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Date: March 22, 2024

To: All Interested Bidders

Re: Weather Forecasting Services

Original Proposal Submission Due Date: March 27, 2024 UPDATED Proposal Submission Due Date: April 2, 2024

## **ADDENDUM #1**

The following constitutes Addendum #1 to the above referenced solicitation. This addendum is divided into the following parts:

Part 1: Answers to questions; and

Part 2: Additions, deletions, clarifications and modifications to the RFQ.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to be knowledgeable of all of the additions, deletions, clarifications and modifications to the RFQ and/or the New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions relative to this solicitation as set forth in all addenda.

All other instructions, terms and conditions of the solicitation shall remain the same.

## PART 1

Weather Forecasting Services

## **Answers to Questions**

Note: Some of the questions have been paraphrased in the interest of readability and clarity. Each question is referenced by the appropriate solicitation page number(s) and section where applicable.

#	Question	Answer
1	file, can an example netCDF file from the existing setup be provided as an exhibit so	Please be advised that the RFQ has been revised. MDSS and netCDF are no longer a requirement of this Solicitation. Please see the newly attached file "Weather Forecasting Website" for the format needed for data files.
2	Can you provide a sample of a customized subset of data that should be able to be handled by the website?	Attachment "Weather Forecasting Website" is the screen shot of the current website for the customizable sub set data.
3	Per the training classes, are they expected to be completed in-person or virtually?	Either in-person or virtual training is acceptable. Please specify in the proposal which will be provided.
4	Will the contractor be provided polling access to the devices, or provided access to the data in another way? If we are polling the devices directly, will this be via NTCIP, and if so which version of NTCIP is used by NJDOT?	RWIS sites use wireless modems to communicate with vendors using a data string format.
5	Is it expected that when a pavement forecast is transmitted to NJDOT that it is only viewable on the website, or is it transmitted in other ways as well?	This information is currently only viewable on the website.

6	Is this considered an RFQ or a RFP? The title of the document is "proposal" but "quote" is mentioned multiple times in the document title and throughout the document.	The "Proposal" mentioned is the entirety of the proposal, a technical quote and the pricing. This solicitation requires a "Technical Quote", referenced in Section 3.5 of the RFP.
7	requirement for bidding? Does the DOT have their own MDSS system or do we need to provide an MDSS?	Please be advised that the RFQ has been revised. MDSS and netCDF are no longer a requirement of this Solicitation. Please see the newly attached file "Weather Forecasting Website" for the format needed for data files.
8	Is the DOT interested in receiving severe weather alerts outside of the winter season (May 1-September 30)?	Yes, severe weather alerts shall be provided year round.
9	Is the DOT open to alternate suggestions for forecast formats, deliverables or other mentioned items that still meet the documented needs?	Yes, as long as it aligns with the operations of the personnel out in the field.
10	Is the DOT open to alternate forecast delivery timing suggestions?	Yes, once awarded NJDOT is open to suggestions for alternating forecast delivery timing.
11	How is RWIS observation data delivered from the NJDOT to the weather vendor?	RWIS sites use wireless modems to communicate with vendors using a data string format.

## Additions, Deletions, Clarifications and Modifications to the Solicitation

Please be advised that Section 4.3 A has been deleted. The RFP shows this change.