

FY 2012 MichiVan RFP Q&A - Last

Note: This is the last set of Q&A provided by MDOT. Any questions submitted after June 25, 2012 will not be accepted.

Question #1: On page 17, the RFP indicates there should be a marketing program material cost. However, on page 15 the project budget summary does not have a line item for this. Are we to include this cost in the project budget summary?

Answer #1: Marketing program material cost should be included under the Other Expenses line item and the expenses should be spelled out.

Question #2: The vehicle capital list requests information for each vehicle to be delivered including Date of Purchase and Original Purchase Price. Prior to award a number of vehicles may not already be purchased, thus we would not know the purchase price. Page 16 provides instructions for estimating the date of purchase but does not provide instruction on how to estimate the value for the category of original purchase price.

- Is the bidder allowed to estimate the purchase price and if so, is there a required process?
- Should the bidder provide their best estimate of purchase price in the RFP, be awarded the bid and find the actual final purchase price required to acquire vehicles during the contract period to be higher than the original estimate can the bidder maintain the award at the bid price.

Answer #2: While a bidder is allowed to provide the estimated purchase price in their proposal, they should provide a description in their bid regarding how they came up with the estimated price, e.g., by obtaining quote(s) from a reputable dealer(s).

The MichiVan contract will be developed based on the selected bid. After the contract is awarded, the contract amount will stay unchanged regardless the change of purchase price during the contractual period. MDOT will only reimburse the annual vehicle depreciation value based on the actual purchase price/60x12, up to the contract amount for Capital Budget. That is, if the final purchase price is more than the estimated price in the bid, the selected contractor will be responsible for any extra costs. On the other hand, if the purchase price is less than the estimated price in the bid, MDOT will only reimburse the vehicle annual depreciation value using this formula: actual purchase price/60x12.

Question #3: On page 4 of the Bidder Qualifications, Section I, it states Financial information submitted in response to this RFP is considered confidential and would be exempt from disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, as amended, by 1996 Public Act 553. Will MDOT agree to treat Original Purchase Price of the vehicles as Proprietary Financial information, therefore subject to non-disclosure?

Answer #3: The financial information submitted in the bid showing the financial condition and status of the bidder is considered confidential and would be exempt from disclosure under Michigan Freedom of Information Act. All other information, including the original purchase price of the vehicles, must be disclosed upon request.