Questions and Answers

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Tad Carlson. This information IS NOT considered an addendum, however, respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1:  It appears the goal of this contract is to get City of Tacoma employees a Class A CDL, and the scope of work only seems to be for 64 hours of training. The state of WA requires 160 clock hours of training and they required they are broken down as follows:
- 40 hours of classroom instruction
- 16 hours of backing
- 18 hours of driving
- 16 hours of Proficiency (either driving or backing so total operational house is 50 hours)
- 70 hours of pre trip and observation hours.
Totaling 160 clock hours for a Class A CDL
https://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/cdltraining.html

Are the employees going to currently have a CDL and just need refreshed on their skills, or will the city be doing additional internal training? Or will they be taking these modules multiple times to meet the WA state requirements?

Answer 1:  The City is exempted from the requirements as the City is registered as an employer training.

WAC 308-100-035
49 CFR 380.503

The City may want refresher trainings availability down the road also.

Question 2:  Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?

Answer 2:  No due to departmental needs of service for this contract.

Question 3:  What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?

Answer 3:  We will be judging solely on the criteria listed in the bid documents.

Question 4:  Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com?

Answer 4:  No.

Question 5:  Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?

Answer 5:  This bid was posted at tacomapurchasing.org and on WEBS (WA State Electronic Business Solution). The bid was additionally advertised in the Tacoma Daily Index.