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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – ADDENDUM 2 LACO-4E TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER FIRMWARE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT (2010-IT022)

Please see responses to questions submitted by Proposers. Please note that the questions represent the questions asked by Proposers in the form and context as submitted. The following clarifications and revisions have been made to the Request for Proposals (RFP). (Please note that **bold** text has been added.)

#### REVISION

1. Agreement, paragraph SIXTEENTH, page 7 of 9 has been revised to read:

SIXTEENTH: A faithful performance bond, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit H, is required in a sum not less than 50 percent of the Contract amount payable to the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, executed by a corporate surety admitted to transact business as a surety insurer in the State of California (or by the surety's agent with a notarized copy of power of attorney). The admitted surety and its agent shall have sufficient bonding limitations to provide bonds in the amount required by this Contract. The bond shall be conditioned upon faithful performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract by CONTRACTOR in a manner that is satisfactory and acceptable to the COUNTY **and must be in effect continuously throughout the entire four-year initial term. During any Contract extensions, including any option years exercised by the COUNTY, the bond shall be renewed, at the request of the COUNTY in its sole discretion,** in a timely manner to provide for continuing liability in the above amount notwithstanding any payment or recovery thereon.

Subject to COUNTY conditions and approval, a Certificate of Deposit or an irrevocable Letter of Credit payable to the COUNTY upon demand and in a sum not less than 50 percent of the Contract amount may be acceptable. Failure by the CONTRACTOR

to maintain the required security shall constitute a material breach of contract upon which the COUNTY may immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

## QUESTIONS

1. **Question:** What is the expected award date of this contract?

**Response:** The expected award date of this contract is anticipated to be in December 2010, subject to the resolution of protests or other objections, if any.

2. **Question:** This contract is for a four-year period. There is a well defined set of tasks outlined in summary on page A.11, but there is no expected timetable or task duration. Over what time frame are these tasks expected to be performed?

**Response:** Public Works anticipates that Task 2 would be completed immediately. With regards to Task 3, we currently have a list of outstanding items requiring work. Public Works would expect that work would begin upon issuance of notice to proceed for the contract. After this initial set of items is completed, Public Works would anticipate a reduced work effort being required, as the amount of new deficiencies and enhancements requiring work should be substantially less. The four-year duration of the contract is primarily to provide a means to complete this type of work for an extended period of time.

Regarding Task 4, Public Works is unsure of the time frame for completion of this task but would anticipate it would begin in approximately two years towards the middle of the contract period.

3. **Question:** Task 4 is basically to convert the current Assembly Language 68HC11 version of the LACO-4E software to a version that will run on a 2070 Traffic Controller. What is the expected time frame for the development of this code?

**Response:** Please refer to Question 2 above. Public Works would anticipate initiating work in approximately two years with completion well before the end of the contract period to allow sufficient time to test and accept the new work.

4. **Question:** Which model (i.e., Vendor) of Traffic Controller will be used?

**Response:** Public Works has not yet selected the model of Traffic Controller to be used.

5. **Question:** Will the LACO provide sample units of the Traffic Controller and ensure that similar or duplicate units (i.e., firmware, chipset, etc.) be used for any additional testing or deployment?

**Response:** As indicated in the RFP, the contractor is required to provide all equipment necessary to complete the specified tasks. However, Public Works can provide chips for submittal of the updated versions of the firmware.

6. **Question:** The Third Party Software (Exhibit F) cannot be firmly determined for this part of the project until the model and vendor of the Traffic Controller is determined. During development, will the LACO provide the necessary software development system and/or software? While this is discussed in the Scope of Work and other parts of the RFP, clarification on this point is requested.

**Response:** No, the County will not be providing any equipment or software to the contractor for this project other than a software versioning solution.

7. **Question:** Will the development software and/or test equipment used to create the code/executables for the traffic controller be a deliverable?

**Response:** No, the only deliverable will be the revised version of LACO-4E.

8. **Question:** If there is training required to run the new version of software, then is this part of the contract?

**Response:** No.

9. **Question:** If there is training needed to use the development software, then is this part of the contract?

**Response:** No.

10. **Question:** Page 7 of 9 of the Agreement, paragraph SIXTEENTH states "A faithful performance bond, substantially in the format attached as Exhibit H, is required in a sum of not less than 50 percent of the Contract Amount." Is this for the entire four-year period? If, during the four-year period work is done, accepted, and paid for, does the amount of the bond decrease? The total amount of the bond, and the time frame (perhaps up to 8 years if there are extensions) seems a bit extreme and can be a significant cost.

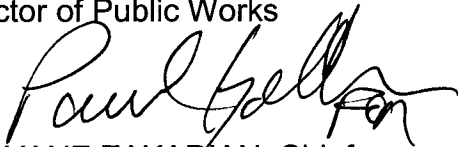
**Response:** Yes, it is required for the initial four-year term, see Revision 1 for RFP modifications regarding performance bond. No, the amount of the bond does not decrease during the initial four-year term.

The deadline for Proposal submission is **Wednesday, August 18, 2010, by 5:30 p.m.**

If you have questions concerning the above information, please contact Ms. Lorena Calderon at (626) 458-4169, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Gellman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a stylized "G".

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