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REFER TO FILE: **AS-0**

September 24, 2013

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – INFORMATIONAL UPDATE 1 SUNSHINE (SOUTH WHITTIER) SHUTTLE SERVICE (2013-PA027)

Thank you for attending the Proposers' Conference for Sunshine (South Whittier) Shuttle Service on September 16, 2013, and for your interest in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

Please note that the deadline to submit your proposals continues to be **Monday, September 30, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO SUNSHINE (SOUTH WHITTIER) SHUTTLE SERVICE

The following answers are in response to the request for information and clarification submitted by attendees of the Sunshine (South Whittier) Shuttle Service (2013-PA027) Proposers' meeting:

1. **Question:** Does the contract require a dedicated road supervisor?

Response: Yes, the contractor shall employ a minimum of one road supervisor. The road supervisor shall provide adequate on-street supervision throughout the service area during revenue service hours to minimize service interruption and ensure quality service delivery on a regular basis. The road supervisor does not need to be dedicated solely to the contract.

2. **Question:** The current rate and provider.

Response: The current hourly rate is \$43 using a County provided vehicle and \$48.13 using a contractor-provided vehicle. The current provider is Empire Transportation, Inc.

3. **Question:** When was the Sunshine Service established?

Response: The Sunshine (South Whittier) Shuttle was implemented on January 21, 2006.

4. **Question:** Would the County consider older contractor buses if they are low mileage (under 100K)?

Response: No, contractor-provided service vehicles must be 2008 or newer.

5. **Question:** Would a school bus be acceptable for this proposal?

Response: No, A school bus is unacceptable for this proposal.

6. **Question:** Please provide all current hourly wages for all no management personnel as defined under State Labor Code 1070-1074.

Response: Please see chart below:

Number of Employee	Titles	Wage/Hour
1	Vehicle Operator	\$11.84
2	Vehicle Operator	\$11.84
3	Vehicle Operator	\$11.84
4	Vehicle Operator	\$11.84
5	Vehicle Operator	\$11.84
6	Vehicle Operator	\$11.84
7	Vehicle Operator	\$11.84
9	Mechanic	\$16.00
10	Mechanic	\$19.00

7. **Question:** Regarding the Mandatory Minimum Requirements. Please consider also accepting an approved equivalent to the 609 requirement that has not been completed by ASE or EPA but has been by the local Air Quality Control District to satisfy the requirement.

Response: We will not accept a section 609 certification unless it is from an EPA-approved technician training program. Proposer must submit proof of Section 609 of the Clean Air Act: Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning certification from an EPA-approved program such as, but not limited to the ASE Refrigeration Recovery and Recycling Program certification. A list of U.S. EPA-approved technician training programs can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/609/technicians/609certs.html>.

8. **Question:** Please identify if there are any areas of improvement that are desired in this upcoming contract from the current contract.

Response: All requirements for the new contract are contained in the RFP, and the new contractor shall provide the service as defined in the RFP.

9. **Question:** Please provide the make model, fuel type, current mileage, year, and major work that has been completed on the assigned vehicles.

Response: Please refer to Exhibit I for vehicle model, year, fuel type, and specifications. Vehicle L309 received an engine and transmission replacement in October 2011. Please see current County-owned vehicle mileage below:

Vehicle L314 has 18,595 miles as of July 31, 2013.
Vehicle L315 has 19,556 miles as of July 31, 2013.
Vehicle L309 has 328,133 miles as of July 17, 2013.

10. **Question:** Please clarify when new vehicles will be introduced into the service.

Response: The actual replacement date is unknown but Vehicle L309 is expected to be replaced with two 2015 El Dorado National Axess 35-foot CNG-fueled buses during the term of this contract.

11. **Question:** Please provide the most recent fiscal year to date total hours, total miles, revenue hours, and revenue miles.

Response: Please see Enclosure A for Fiscal Year 2012-13 MR-20 for detailed service miles and hours.

12. **Question:** Will the County be open to evaluate/request two different rates? One rate for the new vehicles and another rate for the older vehicles.

Response: No, the County will not evaluate two different rates. Please provide one rate for County-owned service vehicles and one rate for contractor-provided service vehicles as described in Form PW-2. Please note Part I, Section 3.S, Wages, Materials, and other Costs, on page 1.32, which clearly states that it is the responsibility of the Proposer to calculate the proposal price and to take into consideration a possible escalation of wages, materials, and other costs during the contract period.

13. **Question:** The book value of all the assigned vehicles and estimated value of the ones to be purchased.

