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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Preliminary Assessment Report of Rail Maintenance Yard Sites

INTRODUCTION

Eco-Rapid Transit (also known as the Orangeline Development Authority) invites all qualified firms or teams to respond to this Request for Proposals (RFP) to prepare a Preliminary Assessment Report of alternative sites for a Rail Maintenance Yard along the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Rail Transit Project.

Eco-Rapid Transit is seeking a consultant team that is well versed in rail operations and the requirements for Rail Maintenance Yards. The Consultant shall evaluate alternative sites for the Rail Maintenance Yard and prepare a Technical Report on the Preliminary Assessment of the proposed alternative Rail Maintenance Sites with the goal to identify the Maintenance Yard alternative to be included in the EIR/EIS.

Eco-Rapid Transit is a formal participant of the WSAB rapid transit project and a member of the technical review panel. Metro has delegated the task of managing the Preliminary Assessment of Sites for the Maintenance Yard to Eco-Rapid Transit.

Eco-Rapid Transit anticipates that the scope of work will take 2 months to be completed. To coordinate with other planning efforts overseen by Metro, the consultant must complete the studies by March 31, 2017.

BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro) is in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for a future light rail rapid transit service, which will connect 13 cities (between Artesia and Downtown Los Angeles). The viability of the rail project has been identified in a 2013 Alternatives Analysis, conducted by SCAG, and in a subsequent Technical Refinement Study, conducted by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). The current definition of the proposed service is a light-rail train service mostly along the old West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) rail corridor that served these communities during the days of the abandoned Pacific Electric Rail system of the early 20th Century. Metro has allocated

funds to pursue further development of the proposed new rail service and will take the lead agency roll for an EIR/EIS.

The transit project, as currently proposed, is an independent stand-alone line; therefore an independent Maintenance Yard will be needed. The location and operational characteristics of such a facility must be outlined prior to the initiation of the scoping meetings for the EIR/EIS. A report recommending the Maintenance Yard site(s) to be evaluated in the EIR/EIS must be completed by March 31, 2017.

The West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Transit Corridor is one of twelve (12) transit projects funded by the voters' approval of Measure R in November 2008. In March 2010, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) initiated the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way/West Santa Ana Branch (PEROW/WSAB) Alternative Analysis (AA) Study in coordination with the affected cities, Eco-Rapid Transit, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), Metro, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the owners of the right-of-way. The AA Study was completed in February 2013 and made several recommendations and identified five (5) issues that required additional study. The five issues were:

- Access to Los Angeles Union Station – Northern Terminus;
- Northern Alignment Options;
- Huntington Park Alignment Options and Station Locations;
- New Green Line Station; and
- Southern Terminus – Change from Cerritos to Artesia.

In September 2015, Metro completed the Technical Refinement Study that determined that these issues could be resolved and the WSAB project moved towards environmental review.

In September 2016, Metro approved a contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. (PB), as the lead consultant for an EIR/EIS.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The goal of this effort is to identify several preliminary sites for a Rail Maintenance Yard to be analyzed in the EIR/EIS.

The consultant team role will be to work with the project team to identify potential candidate Rail Maintenance Yard sites along the rail corridor, then to prepare a Technical Report on the Preliminary Assessment of the proposed alternative sites. The report will document appropriate criteria to evaluate potential sites and then report the application of those criteria to assist the project team in selecting the top candidate locations for alternative Maintenance Yard alternatives to be included in the EIR/EIS.

This effort will be directed by Eco-Rapid Transit's staff and will be reviewed by Metro's Senior Director of Sub-Regional Planning with input from the City Working Group comprised of WSAB Transit Corridor Cities. These three groups form the Project Team.

CONSULTANT TEAM SCOPE OF WORK and BUDGET

The Consultant will be expected to work with the Project Team. The Consultant is responsible for maintaining the mutually agreed upon schedule for completion of all tasks.

The following tasks are expected for the completed submittal:

- TASK 1 – Review the latest proposed alignment to develop an initial list of potential Rail Maintenance Yard sites;
- TASK 2 - Develop criteria for selecting a preferred Maintenance Yard site, working with various Metro departments, including Operations. Eco-Rapid Transit staff will coordinate the review;
- TASK 3 – Conduct a field review of the proposed route and the initial list of Maintenance Yard sites;
- TASK 4 – Evaluate the proposed alternative Maintenance Yard sites according to the criteria developed in Task 2; and
- TASK 5 - Prepare a Technical Report documenting the evaluation of the proposed Maintenance Yard sites. The Report will undergo one round of technical review by Metro staff before preparing the Final Technical Report.

DELIVERABLES

The Consultant shall provide the following:

Draft and Final Technical Report documenting the Preliminary Evaluation of Alternative Rail Maintenance Yards.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must include:

- Cover Letter (no more than two pages) that provides the name, address, phone and e-mail addresses of the Consultant, the primary contact name and any sub consultants. An authorized principal of the Consulting firm should sign the letter.
- A summary of the firm's qualifications and experience to successfully perform the project tasks, including key personnel and support staff to be assigned to the project and their core responsibilities.
- Elaboration on the Scope of Services outlined above with additional detail on the approach that will be used to handle the project. Respondents are invited to submit variations and additional elements to the work scope that they feel will enhance project outcomes.
- A breakdown of costs by task and by all assigned staff for the project (including subcontractors) that includes hourly billable rates and provisions for reimbursable expenses. Please note that the funding agency does not reimburse for travel expenses within 50 miles of the Consultant's headquarters or closest branch office.

- Up to three relevant reference projects completed in the last five years, including description of services, key personnel involved, core project outcomes, client name and a reference with current contact information.

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

The Project Team will designate up to five members to form an RFP Selection Committee that will review each response to the RFP and may meet with some or all of the respondents. We may request a firm to clarify, supplement or modify some of the information submitted.

Submittals shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Completeness of the proposal and responsiveness to the RFP;
- Demonstrated professional skills and credentials of the firm and staff to be assigned to the project;
- Evidence that the respondent understands all aspects of the project, including coordination and communication with different entities involved;
- Experience and capacity to work collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary team;
- A clearly defined approach to performing the scope of work; and
- Relevant experience.

SUBMISSION

All submissions must be completed in 12 point font, 8.5" x 11" paper, with 1" margins and should be no more than six pages, not including the cover letter, cost estimate, relevant experience and references. No binders, folders, or coil binding.

Five hard copies and one digital copy (PDF) of the *complete proposal must be submitted by January 31, 2017 at 5:00 pm.*

Proposals are to be sent to the following address:

Mr. Barry Kielsmeier,
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All inquiries and responses to this RFP must be submitted in writing via e-mail to the contact person listed above. E-mail inquiries shall be clearly identified in the subject line as: "Eco-Rapid Transit WSAB Alternative Rail Maintenance Yard Locations RFP."

Eco-Rapid Transit reserves the right to reject all bids as non-responsive.

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in the RFP process.

ATTACHMENTS:

Project Area Map

http://www.eco-rapid.org/Project/Maps/WSAB-Study-Area-Base-Map_Alt2_SCAG%20AA-to-Artesia.jpg