

**ADDENDUM TWO**  
*Questions & Answers - Round Two*

Date: September 27, 2024

To: All Vendors

From: Brandy Henke, Buyer  
 Nebraska Department of Transportation

RE: Questions and Answers - Round One - for Request for Proposal Number RFP R231-24, NEVI Formula Program to be opened November 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request for Proposal. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the RFP.

Solicitation Section Reference	RFP Page Number	Question	Answers
		1. Can you provide a quantitative breakdown of the scored metrics for the candidate site proposal, technical approach, corporate overview, and technical requirements?	The total points available for each aspect of the proposal are provided in the document "Evaluation Criteria".
		2. Does the state allow a project to cost anywhere up to \$1M or does the applicant need to get as close as possible to \$1M? Does the state allow partners to cost share on the 20% required of the primary applicant? Any restrictions?	There is no minimum or maximum limit on eligible project costs. See section VI I for information on cost elements that can be included (eligible costs) and those that can not be included (ineligible costs) in a Bidder's cost proposal. Bidders may request <b>up to</b> 80% federal cost share of all eligible project costs. The Bidder's cost share can come from any non-federal sources, including from project partners.
		3. I'm reaching out to inquire about the anticipated release date for the Round 1 NEVI awards, as the RFP will close on November 4. Additionally, I would appreciate any information on the estimated timeline for the opening and closing of the Round 2 NEVI RFP, which I assume may be scheduled soon after the current round concludes.	NDOT anticipates a December release of the awards. As for the release of round 2, we are anticipating sometime in 2026/2027 as the current federal regulation require the state's Alternative Fuel Corridors to be "built out" according to the Federal Regulations. And to be "built out" means operational. And in our estimation, we are accounting for about a 2-year period for these to be constructed.

I. Procurement Procedure, Section R. Evaluation of Proposals	5	4. Per the evaluation criteria, it states that the lowest cost proposal submitted will receive maximum points in the cost proposal category. Is this lowest cost submitted based on the total eligible costs of the project (line A of form A.7), or total subsidy requested (line B of form A.7)?	Total subsidy requested (line B of form A.7).
I. Procurement Procedure, Section H. Deviations from the Request for Proposal	3	5. If applicants do not submit exceptions with their proposal, Will there be another opportunity for awardees to comment on contractual language post award/during the contracting phase?	As stated in Procurement Procedures, Section H, all proposed changes or alterations to either the contractual language or deliverables within the scope of the Request for Proposal (deviations) must be clearly stated in a Bidder's proposal. NDOT will not consider any deviations during the contracting phase or post-award that were not identified in a Bidder's written proposal.
I. Procurement Procedure, Section J. Submission of Proposals	4	6. If an applicant is applying for more than 1 location, must an applicant submit an entire proposal package (attachment A) per site?	Yes, applicants must submit a complete proposal package for each site on which they are proposing.
II. Terms and Conditions, Section E. Discounts	9	7. Can NDOT confirm what section E. Discounts is referring to? What trade discounts is NDOT referring to?	This is standard boilerplate language for the State of Nebraska. Prices bid shall be inclusive of ALL trade discounts provided to the bidder as related to the deliverables of the RFP.
II. Terms and Conditions, Section F. Prices	9	8. Can NDOT elaborate on the fixed pricing for the first year of the contract?	The prices submitted on the cost proposal form shall remain fixed (FIRM) for the first year of the contract. Any request for a price increase during this initial period will not be considered.
II. Terms and Conditions, Section F. Prices	9	9. Related to the question above, Is this open to negotiation during the contract round?	No. Bidders cannot change their pricing after the bid opening. Also see Section I.I Prices & Cost Clarification and Section I.M Proposal Corrections.
II. Terms and Conditions, Section F. Prices	9	10. Also Related to the question above, the prices submitted in the application rounds are typically quotes that can change slightly based on quotes post award. Is NDOT open to reviewing this language on a case by case basis post award?	No. Bidders should provide their best pricing with their proposal response taking into consideration all requirements in the RFP and as indicated on the Cost Proposal Summary (Attachment A. Form A.7). Also see response to #9 above.
I. Procurement Procedure, Section J. Submission of Proposals	4	11. Is the file naming convention the primary method of distinguishing between multiple proposals?	Yes. Bidders shall name their submitted proposals as indicated in the RFP and be submitted separately.

<p>I. Procurement Procedure, Section J. Submission of Proposals</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>12. May we attach additional documents/attachments to our proposal?</p>	<p>Bidder should make sure all required bid documents are included in their submission. If it is necessary to submit additional pages in order to provide a response, use best judgement. Section II.J states " Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the RFP instructions, responsiveness to requirements, completeness, and clarity of content. If the bidder's proposal is presented in such a fashion that makes evaluation difficult or overly time consuming the State reserves the right to reject the proposal as non-conforming."</p>
		<p>13. As a gap exceeding 50 miles exists between established DCFC facilities in Ogalalla and North Platte, would NDOT consider expanding the RFP to include a new facility in Sutherland? Doing so would remove the need for an exemption while also introducing §680.116(b) minimum uptime requirements along this section of I-80.</p>	<p>NDOT will not add any new locations to this RFP. The proposed location in Sutherland will be taken into consideration for a future round of NEVI awards.</p>

This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Proposal.