February 4, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: RFP No. 19-00219-ARLW-Operation of ADA Paratransit Services in Montgomery County

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) to enter into a five (5) year Contract with a qualified transit operation Contractor to operate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit and Shared Ride Program (SRP) Services in Montgomery County, PA and maintain the vehicles assigned to this project.

Any inquiries regarding this Request for Proposal (RFP) should be directed to Rebecca Ware at (215) 580-8325, or rware@septa.org, or at Procurement, Supply Chain & DBE Division, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, 1234 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. (Prevailing Eastern Time) in Conference Room 11-A at SEPTA at 1234 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107. A representative of your company should be present to discuss the proposed work with representatives of SEPTA. Please be advised that new security procedures have been implemented for access to SEPTA's 1234 Market Street building. All visitors are now required to sign-in at the front desk located in the lobby area and provide photo identification. Please allow adequate time when submitting procurement documents or when attending any public or private meeting in the building. This process will take approximately 15 to 30 minutes to complete.

All questions pertaining to this request for proposal must be submitted in writing by Tuesday, February 18, 2020 by 10:30 A.M. (Prevailing Eastern Time), to Rebecca L. Ware via e-mail at rware@septa.org. The answers to all questions submitted will be included in an addendum.

Each proposal shall be submitted in two (2) separate parts, enclosed in two (2) separate envelopes, and identified as Technical Proposal and Price Proposal. The package(s) submitted by each firm must also be identified on the envelope.

One (1) original (clearly marked) and four (4) copies of the Technical Proposal, plus one CD or thumb drive in searchable “PDF” format and One (1) original (clearly marked) and four (4) copies of the Price Proposal are to be submitted to SEPTA, in writing by Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. (Prevailing Eastern Time).

Any request for change, modification, addition, or deletion of any aspect of the Contract Documents must be made in writing and submitted with the questions. Contract changes, modifications, additions, or deletions can be affected only by a written addendum issued by SEPTA.

SEPTA will perform site visits during SEPTA’s evaluation process for those firms submitting proposals.
Please direct all correspondence to:

Rebecca L. Ware, Senior Contract Administrator
Procurement, Supply Chain, & DBE Division
1234 Market Street, 11th Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Anyone desiring to receive the Request for Proposal documents may view the RFP in PDF format on SEPTA’s website: www.septa.org. Follow this path: Business/Procurement/Bid & RFP Opportunities/Over $100,000 Bid/RFP Opportunities and then click on the corresponding blue box. A drop down list will appear showing all of the documents for the procurement. The RFP documents include Proposers Instructions, Agreement, Scope of Services, and any other associated attachments.

CAUTION: Any subsequent correspondence and follow-up documentation, including Addendums, concerning this Request for Proposal No. 19-00165-ARLW - Operation of ADA Paratransit Services in Delaware County will only be available for downloads on the SEPTA’s website (www.septa.org).

Subject to SEPTA’s right to reject any and all proposals and/or to negotiate separately with any firm in any manner deemed appropriate to serve its best interests, if any award is made as a result of these proposals, it will be made on the basis of the proposal which best satisfies the intent of the RFP and other factors considered in the best interests of SEPTA.

SEPTA, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 253, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4, and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively, insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, sex, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations.

All proposers will be required to certify compliance with Executive Order 12549 (ineligible contractors).

Oral, telegraphic, or telephonic proposals or modifications will not be considered.

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Ware
Senior Contract Administrator
Procurement, Supply Chain & DBE Division