

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**DATE:** December 12, 2019

**TO:** All Prospective Bidders

**FROM:** David Ossom

**SUBJECT:** IFB P19180 – Hybrid Drive Unit and Parts

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- Q1. What is VTA's intent related to price increases? Manufactures typically pass along annual price increases each year and PPG requests that VTA amend language to allow for annual price increase requests as supported by appropriate documentation from Allison.
- A1. *VTA intends entering into a firm fixed price Contract for five (5) years and encourage vendors to submit firm fixed 5-Year price that cover all their cost and price increases. Please see Page 5, Subsection 9. PRICE.*
- Q2. Pg. 18 Item 18. Brand Name or Equal: This section is also labeled as Omitted, language elsewhere seems to imply OEM preference but no stated requirement that parts are genuine Allison. Does VTA intend to consider accepting aftermarket parts as equal for the purposes of this bid?
- A2. *No, VTA is not considering or accepting aftermarket parts as equal for this bid. Please see Page 24, Subsection 2. Requirements*
- Q3. Pg. 25 TIME FOR DELIVERY: This section states a hard 15 day from issuance of PO for delivery of goods related to this contract. Ability to comply with this requirement is subject to availability of goods from the manufacturer and therefore although we will normally stock most items some will have to come from Allison and may take longer to procure and deliver. Will consideration be given for these situations?
- A3. *No, VTA is not giving consideration for these situations. Please see Page 25 of 56; TIME FOR DELIVERY.*
- Q4. Pg. 27 SBE Policy and Requirements: If no subcontractors will be utilized in fulfillment of this contract, is there still a requirement for reporting related to VTA's SBE Goals?
- A4. *Yes, there is a requirement for reporting related to VTA's SBE Goals even if no subcontractors will be utilized in fulfillment of this contract. Simply fill in N/A and Sign Exhibit.*
- Q5. Pg. 38 Section 2A Warranty Start Date: All goods provided by PPG would be covered by Allison's standard parts warranty which meets the coverage requirements stated in IFB, however as per that warranty the start date for new parts coverage is the date of invoice and no consideration for the install date to start the coverage exists. Will VTA amend contract language related to warranty start date to align with manufacturer's warranty policy?
- A5. *No, VTA will not amend contract language related to warranty start date to align with manufacturer's warranty policy. Please see Pages 38 to 41; Warranty Provision.*

Q6. Pg. 38 Section 4 Repair Procedures: Allison's new parts warranty has no provision for coverage of labor related to a part determined to have a defect in material or workmanship for parts installed by end users therefore no VTA labor can be considered as reimbursable under the manufacturer's standard warranty. Does VTA understand and accept this condition of the Allison parts warranty?

A6. *VTA understands this condition of the Allison parts warranty but does not accept it.*