now that those are the minimum required rates to be performed on this contract upon award?

Answer: \$18.39 is the current minimum wage determination for courier drivers and \$4.27 minimum H&W, Sick Time/ Vacation according to the U.S Department of Labor Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division. I am unable to predict any future changes to the SCA Wage Determination; however, on the date of award the most current wage determination will be included with the contract.

10. **Question:** A new SBA Final Rule regarding FAR Clause 52.219-14 Limitations on Subcontracting, dated June 30, 2016, reclassifies Independent Contractor drivers as Subcontractors — 13 CFR 125.6 “Work performed by an independent contractor shall be considered a subcontract.” Please inform us how the VA would like us to proceed upon award regarding this rule change given that it will affect our offer regarding pricing and performance.

Answer: According to FAR Clause 52.219-14 (c) (1) *Services (except construction)*. At least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern. They have to be employees only. The VA is not responsible to inform contractors how to set-up pricing and performance.

11. **Question:** Per either of the rules, current or previous, Crosstown employee or independent contractor drivers, as appropriate, will perform a minimum of 51% of the contract cost (almost always 100% excepting emergency backup). In the case of the new rule being enforced, we would like to note that Independent Contractor driver usage is widespread across the industry, and it is likely that many companies will wrongfully use IC drivers for the entirety of contract performance.

Answer: I am not authorized to speak for the VA and I can only respond to questions regarding to this solicitation.