

STATE OF ALASKA ITB NUMBER 1900000021
AMENDMENT NUMBER 1



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DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED: February 5, 2019

ITB TITLE: Emergency Aircraft Services for Wildland Fire Support

ITB CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 3:00 p.m. on February 20, 2019 (No Change)

ITB PUBLIC BID OPENING DATE AND TIME: 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2019 (No Change)

This amendment answers questions asked by potential bidders as of February 5, 2019. This amendment is for informational purposes only and need not be returned to the State.

1. **Question:** Is this ITB in addition to the SOA Division of Forestry Aircraft Rental Offer that I submit each year or a replacement for it?

Response: As specified within the ITB, this is to replace the Aircraft Rental Offer. Please review the ITB for more information.

2. **Question:** While looking through the invitation to bid, I noticed that in the helicopters section on page 29, it only lists light and medium aircraft. I am curious if you can allow for a Type I to bid on this contract, and if the position does not exist, would you be able to allow for one?

Response: All types of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are welcome to submit bids in response to this ITB.

3. **Question:** Page 2 line items: since we are submitting for helicopter services do I only fill out line 2? The box listed quantity, does this refer to the number of aircraft we are providing? What does the unit box and unit cost refer to? What does FOB refer to? Delivery Date? Extended line total?

Response: The information on Page 2, lines 1 and 2, are the line items that are standard to the state's ITB shell. Disregard the information in these blocks. Bidders are only required to complete and provide Page 1 of the ITB; the Bid Schedule in the ITB or attached as a separate pdf document to IRIS Vendor Self Service posting; and provide other required information as specified within the ITB. Please refer to the Bidder's Checklist on page 43 for more information.

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4. **Question:** Standby is addressed in the body of the ITB but there is no place on the bid schedule for pricing or stipulations. Can I assume that since this is a replacement for the old rental agreement that there is no standby associated with this contract? There is also no place on the flight record form 10-3133 for standby.

Response: Per page 35 item c, Standby, in the ITB, standby is for periods of service less than 24 hours. This is the same requirement that was in the Aircraft Rental Agreement. If standby is required it should be covered by the daily minimum guarantee.

5. **Question:** Under “special equipment or configuration” would “interagency fire equipped” or “local fire equipped” be sufficient or are you looking for a full break down of all available equipment?

Response: We are looking for a full break down of all available equipment.

6. **Question:** Is it allowable to only provide a “dry rate” and leave “wet rate” blank as this seems to usually be something that is provided for short term very local flights, which seem to be in question with the issue of standby?

Response: Yes, bidders may enter only a dry rate, only a wet rate, or both rates on their bid at their discretion.

7. **Question:** Is the contractor selection process one that has historically been used for this application? I completely understand calling contractors closest to the incident with the necessary assets however the secondary protocol of going down an alphabetical list seems a bit unfair to contractors and to the state.

Response: Change paragraph 32. Contractor Selection Process, on page 20 of the ITB to read:

Once the contracts are established, this selection process will be used. Contractors will be listed alphabetically by home base location, type of aircraft, offered hourly rate wet, offered hourly rate dry, and contractor name. When the Division of Forestry requires emergency aircraft services they will contact contractors on the list that are nearest the incident and have the necessary asset(s). If a contractor is unable to provide the needed support, Forestry will go down the list until they find a contractor who can provide the service.

It is understood the Division of Forestry is under no obligation to place, nor a contractor to accept, an order placed under any contract resulting from this ITB.

It is also understood the State does not guarantee a minimum or maximum number of services to be provided or dollar amount to be spent under any contract resulting from this ITB.

8. **Question:** Are you accepting type 1 (heavy helicopter) proposals? I see where it lists light and medium helicopters, but not heavy helicopters?

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Response: Yes, all types of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are welcome to submit bids in response to this ITB.

9. **Question:** If you are accepting type 1 they are restricted category and will not have the required 135 certification or standard airworthiness?

Response: CHANGE the wording in paragraph F.1.b., Certification, on page 21; item H.5 on the Bidder's Checklist on page 43; and elsewhere within the ITB or attachments to the ITB, to read:

A copy of the bidder's 133, 135, and 137 certification, as applicable for the aircraft they are offering in response to this ITB, must be provided with their bid.

10. Bidders who have already submitted a bid in response to this ITB may submit a new bid based on information provided within this amendment. If a new bid is submitted it must be received no later than the Deadline for Responses set for this ITB.

11. This amendment is for informational purposes only and need not be returned to the state.

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