Questions & Answers #9 to Request for Proposals (RFP) Statewide Public Safety Wireless Communications System RFP #060B9800036 July 14, 2009

Ladies/Gentlemen:

The Department of Information Technology received the following question by e-mail for the above referenced RFP, and it is answered below for all Offerors:

Question 152: So that vendors know what quantity and types of coverage information to provide the State on July 29th, we are seeking clarification about the coverage maps. Will it be sufficient for vendors to provide 5 copies of the following coverage maps for the revised design:

- Public Safety Talkin for each region
- Public Safety Talkout for each region
- Public Safety Talkin Statewide
- Public Safety Talkout Statewide
- Public Service reliability guarantees (no maps) for the following:
- a) Portable in-building coverage percentage for each region
- b) Portable in street coverage percentage for each region
- c) Mobile coverage percentage for each region

ANSWER: The State desires ten (10) sets of coverage maps. Each set of coverage maps shall depict coverage on a statewide basis and on a region (1A, 1, 2, 3, and 4) basis for the following:

- 1. Talk-in coverage (public safety model portable to base station) 12 and 24 dB inbuilding areas
- 2. Talk-in coverage (public service model portable to base station) -12 and 24 dB inbuilding and on street coverage
- 3. Talk-out coverage (public safety model base station to portable) 12 and 24 dB inbuilding areas
- 4. Talk-out coverage (public service model base station to portable) –12 and 24 dB in building and on street coverage

Coverage should be depicted using contrasting colors. Maps shall also depict the State's shape file clearly identifying urban areas.

Question 153: Per the July 1 email we are providing updates relative to Addendum 9, 10, 11. Should we also incorporate changes based on Addendum 12 in this update?

ANSWER: Whenever the State issues an Addendum or a set of Q&As, which an Offeror feels would change their proposal, the Offeror should revise their proposal. The State's email of July 1, 2009 was issued prior to Addendum 12 and Q&A Set #8; therefore, you should revise your proposal to incorporate Addendum 12 and Q&A Set #8 as well as Addenda 9, 10 and 11.

Question 154: In the Clarification questions several questions asked us to revise the proposal. Are these updates to be incorporated into this update also?

ANSWER: Your complete technical proposal consists of all the written material you have submitted to the State during the evaluation process. Therefore, your technical proposal is made up of your original proposal, your responses to clarification questions, your written presentation distributed at the vendor discussions, your written responses to questions asked during and after the vendor discussions, and any other written correspondence that you submit to the State.

Therefore, your response to the clarification questions should have already revised your proposal as requested by the State in the clarification questions. However, if you failed to revise your proposal with your responses to the clarifications questions, you must do so in this update.