

ADDENDUM 1

Questions & answers for Bus Stops Route Assessment:

1. Has SWRTA established a not-to-exceed budget for this engagement? If so, what is it?
Answer: There is no defined not-to-exceed budget for this contract. The cost should cover the cost of the work, products, and deliverables.
2. What is the project timeframe? (beyond November 30, 2023, award intent)
Answer: We estimate this project to take no more than 30 days for the assessment of the routes and given the holidays, another 2 weeks to provide for the report.
3. Given the Thanksgiving holiday and quick turnaround time between responses to questions and proposal submittal, would SWRTA be open to accepting electronic proposal submittals? If not, would SWRTA be willing to extend the hard copy proposal submittal deadline to Friday, December 1 to ensure sufficient time for carrier delivery? **[Patricia Drakeford]** Yes, SWRTA would be open to electronic submittals but call to double-check if the proposal has been received. Just remember to have a separate folder for the cost portion of the proposal.
4. Does SWRTA have a list of desired amenities to be assessed at each bus stop? **[Patricia Drakeford]** trash cans, lighting, landing pads, maps and schedules, benches
5. What does the red text throughout the RFP signify? (Ex: page 13 **Knowledge of route and integrated trip planning efficiency, and connectivity of transportation networks.**) Is this statement applicable to the intended Scope of Work? **[Patricia Drakeford]** experience in working with transit agencies with knowledge of how the routes are designed for efficiency and its connectivity to other nearby transit agencies' routes.
6. Page 17, Section IX. Attachments to solicitation do not match actual attachments. **[Patricia Drakeford]** This is an oversight, the page numbers did change, it should be pages – 24 (amendment), 25 (price proposal sheet) and 26-31 (routes)
7. Route sheets provided on pages 26 – 31 list a total of 159 stops (25 of which are listed in red). **[Patricia Drakeford]** disregard the stops in red, those are for internal purposes Page 12 of the RFP states, "There are approximately 110 stops to be reviewed along the main corridors of the City and County of Sumter." What is the total number of bus stops to be assessed for this project? **[Patricia Drakeford]** approximately 110 as some stops are duplicate stops for various routes
8. Page 25, Attachment B: Price Proposal. Is this the desired format to submit a lump sum bidding price? **[Patricia Drakeford]** yes
9. Page 4, Section I. Scope of Solicitation, first paragraph, second sentence ... "evaluate the route locations." Please explain what SWRTA is looking for here. **[Patricia Drakeford]** the firm is to analyze each route with its various stops to evaluate existing amenities, determine if amenities are needed, and if so, what type as well as propose any additional stops and if bus shelters are

needed at various stops; all of this should be included in a report to the agency outlining the locations of each stop with amenity information and comments regarding bus stop existing conditions and recommendations for bus stop enhancements.

10. Please confirm the Scope of Work is intended to assess existing amenities at SWRTA bus stops. **[Patricia Drakeford]** yes
11. Does the general public have access to all bus stops? (I.e., will select consultant have access to Shaw AFB bus stops?) **[Patricia Drakeford]** no, only those with Shaw AFB clearance, you would have to contact them to obtain clearance for this purpose
12. Bottom of page 12, top of page 13: Is the following criteria intended to be included for this type of project/Scope of Work? **[Patricia Drakeford]** yes, SWRTA wants to ensure the potential vendor understands how SWRTA's funding will affect its operational capabilities and the federal and state rules and regulations of the transit agency.
 - A minimum of three (3) years of experience in the following areas:
 - Operations and management transportation programs funded with FTA 5311 and/or 5307 funds.
 - Knowledge of route and integrated trip planning efficiency, and connectivity of transportation networks.***
13. Are all SWRTA bus stops clearly identifiable (by some kind of signage) for a consultant to locate each bus stop during the field assessments? **[Patricia Drakeford]** Yes, they each have a bus stop sign with the route number listed on the sign, some bus stop signs are multiple stops for various routes.