Response: The estimated cost (including tax) of the two 2015 El Dorado National Axess 35-foot CNG-fueled buses that will be purchased to replace

Vehicle L309 will be \$446,000 each. Please see the chart below for the net book values for the County-owned service vehicle:

Vehicle Number	Net Book Value
L314	\$418,590.71
L315	\$418,590.71
L309	\$25,073.41

14. **Question:** Since price accounts for 50% of the proposal, would the county be open to include a re-negotiation clause should the LWO minimum wage be affected by the Affordable Health Care Act and/or the increase in minimum wages?

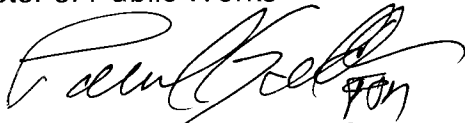
Response: No, the County will not include a renegotiation clause within the contract. Please note Part I, section 3.S, Wages, Materials, and other Costs, on page 1.32, which clearly states that it is the responsibility of the Proposer to calculate the proposal price and to take into consideration a possible escalation of wages, materials, and other costs during the contract period. An increase in the Living Wage can only occur through the Board of Supervisor action. The Board has revised the Living Wage rate only once in 2007 and in that instance the Board allowed rates on affected existing contracts to be renegotiated. It is unknown when or if there will be an increase to the Living Wage, whether it would affect existing contracts or if the rates on any affected existing contracts would be renegotiated.

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If you have questions concerning the above information, please contact Ms. Janet Lee at (626) 458-7167 or Mr. Eric Fong at (626) 458-4077, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works

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GHAYANE ZAKARIAN, Chief
Administrative Services Division

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bc: Programs Development (Aguilar, Rachal)

MR-20 MONTHLY RIDERSHIP FORM FOR LACMTA CONSOLIDATED NTD REPORT (09166) FOR FY 2012-13

Agency

City of S. Winter

RIDERSHIP INFORMATION (MR-28)									
Month	Total Boardings	Revenue Hours	Revenue Miles	Total (Vehicle) Hours	Total (Vehicle) Miles	# of Vehicles Operated	rev mph	deadhead mph #	
July '12	18003	688.0	957.4	723.60	10934	2	14.3	24.4	
August '12	19286	722.0	937.1	781.47	10748	2	13.9	23.2	
September '12	18498	671.00	815.1	660.38	9459	2	12.8	23.6	
October '12	20408	722.9	919.1	792.22	10838	2	13.0	27.8	
November '12	18600	668.5	865.2	714.6	9968	2	13.1	23.5	
December '12	16000	600.25	895.4	779.82	10447	2	12.8	17.3	
January '13	17057	637.05	8166	718.83	9607	2	12.8	17.3	
February '13	16781	668.42	867.7	774.97	10295	2	12.8	16.4	
March '13	18605	696	9165	763.17	11023	2	13.2	21.3	
April '13	18605	696	9165	763.17	11023	2	13.2	21.3	
May '13	17504	660	8906	742.22	10707	2	13.3	21.6	
June '13	17504	660	8906	742.22	10707	2	13.3	21.6	
Total:	218736	8141.32	10874.3	8895.51	123308.8		13.1	21.6	

NOTE -- DEADHEAD MPH SHOULD BE FASTER THAN REVENUE MPH

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* Mechanical system failure that prevents the vehicle from completing a scheduled revenue trip or from starting the next scheduled revenue trip because actual movement is limited or due to safety concerns. Examples -- brakes, doors, engine cooling system, steering and front axle, rear axle, and suspension and torque converters.

* Other mechanical failures that prevent the vehicle from completing a scheduled revenue trip or from starting the next scheduled revenue trip even though it may be able to operate in revenue service. Examples -- breakdowns of farboxes, wheelchair lifts, HVAC systems and other non major mechanical failures.

*** SAFETY AND SECURITY THRESHOLDS

Major Incident S & S 940 (Safety or Security)		Threats		Non-Major Incident S & S 950	
Existence of one or more of the following conditions:		Incidents not already reported on the Major Incident Reporting form.		Occurrence of Part I offenses (except homicides):	
1. One or more fatalities (including suicide)		Occurrences		Arrests/Citations	
2. Injuries requiring immediate medical attention (from the scene for one or more persons (ambulance))		1. Robbery (confrontational theft)		1. Other (non-aggravated) Assaults	
3. Property damage equal to or exceeding \$25,000		2. Larceny (non-confrontational theft)		2. False Eviction	
4. An evacuation due to life safety reasons (ex. CNG leak)		3. Burglary		3. Trespassing	
		4. Motor Vehicle Theft		4. Vandalism	
		5. Other Safety Occurrences not Otherwise Classified (Injuries)		5. Non-student Civil Disobedience	
		6. Fire (that don't require evacuation)			