



May 20, 2009

Addendum #1
ITB No. 030-09
Removal of Three (3) FHP Communication Towers

Dear Sir or Madam,

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In response to questions received, the subject Invitation to Bid is amended as follows:

Questions Submitted by GlenMartin, Inc.

#1. Is there enough room on each of the sites to drop the towers at full height over in any one direction?

Answer to #1. It depends on each individual tower site. Perspective contractors are encouraged to visit the site(s) they intend to bid on to get a more accurate/updated lay of the land. Please see attached photos.

#2. Can explosives be used to remove towers?

Answer to #2. Only with the approval of all the appropriate permitting authorities with jurisdiction over the area(s).

#3. What structures/landscaping need to be protected from demolition activities.

Answer to #3. See response given for Question #1.

#4. Are the guy wires encumbered in any way? For example is there another guyed tower close by that the guy wires cross through?

Answer to #4. The towers are not located next to other guy towers. Perspective contractors are encouraged to visit the site(s) they intend to bid on to get an accurate/updated perspective. Please see attached photos.

#5. What are the tower profiles for each site?

Answer to #5. All information known to the Department has been disclosed in Section 3.0 and responses to this Question and Answer. Please refer to attached photos and spreadsheet.

#6. What is the age of each tower?

Answer to #6. Each tower requested for removal is believed to be approximately thirty (30) years old.

Questions Submitted by Carrick Contracting Corporation

#7. Are there going to be any scheduled bid walks at the sites?

Answer to #7. No, the Department will not conduct scheduled site visits at any of the three (3) tower locations, but perspective contractors are encouraged to visit the tower site(s) they intend to submit bids for.

#8. If not, do you have a breakdown of what equipment/antennas are existing on the tower?

Answer to #8. The Department does not have a breakdown of the equipment at each tower site but, expects the awarded contractor(s) to remove all items around tower removal site. Please refer to Section 3.0 of this ITB.

#9. Do you have physical addresses for these sites so we can look at each one? I see the physical locations but on the Okeechobee Tower for example, I cannot find SR 86 and an address would help.

Answer to #9. Below are the coordinates for each location and there are no mailing type addresses.

- a) Bradenton Tower – Latitude: 27 – 28 – 29.1 Longitude: 82 - 20 – 52.3
- b) Okeechobee Tower – Latitude: 27 – 26 – 54 Longitude: 80 - 43 - 57
- c) Orlando Tower - Latitude: 28 – 25 – 57 Longitude: 81 - 22 - 59

Questions Submitted by Skyline Towers, Inc.

#10. According to PUR1001-13, there is a 72 hour period to protest the Intent to Award.

Do I understand that the DO will not be award & issued until June 4, 2009?

You do realize that will only leave 11 days to complete the job & invoice it?

Answer to #10. In the event a single contractor is awarded more than one (1) tower site. The first tower must be removed as specified in Section 3.0, no later than June 25, 2009 and all subsequent towers must be removed no later than July 30, 2009. However, if this contract is awarded to multiple contractors all towers must be removed as specified in Section 3.0, no later than June 25, 2009.

#11. Are there any other parties other than Florida Highway Patrol who have equipment on the towers or in the buildings at these sites? If yes, who is responsible for notifying them that the tower is being taken down and that they are required to remove their equipment?

Answer to #11. The Department believes that there are no other entities located at/on the Bradenton and Orlando towers sites. The Department is aware that the Florida Division of Forestry has a building on the Okeechobee tower site and they are in the process of relocating. It is recommend that the Okeechobee site be removed last to give the Division of Forestry as much time as possible and should not be removed until the Division of Forestry has relocated. The awarded contractor is responsible for notifying the appropriate parties before the removal of any tower(s).

#12. Who is liable for the equipment NOT removed from site?

Answer to #12. The removal of all items at and around the tower removal sites are the responsibility of the awarded contractor. Please refer to Section 3.0 of this ITB.

#13. Who is responsible for notifying the landowner, if not on state property of the removal of the tower and building?

