



Golden Empire Transit District

Addendum #1 to Request for Proposals For

Solar Powered Bus Stop Lighting RFP#G138

Golden Empire Transit District is issuing this Addendum to respond to questions raised by parties interested in the Request for Proposals named above.

This Addendum constitutes an integral part of the RFP and shall be read in conjunction with the RFP. Where inconsistent with the original RFP, or any previous Addendum to the RFP, this Addendum shall govern. Unless specifically changed herein, all other requirements and provisions of the RFP remain unchanged and can only be modified if in writing by GET. It is the responsibility of all Proposers to conform to this Addendum.

Question 1: Will the agency provide a list of locations for solar analysis to the successful proponent at the time of award?

Response: Yes, The District will provide all location information to the awarded proposer

Question 2: Does the agency intend to mark the approximate preferred location for the pole to be mounted at each site prior to the contractor clearing the location with underground utilities?

Response: The District will provide all location information to the awarded proposer

Question 3: Transit agencies across the United States require that all safety lighting systems, regardless of solar or grid tied connection be safety certified by an OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Authority) recognized NRTL (Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/4071a214/0LcXG3dyT0qxZcezfrYdVw?u=https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/nrtllist.html>) organization. These third-party safety certifications limit the agency liability, as well as ensure systems are properly designed and tested for their application. To ensure a minimum safety standard, does the agency require proposers to supply a complete solar power system with NRTL system certification (documentation to be included in submittals for verification) to meet the scope of work requirements?

Response: The solicitation does not require such certification, all safety standards proposed shall be considered during the evaluation of all the proposals received.

Question 4: Would the agency accept digital responses of the RFP or are the hard copies required?

Response: A hard copy must be sent or presented in person on or before the due date listed in the RFP

Question 5: Will the agency mount their own additional infrastructure (i.e. bus stop flags) after the contractor completes installation, or will this be a part of the scope of work?

Response: Any additional infrastructure will not be part of this solicitation

Question 6: In section Solar Powered Light Specifications: "The LED lights shall be adjustable for flexible light patterns". What do you mean by adjustable and or flexible light patterns? Are you expecting that lights themselves will have a dynamic remotely configurable lens system?

Response: to clarify, what we mean is the distribution pattern. A way to control the pattern of the light. For example a 3 foot diameter to 6 foot diameter, or you can tilt or direct the light in a desired spot.

Question 7: In section Bus Stop Poles: "Bus stop poles must be square 2"X 2" 14 gauge and galvanized dipped to resist corrosion. The overall length of the pole must be a minimum of 12'. A minimum of two feet shall be used as the base anchor and a minimum of 10' shall be exposed from the ground level to the top of the pole." Would a 2x2 14ga galvanized pole with a surface mount base and 10' length be acceptable to reduce installation costs, time, and complexity, with appropriate professional engineer stamped drawings for wind load compliance? Or if available would the use of existing poles/ bus stop infrastructure be acceptable for use/installation of the solar powered lighting systems?

Response: the solicitation requires two feet base anchor with a minimum 10' exposed, any deviation from the requirements of the RFP may be taken into consideration during evaluation of the proposals received

Question 8: In section Solar Panel Design: "minimum output of 20 watts" is strictly relative to the specific systems "Array to Load Ratio" requirements. Would a documented and demonstrated Array to load ratio of 1.2 or greater, during the winter months which ensures reliability and positive net charge of 20% per day provided NRAL minimum average solar insolation, suffice in lieu of a specific solar wattage which may be insufficient or overkill for a given system?

Response: the solicitation requires a minimum of 20 watts, any deviation from the requirements of the RFP may be taken into consideration during evaluation of the proposals received

Question 9: Section 18. Solar Pole Installation Locations; appears to be missing from the RFP document. Would you please be able to provide such a list?

Response: The District will provide all location information to the awarded proposer

Question 10: With respect to the warranty, considering the self-contained nature of the desired product, would an all-encompassing 5 year warranty on all parts including batteries be sufficient and preferable to piece-mealing the warranty which may result in unforeseen costs resulting in misdiagnosis?

Response: the solicitation lists all the required warranty information, any deviation from the requirements of the RFP may be taken into consideration during evaluation of the proposals received

Question 11: To ensure functionality, and conduct validation of performance will vendors be required to provide installation photos of each location, and provide proof of operation at night of each location? If so, would a remote telemetry data monitor suffice in showing the unit's solar charging, available lighting configuration, trigger operation (button, Motion, or time), and associated battery levels?

Response: the solicitation does not require a data monitor, any deviation from the requirements of the RFP may be taken into consideration during evaluation of the proposals received

Question 12: Given that this is not a construction project, I wanted to confirm that there is no bonding requirement. Is that accurate?

Response: no bond is required

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