



Administrative Office of the Courts

Operations Division

Questions/Responses No. 1 to the

Request for Proposals (RFP) K20-0094-29

Design/ Build Generator Replacement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following questions for the above referenced RFP were received by e-mail and are answered and posted for all prospective Offerors. The statements and interpretations contained in the following responses to questions are not binding on the Maryland Judiciary unless the RFP is expressly amended. Nothing in the Maryland Judiciary's response to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the Maryland Judiciary of any statement or interpretation on the part of the Offeror asking the question.

Question 1. Will there be a site visit for this project?

Response: A site visit may be scheduled at a later date. An amendment will be issued once a date is decided.

Question 2. Please consider postponing the bid due date to allow additional time for bidding.

Response: The closing date was extended to May 11, 2020.

Question 3. Due to COVID-19 concerns, please consider allowing both the technical and price proposals be submitted via email.

Response: We are unable to accept electronic proposals at this time.

Question 4. If hard copies and electronic copies of the proposals are absolutely necessary, please allow the final price proposal to be submitted via email. Pricing is not finalized until the last minute and getting it incorporated into multiple hard copies and into the electronic copy is difficult.

Response: We are unable to accept electronic proposals at this time. Both volume 1 and volume 2, technical and financial proposal, respectively, must be submitted at the same time.

Question 5. Can it be explained what work if any is required for, “modifications required to support redundant power capabilities at the primary data center and employee workstation area”? This is copied directly from the 1.1 summary statement.

Response: We have some workstations outside of our data center that are currently not being backed up by the existing generator that we will need to be added when new generator is installed.

Question 6. Are UPSs desired to be replaced?

Response: No.

Question 7. Are ATSS desired to be replaced?

Response: No.

Question 8. Are there any other power distribution upgrades or reconfigurations required related to these items?

Response: No.

Question 9. Is a single line diagram of the existing system available for review?

Response: yes

Question 10. It appears as though the “running fuel tank” is to be replaced, but the larger feeder fuel tank is to remain. Please confirm.

Response: Yes, the running tank needs to be replaced but the larger feeder tank remains.

Question 11. Should the pricing include a 400KW unit, or something larger? RFP states that a larger size is desired, but the size needs to be determined prior to bidding.

Response: This will need to be confirmed in the design/build process.

Question 12. Should the base bid include a load analysis such that it can be decided if a larger generator (larger than 400KW) should be provided? If that is pursued, and the price is based on a 400KW unit, it is assumed the larger size would be provided as a change order to the awarded contract.

Response: Yes a load analysis should be part of the design/build process. If that analysis suggests, and we agree, an increased capacity is needed there may be an additional PO or approved overage, depending on price and complexity

Question 13. What work will be required in order to satisfy 2.2.3 C?

Response: Currently the Network closets on the upper floors and first floor staff area is not backup by the existing generator. And will need to be added to the new generator.

Question 14. Are there ACAD plans available for the site and the relevant parts of the building?

Response: Yes, some are available for ground floor where datacenter located.

Question 15. Is the project subject to a wage scale? If so, please provide.

Response: No.

Question 16. Is there a specified design and construction duration?

Response: No. Please include estimated design and construction durations as part of the technical proposal.

Question 17. Please confirm that a temporary 400kw generator is required for the duration of the contract until the new generator is operational.

Response: Yes at least a 400kw to support current environment until replacement generator is operational.

Question 18. Are new concrete encased duct banks and feeder wiring required for feeders between the generator and the ATS/UPS equipment.

Response: They may be required if a larger generator is installed. This will need to be confirmed in the design/build process.

Question 19. Item 2.2.3-b states the replacement generator must be an Onan Cummings generator. Please consider MTU - A Rolls Royce Solution (formerly known as MTU Onsite Energy) as an alternate vendor for the generator set. Curtis Engine & Equipment Co, Inc. is the local distributor for MTU. In addition to providing service for the vast majority of DGS generators, Curtis Engine has also recently installed similar generators for DGS Annapolis at the Goldstein Treasury Building and Robert F Sweeney District Courthouse. Curtis Engine stocks over \$1M worth of parts and has additional parts availability from the factory distribution hub located in Indiana. Curtis Engine is a 24/7/365 service company. MTU is an American made generator, made in Mankato, MN, USA and Curtis Engine is a Baltimore based company, locally owned and operated for over 75 years.

Response: We would like to stick with Onan Cummings generator.

Question 20. Item 2.9.2-D: What is the fee(s) associated with the identification badge, as well as annual renewal.

Response: \$50 per on site contractor. There should be no renewal provided there is no lapse in assignment to the project or on-site presence beyond 60 days.

Question 21. Item 2.9.2-G: Does option 1 or 2 apply to this contract?

Response: Option 2, background checks will be required for contractors performing onsite work.

Question 22. Item 2.9.2-L: Please indicate the cost (if any) required under this item.

Response: Depends on the required item issued. It is unlikely that any of this would apply to this contract. If an unforeseen requirement does merit goods or services provided by the Judiciary, specific replacement costs will be confirmed as part of the approval and issuing process.

Question 23: Attachment D: Price Proposal

- a. Question: Is this work to be performed during normal business hours or off-hours?
Response: Normal business hours, but any required outages would need to be done off-hours or weekends.
- b. Question: Please confirm the installation of the fuel tank is for the belly tank of the generator, not a stand-alone tank. It is our interpretation that the 2000-gallon tank is existing to remain.
Response: The installation is for the belly tank. The stand-alone tank is to remain.
- c. Question: How is the overtime and weekend charges to be priced?
Response: Contractors shall be paid according to the RFP. If overtime pay is not provided for in the RFP, then the Contractor shall not be provided compensation for overtime unless otherwise agreed to in advance, in writing, by the Procurement Officer.
- d. Question: Is fencing required? If so, please indicate the type and linear footage, along with any gates required.
Response: Yes chain link fencing and gate is required. Linear footage needs to be determined by the footprint of replacement generator.
- e. Question: Please indicate if any environmental structures/remediation will be required.
Response: Yes because there is a storm drain and pond close by the generator.
- f. Question: Is security required? If so, please provide additional details.
Response: No

g. Question: What type of training is required?

Response: Walk-thru training on generator function and user manuals.

Question 24. What size (amperage/KW) is the temporary generator hook-up rated for?
Are we able to use this while replacing the 400KW generator?

Response: 600amp/400kw or larger. Yes, provided there is no unscheduled interruption in the redundancy during the hook-up and disconnect. If there will be an interruption, options must be discussed, and outcome scheduled to not impact datacenter uptime.

Question 25: Please confirm the information provided on the UPS's are for reference only and no work is to be provided for the UPS's.

Response: No work is to be provided for the UPS's

Question 26: Please confirm the ATS's, bypass switch and other gear (switchboards, panels, disconnect switches, etc.) associated with the emergency system backed-up by the generator are existing to remain, and no work is to be provided for this equipment.

Response: ATS, bypass switch and other gear is to remain.

Question 27: Please confirm we will be able to reuse the existing conductors from the generator to the ATS's

Response: This will need to be confirmed in the design/build process.

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