December 22, 2023

OCTA SUBJECT:

CT: Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 3-2843 for "Driver Protection System for 40-Foot and 60-Foot Buses"

AFFILIATED AGENCIES

Orange County

Local Transportation Authority

Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies

Service Agency

Agency

Consolidated Transportation

Congestion Management

Service Authority for Abandoned Vehicles

Transit District

All Bidders:

This letter shall serve as Addendum No. 2 to the above IFB issued by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). Addendum No. 2 is being issued to notify all bidders that the following questions were received by the deadline of 5:00 p.m., December 15, 2023:

- Question 1: Vendor is requesting that the vShield driver barrier be considered as an Approved Equal for IFB 3-2843.
 - **Response** 1: No, vShield driver barrier is not considered an approved equal.
 - Question 2: Please confirm final number of First Article protection systems will be required.
 - Response 2: The number of First Articles is dependent on the number of variations in the installations on the various Sales Release (SR) of OCTA's New Flyer buses. Currently there are six (6) different New Flver SR's listed in the Scope of Work. Up to six (6) different prototypes are built to cover any/and all potential variation from the different SR numbers. Please see Section III, B.2, pg. 19 of RFP for additional details. Prior to providing the needed installation kits to OCTA, the bidder shall be responsible for installing, in addition to the six (6) prototypes/ pilots, ten (10) units intended to provide training to OCTA's technicians on the installation procedures.
 - Question 3: Please advise if Fareboxes have been moved or any placement modification has been made. Imperative for proper fitment of DPS door.
 - Response 3: The fare boxes in the buses have not been removed and OCTA buses are currently equipped with DPS doors however, in preparation of the six (6) prototypes and ten (10) training installation units, OCTA shall be responsible for having the fare boxes and DPS removed.

Question 4: Requesting a delivery schedule of entire balance of barriers after second NTP, if awarded, for the remining barriers. This would be to accommodate batches that would be produced and shipped weekly, likely starting at 90 days after being issued.

Response 4: After the second NTP the DPS's should be delivered at a rate of at least 17 per week to be able to fill the required number within the 90 day limit.

Bidders are reminded that the bid submittal due date is at or before **11 a.m.**, **January 9, 2024.** Bidders are to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 2 in Exhibit A, Bid Form. All changes addressed in this Addendum No. 2 shall be incorporated into the final Agreement.

Questions regarding this Addendum No. 2 should be directed to the undersigned at <u>mtouch@octa.net</u>.

Sincerely,

Monique Touch

Monique Touch Senior Contract Administrator Contracts Administration and Materials Management