

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS SENECA TRANSIT SYSTEM (STS) BUS SERVICE PROPOSAL

Requests for Proposals are being solicited by the Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI) Department of Transportation (DOT), Seneca Transit System (STS). Proposal is to procure Bus Service as a Third-Party Contract Fixed Route Bus Operation and is subject to New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Rules and Regulations Part 975 Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) Program between Irving, Salamanca, and Steamburg New York, and the environs of the Cattaraugus and Allegany Territories of the Seneca Nation of Indians and Cattaraugus and Erie Counties.

The period of the services sought by this procurement shall be October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, with an option to renew for up to three (3) one-year extensions.

A Pre-Bid/Proposal Conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM (EST) in the conference room at the Onohsagwe:de' Cultural Center 82 W Hetzel St Salamanca, NY 14779. Additionally, the pre-proposal conference will be available via a virtual conference, concurrently. We will communicate the proper media participation credentials before the virtual conference.

Bids/Proposals will be accepted until Friday, July 29, 2022, no later than 4:00 PM (EST) at the offices of the Seneca Nation of Indians Department of Transportation, Seneca Allegany Administration Building, 90 Ohi:yo' Way, P.O. Box 231, Salamanca, New York 14779. Bids/Proposals must be submitted on the provided Bid/Proposal Form. All bid/proposals must be sealed and clearly marked in accordance with the requirements of the Instructions to Bidders/proposers.

ATTENTION: SENECA NATION OF INDIANS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SENECA TRANSIT SYSTEM (STS) BUS SERVICE PROPOSAL
SHARON RAY, ACTING DIRECTOR

Instruction documents are on file at the offices of the Seneca Nation of Indians Department of Transportation Office, where copies and clarifications of the proposal documents may be requested in writing (email, fax or hard copy) from:

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90 Ohi:yo' Way
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All responses to the RFP must include executed copies of the required Certification and Bid/Proposal Forms. Any response not containing these items, or any submission not post marked or received at the time and place designated in this RFP will not be considered.

An executed Non-Collusive Bidding Certification shall accompany each proposal. Failure to provide this certification will result in not having the bid/proposal read. No Respondent may withdraw their bid/proposal for a period of forty-five (45) days after opening.

The contract award will be made by the Seneca Nation after consideration of Bid/Proposal Evaluation Factors, as listed in the Request for Bid/Proposals document.

Questions concerning the Request for Proposals Specifications and Requests for Clarification are required by Thursday, June 30, 2022 no later than 4:00PM (EST). Only questions and requests received in writing (email, fax or hard copy) on the provided Request for Clarifications Form, and addressed to the contact below will be considered.

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The SNI DOT will attempt to respond to Requests for Clarifications by Friday, July 15, 2022. Only requests submitted on the provided form received by the time and date listed above will be addressed. All responses shall be in writing (email, fax or hard copy) and shall be delivered to all Respondents. If necessary, the SNI DOT will issue addenda to modify conditions or requirements of this RFP to bidder/proposer no later than Friday, July 22, 2022.

Prospective bidders/proposers are advised that the services to be provided under any contract arising from this procurement may be financed, in part, by grants provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the contract award is subject to the approval and availability of grant funding. In the event of withdrawal or reduction of said grant funds, a reduction or termination of the services requested pursuant to this RFP may be required.

Required Federal Transit Administration and New York State Contract Clauses and Certifications are included in the RFP Documents. All applicable laws, rules, and regulations shall apply to the contract awardee, and to be executed by, the successful bidder/proposer. Contract award related to this Request for Proposal is subject to review and approval by NYSDOT.

With respect to any agreement by the successful bidder/proposer in response to this Request for Proposals, the Seneca Nation does not waive its sovereign immunity and nothing contained herein shall be construed as waiving the sovereign immunity of the Seneca Nation.

All potential respondents are notified that disadvantaged and women-owned enterprises are encouraged to submit responses to this request. The Seneca Nation will ensure that respondents to this request will not be discriminated against based on sex, race, color, creed or national origin in consideration of an award.

The Seneca Nation reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals, to waive any informality, and to withdraw this solicitation at any time. The Seneca Nation is an equal opportunity employer.