

**ORLANDO-ORANGE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
MAINTENANCE OF FIBER OPTIC NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
CONTRACT NO. 000990**

The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (Authority) requires the services of a qualified firm to provide maintenance of the Authority's fiber optic network (FON) infrastructure. Consideration will be given to only those respondents who are qualified to perform the work as determined by the Authority. Proposal documents are available for download at the Authority's web site located at www.ocea.com/DoingBusinessWithUs/Procurement/ProcurementAccountLogineProcurementRegistrati.aspx. Proposer registration is required to access and download documents. Instructions for registration are provided on the website.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES: The work consists of providing 24/7/365 performance monitoring and maintenance of a carrier-class Ethernet network, including all labor and materials necessary to identify, diagnose, and resolve any issues related to the Authority's Fiber Optic Network (FON) as outlined in the Scope of Services. The work also includes 24/7/365 on-call repair and support of the Authority's single mode fiber optic backbone cable and conduit infrastructure.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Firms shall have a Network Operations Center (NOC) based within the continental United States that is staffed on a 24/7/365 basis to actively monitor the Authority's Fiber Optic Network. Firms shall also have local staff experienced in troubleshooting, repair, and testing of single mode fiber optic cable as well as carrier-class Layer 3 Ethernet switches.

Firms must demonstrate they have the ability to provide the services necessary throughout the duration of the contract and are willing to meet the requirements of the Authority as stated in the Scope of Services.

The Authority will evaluate and determine the relative ability of each firm to perform the required services based upon the information provided by the firm in response to the RFP.

NON-SOLICITATION PROVISION: From the first date of publication of this Notice, no person may contact any Authority Member, Officer, Employee, or any selection committee member, with respect to this Notice or the services to be provided, except as related to the submittal requirements detailed in the RFP. Reference is made to the lobbying guidelines of the Authority for further information regarding this Non-Solicitation Provision.

SCOPE OF SERVICES MEETING: The Authority will convene a Scope of Services meeting for interested firms on September 4, 2013. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m., Orlando local time, at the Authority's Headquarters office located at 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, Florida 32807. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss requirements of the project in an open forum. Although not mandatory, attendance at the meeting is highly recommended.

SUBMITTAL DUE DATE: Submittals will be received by the Authority until 2:00 p.m. Orlando local time, on September 18, 2013. Submittals delivered or received after that time and date will be disqualified.

CODE OF ETHICS: All contractors selected to work with the Authority are required to comply with the Authority's Code of Ethics, a copy of which is available on the Authority's web site at www.ocea.com.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT: The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion and disability. The Authority hereby notifies all firms and individuals that it requires and encourages equal employment opportunity for minority and women as employees in the workforce.

MINORITY/WOMEN/DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

PARTICIPATION: The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority hereby notifies all firms and individuals that it will require affirmative efforts be made to ensure participation of local minority and women business enterprises on contracts awarded by the Authority.

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