

**Intelligent Transportation System services to provide real-time traffic data for
selected freeway routes QA1
Requisition 1449
3/18/2014**

Q: Clarify Location Scoring – Page 14 assigns it as 30 points, but Page 15 assigns it as 5 points.

A: The total number of points assigned to the location is 5. The RFP has been revised to reflect this.

Q: What is the anticipated project budget?

A: This project is defined with a Qualification Based, Low Bid selection; the budget cannot be disclosed.

Q: In selecting a final vendor, what weight is assigned to the financial proposal as compared to the technical evaluation?

A: There is no score assigned to price. All properly submitted proposals will be scored and the bids will be opened for proposals that score above 80 points. The lowest bid proposal that scores above 80 points will be selected.

Q: If the only requirement is that the technical evaluation will score at least 80%, and then the price is the only criteria, MDOT might end up with a very low quality and low cost since: all vendors will claim to comply with the requirements; the lowest quality solutions will submit the lowest price bid, since their cost structure is minimal; this vendor will most probably not comply with the requirements, and will end up getting paid only 50% of the price due to penalties, but since its cost structure is minimal, this will be a good business for him, even with the penalties; MDOT will end up paying less, but getting bad data. Solution: we suggest adding a mandatory requirement, that in order to qualify, a vendor must show DOT report validating that they can comply with each of the data requirements, and especially the latency requirement.

A: Thank you for your concern.

Q: How many data feeds are incorporating the current sensors system?

A: Only MDOT's current real-time traffic data supplier.

Q: Will MDOT consider delay in "service start date" by a few months in order to get much better data quality

A: No.

Q: Please elaborate on the validation method – how the validation data will be collected, length, resolution and scope of the validated data collected.

A: Please refer to the Independent Validation section on page 5 of 15 as well as Appendix A.

Q: Please extend the submission date by at least two weeks.

A: The submission date will not be extended.

Q: Where would MDOT like to see the Past Performance information in the proposal, after the Org Chart in Section III?

A: The end of section III is fine.

Q: It is our understanding that MDOT is working with UMD and the data feed will be integrated into its RITIS software. Is the request for 24 hour historical data a back up to the RITIS archive?

A: No, this is a separate archive for the data feed supplied as part of this Real-time Traffic Data project.

Q: We want to confirm that the maximum number of pages for the proposal is 14 pages.

A: Correct, proposals are limited to 14 pages, not including resumes.