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SUBJECT: Letter of Clarification No. 1

REFERENCE: Request for Proposal(s) (RFP) for Flight Tracking and Noise Monitoring Services for Houston Airport System (HAS); Solicitation No.: H93-FTANMS-2023-011

TO: All Prospective Respondents:

This Letter of Clarification (LOC) is issued for the following reasons:

I. Provide updated language in solicitation.

1. **Revised** Section 8.5.2.1 of Minimum Required Experience – Pass/Fail, to read as follows:

8.5.2.1 The Proposer shall have been in the business of selling, designing, installing, and supporting contemplated services for a minimum of five (5) years. Proposers with less than five (5) years in the business will be considered if the Proposer has previously held more than two (2) contracts with multiple airports.

2. **Add** Section 7.2.3 to Specifications/Scope of Services, Optional Services, to read as follows:

7.2.3 Provide ability to acquire, fuse and visually display Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for all three HAS airports (IAH, HOU and EFD).

3. **Add** Section 7.2.4 to Specifications/Scope of Services, Optional Services, to read as follows:

7.2.4 Provide the ability to expand ADS-B at Hobby Airport (HOU) to cover existing "blind spots".

II. To Respond to Questions.

1. **Question:** Section 6.2 states that HAS intends to award a contract with a term of five (5) years with two (2) 1-year options to extend. Attachment B – Cost Proposal Form includes space to include pricing for three (3) 1-year options to extend. Will there be two (2) or three (3) options to extend?

Response: HAS intends to award a contract for a term of five (5) years, with three (3) 1-year option periods.

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2. **Question:** How many concurrent users/licenses does HAS require?

Response: Given a limited license model, HAS requires four (4) concurrent user licenses for flight tracking/operational history and five (5) for noise monitoring.

3. **Question:** In the RFP, it states that IAH has “robust ADS-B infrastructure” and it states that HOU, “has an ADS-B infrastructure”. Does HAS wish to enhance ADS-B at HOU as part of this project?

Response: Yes, as an optional service. HAS requires gap in ADS-B coverage at HOU to be filled.

4. **Question:** In Paragraph 7.1.2 - HAS states “Provide access (web-based, Software as a Service).” This requirement for a web-based solution typically means that no software clients (programs that rely on locally installed plugins from Java or other types of software on the customers workstations) are to be used. Is that the wish of HAS IT? Is HAS IT requiring a 100% true web-based solution such as Salesforce or Concur?

Response: HAS prefers a 100% off-premise, Software as a Service (SAAS) solution with secure access via HTTPS connection.

5. **Question:** Please confirm that HAS will provide the new vendor the required ten (10) years of historical NOMS data from its current L3Harris system.

Response: HAS expects the Proposer to provide the historical data.

6. **Question:** What is the lead time to obtain 10 years of historical noise data from its current NOMS System?

Response: HAS expects the Proposer to provide the historical data.

7. **Question:** What is the total number of CDM application users? How many named user licenses are required by HAS? How many HAS Staff are expected to be trained on CDM by vendor?

Response: Based on an unlimited access model, HAS requires 40 named users’ licenses and staff to be trained for CDM application (flight tracking/operational history); This would be sufficient for all three HAS airports.

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8. **Question:** What is the total number of noise application users? How many named user licenses are required by HAS? How many HAS Staff are expected to be trained on noise functionality by vendor?

Response: Based on an unlimited access model, HAS requires five (5) named users' licenses and staff to be trained for noise monitoring; This would be sufficient for all three HAS airports.

9. **Question:** What is the total number of licenses of each of the following currently in use by HAS, OpsVue, MobileVue and EnvironmentalVue?

Response: Optimally HAS requires four (4) for OpsVue, unlimited licenses for MobileVue, and five (5) for EnvVue.

10. **Question:** A reference was made during the meeting to gate management and flight capacity forecasting. Is this a base requirement of the system?

Response: No, this is not a base requirement.

11. **Question:** If a gate management system is required, please provide details on needs for gate scheduling, schedule uploading, forecasting, how far in advance schedules are to be uploaded and managed, and how many gates are to be controlled with this module.

Response: A gate management system is not a base requirement.

12. **Question:** The airport is currently using MobileVue, what type of hardware is being used to run the MobileVue App? (i.e., iPad, Android, Windows)

Response: HAS utilizes iPad tablets, Android mobile devices, iOS mobile devices, and Windows laptops to access MobileVue.

13. **Question:** In paragraph 7.1.11 regarding providing emissions to improve environmental compliance. Can HAS specify what type of emissions and more clearly state what the goal is to be measured?

Response: HAS does not specify emission types, nor have a stated goal to be measured.

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