

Request for Information  
Maintenance Contract for the Midwest States' Next  
Generation Equipment Committee Rolling Stock  
QA2 REQ #1643

Question 1: The task involving the locating of a temporary or permanent maintenance facility appears to be more germane for the Fleet Maintenance Manager and not the Fleet Maintenance Contractor.

**Answer 1: The activity of locating facilities will be the responsibility of the fleet manager; however, the Midwest States feel it is very likely the Maintenance Contractor will play a key role in this process because interested parties may have already performed due diligence studies for various locations. We are specifically requesting this input as outlined in Section 3 of the Request for Information.**

Question 2: Will MDOT consider extending the due date for this RFI response an additional four weeks until January 30, 2015?

**Answer 2: No.**

Question 3: What is the requisition number?

**Answer 3: The Requisition Number is 1643.**

Question 4: How long is the warranty of the new locomotives/bi-level cars? How does MDOT envision the OEM to honor warranty and to what extent will the retained 3rd party maintenance provider be involved?

**Answer 4: The warranty period will be two years from conditional acceptance. Details on OEM warranty repairs are not specified at this time. The OEM will be responsible for making the repairs, but may use third party labor.**

Question 5: Will MDOT or affiliated states be providing any facilities, land or resources at any of the outlining points?

**Answer 5: One of the purposes of the Request for Information, among others, is to determine if potential maintenance contractors can provide facilities or have performed due diligence studies to identify potential facility locations and needed resources. MDOT and the Midwest States are interested in hearing respondent's ideas and suggestions.**

Question 6: Please outline the maintenance points and their ownership?

**Answer 6: A maintenance scheme is undetermined. Responses to this Request for Information will be used to refine our process.**

Question 7: Does MDOT have a time frame for ownership of the facilities and if so what is the expectation?

**Answer 7: Ownership structure is undetermined.**

Question 8: What is the exact date that this response is due? Table 3 in the RFI states December 15th but within the text later in the document the date specified is December 10th.

**Answer 8: The due date is December 15, 2014.**

Question 9: Section 2.6, 8th Paragraph. What questions is MDOT referencing in the first sentence of the paragraph that the interested parties need to answer with the letter of interest?

**Answer 9: Questions referenced are located in Section 3.**

Question 10: When does MDOT expect to have the answers complete and posted, as the answers may affect the RFI response?

**Answer 10: Q&A answers should be posted by December 8, 2014.**

Question 11: Does MDOT anticipate that the contractor will need to provide material procurement services as well as facilities for the procurement personnel and facilities for the storage of all rolling stock materials?

**Answer 11: Uncertain. The Midwest States are interested in hearing your ideas on this subject.**