

State of Florida
 Department of Transportation
 Central Procurement Office
 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 20
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RFI Number: 19-APTS

Title: Advanced Public Transit Systems Statewide Procurement

Responses Due Date & Time (On or Before): December 17, 2018, 5:00 p.m. EST

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) from the Florida Dept. of Transportation

The Florida Department of Transportation is requesting information from integrators of transit technology and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in order to consider establishing one or more statewide procurement contracts for the following technologies and devices: automated passenger counters (APCs), scheduling software, voice annunciators, fareboxes, mobile data terminals (MDTs), mobile payment systems, camera systems, and onboard safety monitoring systems.

Description of commodities/contractual services:

Draft Description of Project: Since 1995, the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida has administered the Transit Research and Inspection Procurement Services (TRIPS) program for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The TRIPS Program provides Florida service providers with the means of procuring paratransit vehicles via established statewide contracts with vehicle manufacturers. FDOT is interested in potentially establishing one or more similar statewide contracts with transit technology system integrators and/or OEMs that Florida transit agencies can use to procure APCs, scheduling software, voice annunciators, fareboxes, MDTs, mobile payment systems, camera systems, and onboard safety monitoring systems. The selected vendor(s) must already have a proven track record helping fixed route and demand response transit operators. The selected vendor(s) must have experience with integrating both hardware devices and the associated software into transit vehicle fleets.

Please note: the awarding of any statewide contract(s) for these technologies and devices would not prevent in any way a Florida transit agency from directly entering into a contract with a vendor that was not awarded a statewide contract.

Specific Information Requested:

1. Describe your product and specifically how it can improve providing public transportation services.
2. Provide examples of product applications and empirical data, where available, that present how safety, operations and / or vehicle management was enhanced with the use of your product and any related systems.
3. With which Florida transit agencies does your company currently have contracts? How long has your company had a service contract with each of these transit agencies? Please provide contact references.
4. Please provide details of the transit-related intelligent transportation system (ITS) projects you have performed for Florida transit agencies including what your company's role and responsibilities were in developing, implementing and maintaining.
5. How is installation of the components/devices handled by your company? For example, is installation performed directly by your company? Is it done by a third party? Or does the responsibility for installation fall upon the transit agency?
6. What transit components/devices, options and associated software does your company offer (e.g. MDTs, APCs, cameras, mobile payment systems, fareboxes)?
7. Please describe warranty information on these components/devices and software that you provide.
8. Please describe the failover and/or redundancy capabilities that exist in your products?
9. Can solid state memory devices be easily added to replace the hard drives that have moveable parts in your equipment?
10. What differentiates your products from your competitors' products?
11. Please describe the technical support and training that your company provides for your devices and software and any associated costs estimates.
12. Please provide a copy of your standard service agreement. Please include information on your standard response time for customer service issues.
13. Much of Florida is classified as a humid subtropical environment. It is critical that the equipment installed on transit buses in Florida be able to operate in such an environment. To that end, please provide information on the IP code classification for your devices and components as it relates to solid particle protection and liquid ingress.
14. Please describe in general terms the breakdown between one-time capital costs and on-going operational costs for the components and devices that have been listed this RFI.

Contact for Questions or clarification:

The requested information must be received by 5:00 pm (EST) on December 17, 2018

Send responses to:

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(If responding by hard copy, please provide one copy of the response to this RFI on DVD or CD.)

OR

E-mail to:

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NOTE: Responses to this Request for Information (RFI) will be reviewed by the agency for informational purposes, and will not be considered as offers to be accepted by the agency to form a binding contract. Advertisement of any subsequent competitive solicitation that may result from this RFI will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System.