Answer to #13. The Department has notified the owners of the land where the Okeechobee FHP tower is located and have their approval to proceed with the removal of all items after Division of Forestry has been relocated.

#14. What happens to the deadline of June 15, 2009 - if a contractor is unable to complete the job due to circumstances beyond his/her control, such as but not limited to; permit delays, removal of equipment of others at site, ability of the power company to disconnect the power in a timely manner, or any weather conditions? Keep in mind obtaining permits can be very time consuming and cause delays, on which you have only given 11 days to complete the job.

Answer to #14. See response given for Question #10.

#15. If a vendor is awarded more than one location and is unable to complete all locations awarded to him/her in the 11 days allowed, Will there be an extension given or will they be found in default of the contract?

Answer to #15. See response given for Question #10.

#16. Section 2.3 - This is the only place that I have found where a performance bond is mentioned. What are the requirements for this bond?

Answer to #16. Section 2.3 refers to the Proposal Bond, which is a cashier's check or surety bond, payable to the State of Florida in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total cost of the project. A Performance Bond is not a requirement of this solicitation.

#17 According to page 11, # 1.33 - SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION: Florida is a state rich in its diversity. The Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles is dedicated to fostering the continued development and economic growth of small and minority and women-owned businesses. Central to this is the participation of a diverse group of vendors doing business with the state. To this end, it is vital that minority and women-owned business enterprises participate in the State's procurement process as both prime contractors and subcontractors under prime's contracts. Small and minority and women-owned businesses are strongly encouraged to submit replies to this solicitation.

My question is: Since when does the State now honor women-owned businesses? I was a certified woman-owned business and when my renewal came up I was told that it would not be renewed because the state no longer honored them and went strictly by the lowest bid.

Answer to #17. The State of Florida has always encouraged women-owned and other minority-owned businesses to respond to all formal solicitations, but no longer has "set sides", nor do we assign bonus points to minorities during a sealed bid process.

Questions Submitted by Tower Systems South, Inc.

#18. We noticed the timeline for completion of the work. Do we understand correctly that all 3 sites are to be completed and invoiced by June 15th, 2009?

This may be difficult to complete with only 15 days; 4 of which are weekend days.

Answer to #18. Refer to response given for Question #10.

#19. We also noticed that we are to provide all permitting for all sites, 3 separate counties. As we have seen in the past, permitting can provide much delay on beginning projects. This could put a damper on the specified due date. Is there any special treatment between the FHP and permitting offices to speed up the process? What happens in the case of a delay due to permitting?

Answer to #19. Unfortunately, the Department and the Florida Highway Patrol have not made special arrangements with any permitting authorities to expedite the permitting process. See response given for Question #14.

#20. Are there any planned site walks to gather detailed information for each site? If so, when would this be?

Answer to #20. See response given for Question #7.

#21. Are there any restrictions if we were to visit the site freely to gather information?

Answer to #21. Perspective contractors are encouraged to visit the site(s) they intend to bid on and are encouraged to do so during daylight hours.

#22. Do you have any site photos for any sites?

Answer to #22. Please see attached photos. Unfortunately, the Department was unable to obtain a photo of the Okeechobee tower site.

#23. Are there any recent inspection reports for each site?

Answer to #23. Please see attached document entitled "Visual Inspection Report".

#24. What are the existing tower loads?

Answer to #24. The Department does not have any records, which indicate the existing tower loads for any of the three (3) tower locations.

#25. Is there room on each site for staging all equipment, trucks, etc...?

Answer to #25. See response given for Question #4.

#26. Are there any power lines in the way if we were to lay down the guyed towers and dismantle on the ground?

Answer to #26. See response given for Question #4.

#27. Are there an Osprey nests at any site?

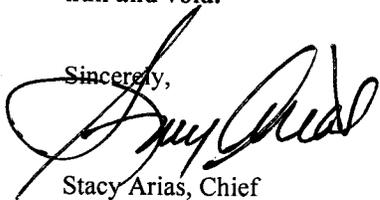
Answer to #27. There was no evidence of Osprey nests at any of the three (3) tower sites during the last site inspection(s).

