



# DALLAS COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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## General Information No. 1

Bid No. 2009-018-4018

### Annual Contract for GPS Fleet Tracking System for County Vehicles

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ADDENDUM)

The Dallas County Purchasing Department has received and hereby provides for general information purposes only the following questions and the County's responses.

(Note: Due to time constraints, Dallas County will not be responsible for ensuring confirmation vendor receipt of this and/or any further acceptance of and/or responses to future questions prior to the solicitation opening date.)

Question No. 1: In regards to the aforementioned bid, there is a reference to a "Mobile tracker". This is item #3 under EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS. Is this a unit different than the GPS Unit? From everything else listed in the bid document, it would appear that the county is only interested in a wired-in GPS tracking unit. If this is not the same as Item #1, please clarify the requirements for Item #3.

Response: They are one in the same. Dallas County is requesting wired-in, concealed, GPS tracking units to be installed.

Question No. 2: Will there be a vendors meeting?

Response: A pre-bid meeting is not scheduled for this bid.

Question No. 3: Of the estimated 300 vehicles, what is the number of cars and/or trucks?

Response: Currently of the 300 estimated vehicles 36 are trucks.

Question No. 4: Does the County have a preference on frequency of receiving real time minute to minute reports and polling updates ie; 30sec, 1 minute, 2 minute, 5 minutes, or 15 minutes?

Response: Tracking of vehicles is to be real time or minute to minute (refer to "System Technical Requirements/Capabilities item #2). Reporting capabilities are to be web based meeting the same tracking frequency requirements.

Question No. 5: Does the County have their own GIS ARC mapping system in place for the vehicle data to resolve to, and if so do they plan to utilize it for this program? - or do they intend to utilize the GPS vendors mapping offering?

Response: Intend to utilize GPS vendors mapping.

Question No. 6: Besides using a hardwire solution will the County also have considerations or the need for using the same hardwired software solution on some of their mobile Blackberry units?

Response: Not at this time.

Question No. 7: Does the installation absolutely have to be done within 7 days after placement of order?

Response: All orders will be placed on an as needed/funding bases. Vendors are to note any exceptions taken to this requirement.

Question No. 8: Please explain what minute to minute monitoring is?

Response: GPS tracking monitoring is performed on a minute-to-minute basis.

Question No. 9: What does the County mean by management reports?

Response: Printed versions of systems reporting capabilities meeting the requirements set forth in this bid.

Question No. 10: What does the County mean by a mobile tracker?

Response: Same as GPS tracker

Question No. 11: Is the monitoring of fuel consumption an absolute requirement for this RFP?

Response: Vendors are to identify all exceptions to any of the requirements set forth in the solicitation. Dallas County reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal due to irregularities as deemed in the best interest of the County. Vendors that fail to list any exceptions will be required to meet the requirements set forth in the bid.

Question No. 12: Does the County currently have a GPS fleet tracking system for county vehicles?

Response: Eighteen Fugitive vehicles have a GPS tracking system meeting the requirements set forth in this solicitation.

Question No. 13: Has this RFP received funding approval?

Response: Dallas County has implemented a new policy that requires any take-home vehicle to have a GPS tracking system installed that meets the requirements set forth in this bid. Each department will be required to provide their own funding source. Departments have the option to fund the tracking system or decline to take home the vehicles.

Question No. 14: What is the MBE eligibility of a minority owned firm from out of state? If we register as a minority owned firm with the County, does the minority paperwork (including the employee racial makeup survey) still need to be filled out? If there is not sufficient time to complete registration with the County, will the County accept our out-of-state minority registration as valid for the purpose of submitting a proposal?

Response: Dallas County accepts M/WBE certification from the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (NCTRCA) only. At this time, other M/WBE certifications are not recognized by Dallas County. We do not have M/WBE registration within Dallas County. However, Dallas County does have vendor registration through the Purchasing Department for all vendors regardless of ownership (minority, woman, non-minority, etc.) If you choose to apply for certification with the NCTRCA, we will only recognize you as an M/WBE firm if you get approved by the NCTRCA prior to the submittal of your proposal. Yes, you are required to complete and return all forms included in the M/WBE specs, including the Vendor Statistical Report Form.

Question No 15: Can out of state vendors bid the on this?

Response: Yes. Dallas County has awarded many contracts to out of state/county vendors.

Question No. 16: Does the subcontractor (that needs to be approved by the county) need to be presented along with the bid or can that sub be retained and approved if the bid is granted?

Response: For purposes of the Minority/Women Owned Business Participation portion of the bid, all certified NCTRCA subcontractors are to be identified and listed with the submission of your bid on the applicable form provided in the bid.