

## Low Rolling Resistance Tire Retrofit Bid BDTIRE2010 Questions and Answers

1Q: Should nationwide service centers that are available to provide tire repair be listed as subcontractors?

1A: No, the service centers are not considered subcontractors and do not need references.

2Q: Will work occur outside the 7 county Denver metro area?

2A: The majority of work will occur in the 7 county Denver metro area. Work may occur along the Colorado Front Range but no further. This work, if it occurs, would likely be very limited. To cover travel expenses, a mileage charge may be proposed for fleets outside the 7 counties.

3Q: Should the vendor include pricing for tire repair?

3A: Yes, please include pricing for tire repair in the ongoing cost section of the pricing form.

4Q: How many copies of the bid are required for submission?

4A: Please submit original and 7 copies of the bid. Please also submit an electronic copy of the bid exactly as it is submitted on paper.

5Q: Regarding the cooperative purchasing efforts (page 17 of RFP) - whom gets the benefit of the vendor's proposed price on the Smartway approved tires, is it at the "discretion of the Council and the Vendor" as stated on page 17, or simply any Colorado entity per page 25 in the "yes / no" section.

5A: The Council and Vendor must agree to extend the pricing to fleets that are not in RAQC projects. It is at the discretion of the vendor to extend the pricing to other entities, however the Council requires that the vendor extend the pricing to any fleets the RAQC is assisting with tire purchases.

6Q: Regarding the cooperative purchasing efforts (page 17 of RFP) - is it the intent of RAQC to offer the awarded bid to... "any governmental agency, district, political subdivision or **private company**"... the pricing offered in our Vendor proposal?

6A: The RAQC permits any governmental agency, district, political subdivision or private company located in the State of Colorado to purchase off the awarded bid. The Council and Vendor must agree to extend the pricing to the fleets not participating in a RAQC project.

7Q: How do vendors differentiate between tax exempt and non-tax exempt entities when it comes to Federal Excise Tax (FET) and state and local sales taxes?

7A: RAQC will notify vendors of taxable and tax exempt fleets. At this time we anticipate these will all be taxable entities participating in our efforts. However, the tax will not be included in the RAQC RFP pricing as the RAQC is a tax exempt entity and the fleet will be responsible for all taxes. This issue will be fully discussed upon contract award with the winning vendor as there are a number of issues that determine whether or not taxes are due.

8Q: If all tires proposed must be Smartway approved tires, is it the Council's expectation that the Vendors explain *why* the proposed tires are Smartway approved?

8A: No, please just note that the product is Smartway verified.

9Q: Is the RAQC Federal Excise Tax (FET) exempt and/or sales tax exempt on new truck tires?

9A: This issue will be fully discussed upon contract award with the winning vendor as there are a number of issues that determine whether or not taxes are due. Please do not include these taxes in your bid price. The RAQC needs to check with the appropriate agencies to determine our FET status. If it is determined we are subject to the tax, we will add it into the pricing on the successful vendor's bid. This will keep the playing field level for all vendors.

10Q: Is it acceptable to answer the questions on page 25 of the Pricing Form I and include a comment to refer to an appendix item for further explanation?

10A: Yes, you can refer the review team to the appendix to further explain your decision. Please make sure to keep your appendix to a maximum of 15 pages.

11Q: How many electronic copies of the proposal are required to be submitted?

11A: Please email one electronic copy to [Kate](#). A scan of the paper copy will be acceptable.

Vendor questions will no longer be accepted by the RAQC. Please submit your original bid and paper copies to the RAQC offices and email the electronic copy to [Kate](#) by 5:00 pm Thursday, March 18, 2010.