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*Service Authority for
Abandoned Vehicles*

October 4, 2023

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**SUBJECT: Invitation for Bids (IFB) 3-2883
“Lenovo Desktop Computers”**

This letter shall serve as **Addendum No. 1** to the subject IFB issued by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). Bidders are reminded that the bid submittal date is at or before **11:00 a.m., October 17, 2023**.

The following questions were submitted by the deadline:

Question 1:

Would Orange County Transportation Authority consider an HP equivalent alternate?

Response 1:

No approved equals will be accepted.

Question 2:

Would OCTA accept equivalents for IFB 3-2883 Lenovo Desktop Computers?

Response 2:

Please see Response 1.

Question 3:

Would you be willing to accept equivalents models with the exact same specs.

Response 3:

Please see Response 1.

Question 4:

Would you consider an equivalent for the Lenovo desktop that meets all the same specifications as the think center M70q?

Response 4:

Please see Response 1.

Question 5:

I understand that your IT team prefers Lenovo. However, we'd like to offer a Dell alternative at a competitive price in this solicitation. Would they be open to Dell?

Response 5:

Please see Response 1.

Question 6:

I tried looking up the below part number for the solicitation that was just recently published and could not find anything online. Could you please advise if this is the correct part/model number? Lenovo Part# 11T4SEDC00

Response 6:

Lenovo Part# 11T4SEDC00 is correct.

Question 7:

The IFB list lenovo part number 11T4SEDC00. Is this a custom quoted part number that your agency has received? I am unable to locate this exact part number with our distributors, but they have 11T3000RUS as a part number that matches the specifications exactly as listed in the IFB. I wanted to confirm this would be ok to quote because the statement in the IFB "Bidders submitting an alternative manufacturer, model, or part number shall result in a "No Bid" and will not be considered for award."

If this is not acceptable, do you have any information on how this part number was provided to your agency?

Response 7:

It is a custom part number provided by Lenovo, which does not include a keyboard and mouse. The custom part number includes bulk packaging to reduce waste processing.

Question 8:

Just confirming that a USB is required for the bid response.

Response 8:

Bids must be received in the Authority's office at or before 11:00 a.m. on October 17, 2023. A USB is not required and will not be accepted. Please review the IFB for detailed instructions on how to submit a bid.

Question 9:

Please confirm that all 230 Lenovo Desktop Computers are to be shipped to one location or multiple locations.

Response 9:

The computers are to be delivered to 600 South Main Street, Orange, California 92868. No loading dock is available, and a lift gate on the delivery truck is required.

Question 10:

The project is mentioned for a one (1)-year term, please confirm what would be the initial order of quantities approximately and other intervals for order for one (1)-year term.

Response 10:

OCTA expects the first order to take up most, if not all, of the blanket purchase order. Ideally, it will be one order.

Question 11:

I have a question regarding the following:

“Bidders submitting an alternative manufacturer, model, or part number shall result in a ‘No Bid’ and will not be considered for award.”

Another bidder registered this bid with Lenovo first, and they will get the best pricing. No other bidder will receive their pricing, implying they will win. So we must bid an alternative manufacturer to be competitive. Given the nature of this situation, can you please consider an alternative manufacturer?

Response 11:

Please see Response 1.

Bidder must acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 1 on Bid Form. Questions should be directed to the undersigned at raninzo@octa.net.

Sincerely,

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