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**Questions/Responses #1
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Push-to-Talk-over-Cellular (PTOC)- Services and Equipment
PROJECT NUMBER 050R4800327
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Ladies/Gentlemen:

This List of Questions and Responses #1 is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. The statements and interpretations of contract requirements which are contained in the following answers to questions of potential bidders are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the RFP. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require.

1. Question: Section 2.1.1 of the RFP indicates the State currently uses over 2,800 Push-to-Talk-Over-Cellular (PTOC) devices. Is that the amount of devices the State is estimating will be purchased from the resulting contract? If not can the State please provide an estimated number of units the State is expecting at contract award.

Answer: The number of devices that will be purchased can be 0 or 2800 depending on the need. The State does not guarantee that it will purchase any equipment or any service from any resulting contract.

2. Question: Please confirm that the State's Annual MBE goal is estimated to be \$250,000.00 (5% of 5 million)?

Answer: There is a 5% MBE goal for this procurement. The example is correct but the State does not guarantee that it will purchase any equipment or any service from any resulting contract.

3. Question: What does the State estimate the annual value will be for the resulting contract?

Answer: Under the current contract, the annual value has been approximately \$5 million. The State does not guarantee that it will purchase any equipment or any service from any resulting contract.

4. Question: Section 2.5.5 of the RFP, can the State please explain unlimited airtime service?

Answer: The monthly service charge includes an unlimited number of cellular service minutes.

5. Question: Section 2.4.2 of the RFP, is speed dial a requirement for all functional areas?

Answer: Yes speed dial is a requirement for all functional areas.

6. Question: Can PTOC encompass full duplex transmission?

Answer: Yes, PTOC can encompass full duplex transmission.

7. Question: How many users does the State anticipate on the contract and what does the State anticipate will be the annual growth?

Answer: The State cannot make a commitment for the number of anticipated future users. The current number of State PTOC service users under the current contract is approximately 2,800.