

STATE OF ALASKA INVITATION TO BID (ITB) AMENDMENT NO. 3



PALMER AIRPORT AS NEEDED AVIATION FUELING SERVICES

ITB 2026-1000-0253
ISSUED 3/30/26

THIS ADDENDUM HAS BEEN ISSUED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ITB AND TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR BIDS.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO BIDDERS:

Bidders are required to sign and return this addendum page with their bid. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the bid. This addendum modifies only the ITB terms and conditions specifically identified herein. All other terms and conditions of the ITB remain unchanged. This addendum is incorporated into and made part of the ITB and consists of **two (2) pages**.

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Questions submitted by potential offerors and answers from the state:

Question 1:

In section 4.13 the bid states "All respondents to this ITB will be awarded a contract provided they meet the specifications, terms, and conditions of this ITB and provided they are determined responsive and responsible bidders.". Section 4.14 goes on to outline the criteria of how the contract recipients will be selected for utilization. However, nowhere is section 4.14 does it state a criteria based on bid pricing. Can you confirm that if multiple contract holders meet the criteria listed in section 4.14 to adequate standards, that the DNR will then select the fuel distributor preference based on the lowest bid price?

Answer:

Yes. As outlined in **SEC. 4.14 – Contractor Selection Process (Revised)**, while the State intends to award contracts to all responsive and responsible bidders, there is no designated primary fueler under this solicitation.

When fueling services are required, the State will contact the responsive and responsible Contractor offering the lowest evaluated price. If that Contractor declines a service request, fails to meet required response times, or is unable to perform the services as required, the State may proceed to the next available Contractor without notice.

The State reserves the right to deviate from the call order at any time based on operational needs, including but not limited to contractor availability, equipment capability, and past performance. If a pattern of unreliability is established, the State may issue an amendment to modify Contractor utilization.

Nothing in this solicitation guarantees that any Contractor will receive a minimum number of call-outs, fueling requests, or operational support assignments.

Question 2:

Additionally, can you confirm that said fuel distributor will continue to operate as the primary forestry fueler at PAAQ unless they breach the standards set for in section 4.14?

Answer:

No. As outlined in **SEC. 4.14 – Contractor Selection Process (Revised)**, this solicitation does not establish a primary fueler.

While the State will default to contacting the responsive and responsible Contractor offering the lowest evaluated price, Contractor utilization will be determined on an as-needed basis. The State may proceed to the next available Contractor if the lowest Contractor is unavailable, unable to perform, or if a pattern of unreliability has been established.

The State also reserves the right to deviate from the call order at any time based on operational needs, including contractor availability, equipment capability, and past performance.

Question 3:

In section 1.01 the bid references "remote fueling" ... can the remote fueling portion of this contract be amended and/or removed?

Answer:

Yes. The reference to remote fueling in Section 1.01 was included in error and has been removed.

Changes to the RFP:

Change 1:

SEC. 4.14 Contractor Selection Process (Revised)

When fueling services are required, the State will contact the responsive and responsible Contractor offering the lowest evaluated price.

If a Contractor declines a service request, fails to meet required response times, or is unable to perform the services as required, the State may proceed to the next available Contractor without notice.

The State reserves the right to deviate from the call order at any time based on operational needs, including but not limited to contractor availability, equipment capability, and past performance.

A pattern of unreliability may include, but is not limited to:

- Repeated declines of service requests
- Failure to meet required response times
- Failure to arrive on site in a timely manner
- Inability to perform services as required

If the State determines that a Contractor has established a pattern of unreliability, the State may issue an amendment to modify the call order or otherwise adjust Contractor utilization under the contract.

Nothing in this contract guarantees that any Contractor will receive a minimum number of call-outs, fueling requests, or operational support assignments.

Change 2:

For additional clarification the following examples have been provided:

(G.4) EXAMPLE 4 – TRANSITION FROM SERVICE RATE TO OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

Due to moderate fire activity, the Contractor is initially providing fueling services on an as-needed basis. During the morning period, prior to any standby request, the Contractor fuels:

- Airtanker 1: 2,000 gallons Jet A
- Helicopter: 300 gallons Jet A

Total fuel delivered prior to standby request: 2,300 gallons

Compensation for this period would include:

- Actual cost of fuel for 2,300 gallons
- Per-gallon service fee applied to 2,300 gallons

Later in the day, due to increasing fire activity, the State directs the Contractor to remain on site for operational support from 1200 to 1800.

During the standby period, the Contractor fuels:

- Airtanker 2: 2,500 gallons Jet A
- Helicopter: 400 gallons Jet A

Total fuel delivered during standby: 2,900 gallons

Compensation for this period would include:

- Actual cost of fuel for 2,900 gallons
- Operational support rate of \$2,000 for the day

The per-gallon service fee applies only to fueling services performed prior to the State's request for standby. Once standby is initiated, the operational support rate replaces the per-gallon service fee for the remainder of that calendar day.

(G.5) EXAMPLE 5 – ADVANCE REQUEST FOR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT (STANDBY)

Due to forecasted high fire activity, the State notifies the Contractor on the previous day that operational support (standby) will be required for the following day from 1000 to 1800.

On the day of standby, the Contractor reports on site as directed and remains available to support multiple aircraft turns.

During the standby period, the Contractor fuels:

- Helicopter: 500 gallons Jet A

Total fuel delivered: 500 gallons

Compensation would include:

- Actual cost of fuel for 500 gallons
- Operational support rate of \$2,000 for the day

Because standby was requested in advance and in effect for the operational period, the per-gallon service fee does not apply for that day.

If the State requests operational support for additional consecutive days, the operational support rate will apply to each day requested.

End of Amendment No. 3