

Research on Asset Management Strategies for Maintenance and Preservation of New Intercity
Passenger Car Fleet

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Requisition #1844

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Q: I realize there is a Q&A already on the page length for this proposal submission but the RFP does not state page limit anywhere as you replied. Using the updated Guidelines, the page limit is specified as 20 pages, excluding cover, etc. for proposals but doesn't specify whether Tier I, II or III. Assuming the Guidelines are correct, is this proposal limit 20 pages?

A: Yes, proposals are limited to twenty (20) pages in length, excluding the cover page, table of contents, and appendices. File size and required form requirements are specifically addressed in the RFP on pages 2-4, as well on page 5 of the MDOT Consultant Vendor Selection Guidelines for Research Administration – Revised September 2015, located at this link:

http://michigan.gov/documents/mdot/MDOT_Consultant_Vendor_Selection_Guidelines_for_Research_Administration_01-2013_408228_7.pdf

Q: Is there any chance of an extension being granted for the submission of proposals?

A: The due date of the proposal is located on page 1 of the RFP and no extensions will be granted.

Q: Will MDOT be receptive of a proposal submitted by an Out-Of-State State University with a Michigan-based consultant having a major role in the project?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the subject vehicle for this study? Although the title indicates "New Intercity Passenger Car fleet", it appears the intended subject vehicle is Rail Car fleet for intercity travel. Are we in the right track on this? Does the subject vehicle have to be "New" as indicated in the title (as contrasted from "existing" fleet)?

A: The Midwest states expect to receive new passenger rail car fleets for intercity travel. If this does not answer the question, please rephrase it for clarity.

Q: Has there been any pre-proposal meeting held on this RFP? If yes, are minutes of such meeting(s) available?

A: No, there has been no pre-proposal meeting with potential bidders to ask questions.

Q: Is any data on capital, maintenance, and operating cost on any rail car operation available (such as AMTRAK that receives some operating subsidies from MDOT) for the study from MDOT?

A: The winning bidder will have access to information from MDOT in consultation with staff. However, much of the data MDOT is looking for needs to be collected externally.

Q: Price is an important factor in proposal evaluation (40/150 points). Is any information on the project budget available? Is it a TIER 1 project (50K-150K)?

A: Yes, it is a Tier 1 proposal with a range of \$50,000-\$150,999. That is the most detail we can provide.

Q: Is there any page limit for the proposal? Any indication of page limit will be helpful.

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