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August 28, 2015

Subject: Request For Proposal No. RFP 15-00063-AJAC – Multi-Level Cab and Coach Cars

To Whom It May Concern:

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for the purchase of a Base Order of eleven (11) multi-level cab cars and thirty-four (34) multi-level coach cars with an Option of up to ten (10) additional coach rail cars.

A **Pre-Proposal Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015**, at 10:00 AM, in SEPTA Conference Room 11-C, located at 1234 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA. A representative of your company should be present to discuss the proposed work with representatives of SEPTA.

All Questions and Requests for Approved Equals (RFA's) pertaining to this request for proposal must be submitted in writing to SEPTA, 1234 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, Attn: James Coombs, Purchasing Department, (email: jcoombs@septa.org). All Questions and RFA's must be received no later than close-of-business (**4:30 PM**) on **Wednesday September 30, 2015**. The answers to all questions and RFA's submitted will be issued via addendum.

Each Proposal must be submitted in two (2) separate sealed parts, identified as the Technical Proposal and the Price Proposal. One (1) original and six (6) copies plus one (1) CD copy in PDF Format of the Technical Proposal and one (1) original and one (1) copy of the Price Proposal are to be submitted in writing to SEPTA by the close of business (4:30 PM) on Friday, November 6, 2015. Please direct all correspondence to:

James H. Coombs
Manager – Rebuilding for the Future
Contract Administration
Procurement and SCM Department
1234 Market Street, 11th Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Proposers may download and view the Project Proposal Documents in PDF file format on SEPTA's website: <http://www.septa.org>. Follow this path: Business/ Procurement/Bid & RFP Opportunities/Over \$100,000 Non-EPS Bid/RFP Opportunities.

CAUTION: All subsequent correspondence and follow-up documentation, including addendum, concerning Request for Proposal No. 15-00063-AJAC will be available for download via the aforementioned website only. It is the proposer's responsibility to assure that they have all the necessary correspondence and documents from SEPTA to properly prepare their proposal. Proposers are reminded that failure to submit any material portion of all the proposal documents or requirements may be grounds for rejection or disqualification.

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Subject to SEPTA's right to reject any and all proposals and/or to negotiate separately with any firm in any manner deemed appropriate to serve its best interests, if any award is made as a result of these proposals, it will be made on the basis of the proposal which best satisfies the intent of the RFP and other factors considered in the best interests of SEPTA.

No Proposal bonding is required; however, the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) must be accompanied by either a: (1) BAFO Proposal Bond; (2) Cashiers' check; (3) Certified check; (4) Treasurer's check; and / or (5) Official bank check; in the amount of not less than \$5,000,000 (USD) drawn in favor of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. The Proposal Bond must be issued by a qualified surety company currently authorized under 31 CFR Part 223 as possessing a Certificate of Authority as described thereunder and authorized to issue bonds at least up to the dollar amount of the Bid Bond required hereunder.

The Proposal shall be binding upon the Proposer for one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days following the "Best and Final Offer". Any proposal on which the Proposer shortens the acceptance period will be rejected, although the acceptance period may be extended by mutual agreement between SEPTA and the Proposer.

SEPTA, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4, and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, sex, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

All bidders will be required to certify compliance with Executive Order 12549 (ineligible contractors).

Any contract issued as result of this solicitation is subject to a financial assistance contract between SEPTA and U.S. Department of Transportation.

Oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will not be considered.

Any inquiries regarding this bid must be directed to James H. Coombs of the Procurement & Supply Chain Management Department at (215) 580-7190 or jcoombs@septa.org.

Sincerely,

James H. Coombs

James H. Coombs
Manager - Rebuilding for the Future
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