End of Questions & Answers.

All other dates and terms and conditions remain the same in this Invitation to Negotiate.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceeding under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Any notice of protest or protest to this solicitation which was filed prior to this notice is null and void.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy Arias", written in a cursive style.

Stacy Arias, Chief
Bureau of Purchasing and Contracts

Cc: Fred Malfa

2.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2.1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: The following time schedule will be strictly adhered to in all actions relative to this solicitation, unless modified by the Department by addendum to this solicitation.

May 7, 2009	Solicitation issued.
May 15, 2009	All questions and/or proposed changes to the solicitation must be submitted in writing to the Procurement Officer by 4:00 PM Eastern Time (may be submitted earlier.) Please see Section 1.26.
May 20, 2009	Responses to written inquires and proposed changes will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at; http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form . No later than 5:00 PM EST.
May 28, 2009	Proposals due before 2:30 PM Eastern Time. Public bid opening at 2:30 PM Eastern Time at the location specified in Section 2.11. Proposal Bond due.
May 29, 2009	Posting of Intent to Award. No later than 5:00 PM EST.

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2.2 TERM OF CONTRACT: Refer to attached Form PUR 1000, Paragraph 27. The contract shall be in effect upon execution by the State. Term shall be as specified on the Direct Order issued pursuant to this contract unless terminated earlier by the Department under the terms provided herein, subject to an annual appropriation by the State Legislature. If at any time the contract is canceled, terminated, or expires, and a contract is subsequently executed with a firm other than contractor, contractor has the affirmative obligation to assist in the smooth transition of contract services to the subsequent contractor. In the event this solicitation includes renewals, the requirements of Section 287.057, Florida Statutes, shall apply.

2.3 PROPOSAL BOND: Each respondent shall submit with his written offer a proposal bond in the form of a cashier's check or surety bond, payable to the State of Florida in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total cost for the project. A Certificate of Deposit from a federally chartered financial institution may be submitted for the proposal bond as an alternative to a bond or cashier's check provided that the Certificate of Deposit is payable to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles without recourse or reserve. The proposal bond will be returned to the successful proposer after award and after submission of the performance bonds, to unsuccessful proposers after award. The State will not consider alternative proposal and/or performance securities.

2.4 PROPOSER'S INQUIRIES: The proposer shall examine the solicitation to determine if the State's requirements are clearly stated. If there are any requirements that restrict competition, the proposer may request, in writing, to the State that the specifications be changed. The proposer who requests changes to the State's specifications must identify and describe the proposer's difficulty in meeting the State's specifications, must provide detailed justification for a change, and must provide recommended changes to the specifications. Questions concerning conditions and specifications of this solicitation, and/or requests for changes to the solicitation must be received in writing by the procurement officer no later than the time and date specified in the Calendar of Events (Section 2.1 of this solicitation). A proposer's failure to request changes by the date described above, shall be considered to constitute the proposer's acceptance of the State's specifications. The State shall determine what changes to the solicitation shall be acceptable to the State. If required, the State shall issue an addendum reflecting the acceptable changes to this solicitation, which shall be posted in order that all proposers shall be given the opportunity of submitting proposals to the same specifications. Copies of questions and final answers, along with any changes to the solicitation, will be posted by the Department, in the form of a written addendum, as soon as reasonably practicable. Proposers submitting a response must submit by the response deadline written acknowledgement of any addendum.

3.4 DISCONNECTION OF POWER: Contractor must terminate the AC power going to tower and shelter and is responsible for contacting electric company to ensure all electric services have been terminated. All electric services must be disconnected in accordance with National Electric Code and safety requirements of permitting authority.

