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INDEPENDENT PROCUREMENT REVIEW DIVISION

Independent Procurement Review Report

TO: Atlanta City Council

DATE: May 15, 2024

The purpose of this report is to communicate the results of the following solicitation.

Background

The Department of Aviation requested an Invitation for Bids for the project and scope shown below. Invitations for Bids are to be awarded to the lowest responsive or responsible bidder.

Solicitation:	IFB-REF-DOA-2310-1240132
Project Name:	Explosive Detection System Recapitalization and Optimization- Concourse E at HJAIA
Estimated Dollar Amount:	$62,000,000
Term:	1,050 days from the Notice to Proceed
Recommended Awardee:	Vanderlande Industries, Inc.
DOP Responsive Bidders:	Vanderlande Industries, Inc.
All Bidders:	Vanderlande Industries, Inc.

Observations and Responses

Evaluation Team

Observation 1: This solicitation was previously cancelled twice. The reason cited in the first cancellation, for IFB-C-1220004, was cost escalation due to the lapse in time between receiving bids and recommending award. The reason cited for the second cancellation, for IFB/DOA/2210-1230131, was the CPO's determination in connection with a solicitation appeal.

The current solicitation was changed from IFB-DOA-REF-2310-1240101 to IFB-DOA-REF-2310-1240132 due to an administrative correction.

> DOP Response: IFB-DOA-REF-2310-1240101 was created under a commodities template in Oracle, which was an error. Therefore IFB-DOA-REF-2310-1240132 was created under an IFB services template.

Solicitation

Observation 2: DOP did not list the contract terms in any of the trigger package documents.

> DOP Response: The contract terms were discussed with the project manager on several occasions. One being when we first received the trigger packet and another being the project team meeting.

Observation 3: DOP submitted a project team meeting sign-in sheet with the wrong solicitation number.

> DOP Response: The team meeting was held on 10/10/23 before the solicitation number was changed to IFB-DOA-REF-2310-1240132 prior to the team meeting. The correct solicitation number is IFB-DOA-REF-2310-1240132. All stakeholders were notified of the number change.

Advertisement and Addenda

Observation 4: Addendum 1 is dated December 4, 2023, and lists an incorrect revised proposal due date of January 9, 2023.

> DOP Response: The bid due date on Addendum 1 was incorrectly stated and should have been January 9, 2024.

Submittal

Observation 5: This solicitation received one submittal, which could indicate limited competition.

IPro does not require a response from DOP for this observation.

Observation 6: Letters of Intent were not submitted for the "Essential Subcontractors," vendors OCC required to be utilized.

> DOP Response: OCC is responsible for determining responsiveness for Appendix A. The OCC evaluation was deemed responsive based on the information provided.

Observation 7: One subcontractor addressed a Letter of Intent to an Essential Subcontractor and not to the recommended awardee.

> DOP Response: OCC is responsible for determining responsiveness for Appendix A. The OCC evaluation was deemed responsive based on the information provided.

The review yielded no additional findings.

Methodology

The Independent Procurement Division reviews the following stages of the procurement process:

- Initiation
- Solicitation
- Responsive Review
- Evaluation
- Award

In accordance with Atlanta City Charter Article 8, Section 8-107, and Section 2-1604 of the Atlanta Code of Ordinances, the Independent Procurement Review Division of the Office of the Inspector General must review all solicitations with an aggregate value of $1,000,000 or greater seeking approval by the Atlanta City Council, for file completeness, conflicts of interest, and other areas of perceived deficiency; must review all cooperative purchase agreements and piggyback contracts with an aggregate value greater than $1,000,000; and may conduct discretionary reviews of any value.