3.5 PERMITTING & COMPLIANCE:

- A. The contractor is responsible for the permitting process and the payment of all permitting fees including County, Federal and State. Additionally, the contractor shall comply with all County, State and Federal laws, codes and regulations, during the dismantling and removal of tower as well as the dumping and recycling process.
- B. The contractor is responsible for notifying the Contract Manager (Section 1.4) in writing upon completion of the tower removal process.
- C. The contractor must adhere to all FCC and FAA laws and regulations, to include but not limited to, tower illumination during the removal process.
- D. Contractor shall comply with applicable requirements of Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and any standard hereunder. The specified safety regulations shall be enforced during the complete performance of contract. The contractor shall comply with the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Regulations for construction, promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-596) and under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (P.L. 91-54). The Contractor alone shall be responsible for the safety, efficiency and adequacy of his equipment, appliances and methods, for any damages which may result from their failure of their improper construction, maintenance or operation.

3.6 REMOVAL SCHEDULE: Once Contractor receives the Direct Order (DO) and work begins, Contractor must work contentiously without interruption until all services are completed as stipulated in Section 3.0. Contractor may stop removal efforts on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) provided the removal site remains safe with proper lighting as required. However, weekend work by the Contractor will be permitted by the Department.

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Bradenton Tower



Orlando Tower (image 1)



Orlando Tower (image 2)

Three FHP Towers

Tower Name	To Be Removed From Site	Land Owner	Notes	FCC ASR#	Location	City	Lat	Long	Tower Hg Ft AGL	Type
Bradenton	1. Tower 2. Fence 3. Shelter	State of Florida	From Manatee County Property Appraisers Office, County Map shows Property number is 29781000 surrounded by property number 29780000	1027348	SR 64, 4 KM W of County Road 675	Bradenton	27-28-29.1	82-20-52.3	270	G
Okeechobee/ Fort Drum	1. Tower 2. Fence 3. Shelter	Private Property. State has approval to remove tower	5/18/09 Forestry Still on Tower. Turnbuckles have some rust. Okeechobee County Property Appraisers Office Parcial number 1-09-35-36-0A00-00001-A000; Triple S Ranch, Inc. 288.5 Ac.	1027345	SR 68 (= NE 244 st), 5.3 KM W of Okeechobee St Lucie Cty Line; Tower is about 300 feet from SR 68 and 220 feet from dirt road.	Fort Drum/ Okeechobee	27-26-54	80-43-57	420	G
420 Landstreet, Orlando	Tower Only	State of Florida	Tower rusted within 35 feet of top as of 4/13/05 per Mike Heffinger of FDOT, a tower climber refused to climb. Per Skyline Tower as of 11/27/07 there is a 1 ½" hole on the top white section on the NE leg. Call DOT Maintenance Engineer – Mike Heffinger for Appointment to see tower site: off: 407-858-5900 or cell: 407-492-5182 Per Orange County Property Appraisers Office, http://www.ocpafl.org/ for adjacent parcial number 02-24-29-8220-00-410, land is owned by West Land Street Properties, 13025 Kirby Smith Road.	1027335	At FDOT Maintenance Yard, 420 W. Landstreet Road Orlando, FL 32824. 1 KM W of SR527;	Orlando	28-25-57	81-22-59	250	SS

Visual Tower Inspection Report (as of 4/19/08)

A. Bradenton:

1. Lights & interrupter – ok
2. Paint is fading & flaking
3. Algae is growing on the bottom of tower
4. Some rust is showing on the guy cables and turnbuckles
5. Lighting conduit is rusty
6. Brush needs to be removed from the N anchor

B. Okeechobee:

1. Guy cables & turnbuckles have spot surface rust
2. Broken ground on anchor
3. Algae is growing on the base of tower
4. Brush is starting to take over the compound
5. All lights are – ok
6. Heavy brush around two (2) guy anchors – needs to be cleared
7. SE anchor has two (2) bolts in the turnbuckle that's very rusty – needs replacing
8. SE anchor has pine tree limbs growing into the guy cables
9. N guy anchor has small pine tree growing into the guys
10. Three (3) top antennas are leaning
11. Paint is fading

C. Orlando:

1. Lights are on all the time – photo cell needs replacing – all bulbs are ok
2. Tower is dirty at the bottom
3. Paint is fading & Flaking