

**MILWAUKEE TRANSPORT SERVICES, INC.**

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

**ADDENDUM NO:** 2

**BID NO:** 2019-16 BUS BATTERY

**OPENING DATE:** JULY 24, 2019 @ 2:00 PM, CST

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION(S):**

Addendum no: 1 stated that that estimated usage is 150 per year but throughout the bid it states 150-200-300 batteries per year for purchase, is this meaning there is 150 per year for purchase and 300 total batteries that will be needed for "usage"

[A: Yes, there is an ESTIMATED usage of 150 batteries per year.](#)

Under requirements: The bid states there will be less batteries being purchased over the next two years due to the three year warranty, as this may seem redundant from the first question, will the overall usage stay around 300 with it being a 50/50 split of purchase and warranties?

[A: No, it will not be a 50/50 split because not all of our vehicles have the AGM batteries yet.](#)

Specifications: is there a sheet to specify specification FM-14-19? [The specs are listed in the bid document in the section under the FM-14-19.](#)

Delivery: Delivery states in the delivery portion, they are to be delivered to 1525 W. Vine St. Milwaukee, WI 53205 as the only delivery address, then at Preparation and delivery it states there are a total of three addresses to deliver to. So will this be delivered to the main hub or will we need to deliver to the three addresses?

[A: The awarded vendor will need to deliver to all locations listed in 5.2A of the Specification. Listing the Vine St address only is an error.](#)

Scope: "all items, features or services not specifically mentioned which are necessary or normally provided shall be furnished by the successful bidder at the bid price shall conform in quality of materials and workmanship to that usually provided by the engineering practice indicated in this specification" What does this mean? If we are the new successor as a bid how would we know what the unwritten thing the current bid holder does and be able to have these services or materials added into our bids?

[A: MTS does not anticipate any battery related issues to arise. This states that if a standard was not met, related to the purchase of the batteries and that resolution to meet that standard would be addressed at the cost of the awardee.](#)

Classification: States 300 batteries year one and 250 batteries year two. Is this usage -150 batteries purchased?

[A: Addendum 1 has stated an ESTIMATED 150 batteries per year.](#)

Specification sheets: If we are matching the exact NSB-AGM-8D-S for bid do we still need to provide said spec sheet? Do we also need a spec sheet and drawing for the add on terminals since these are not technically part of the battery?

A: Yes, spec sheet must be provided for the battery and yes, MTS requires the spec sheet for the terminals. All forms and paperwork listed must be received in order for the bid to be considered responsive.

Terminals: 3.5B States we would need to supply MCTS with replaceable bus adapters for no additional cost. Is this on top of the 1 for 1 terminal kit you would get with each battery? Like extra sets would be no additional cost?

A: No, this is for each battery not extra sets.

Rope handles: If Northstar changes design of their battery in the next two years would the successful bidder need to remove other types of handles and adhere rope handles with sleeves to the battery on their own?

A: The awarded bidder will need to remove other types of handles on their own at their cost, unless the is a handle that is approved by MTS Maintenance Mgmt ahead of the delivery.

Case and cover: States the successful bidder needs to hot stamp date codes into each and every battery, hot stamping would be considered damaging the batteries therefore voiding all warranty from Northstar as written by Northstar. Is there a different way to have this done? Why is the manufactured date code not suitable enough?

R: This has been brought to our attention previously, the manufactured date code is acceptable.

Scrap batteries: "Vendor shall accept all cores regardless of manufacturer or brand" This poses questions to DOT transportation and core disposal costs. Is this only for the bus style batteries or all batteries? Different chemistries of batteries can cost a great deal of money to properly dispose of. If this is for bus batteries only. That would be identified by chemistry as "lead acid batteries" or "lead acid and AGM batteries"

A: This is for bus style batteries only. Lead Acid Batteries and AGM style Batteries.

Samples, Inspection, tests: 4.1A requesting samples, if samples are requested is MCTS paying for the samples? Not sure why samples would be needed if the exact battery out for bid is being used, just covering bases.

A: MTS does not pay for samples. All samples can be returned to each vendor. The battery can be made in different case styles, terminal locations and be rebranded under different manufacturers. This is to guarantee MTS receives what was specified.

Samples, inspection, tests: 4.3A All testing and charging procedures for the correct type of construction of battery. Northstar AGM is not a normal AGM, It is a flat plate pure lead battery. Which has different charging and testing requirements than a normal lead acid battery and different than a AGM battery.

A: There is not a question asked here, but for clarification sake, MTS's battery charger vendor has approved our chargers for NorthStar Style batteries.

Delivery: 5.2A shows 3 locations to the previous one location that was mentioned in the bid. Are these 3 locations current and accurate, last we had the bid there was 5 ship to locations.

A: Section 5.2A is correct there is 3 current locations.

Delivery:5.2C States bidder is liable for the difference in open market price and the contract price. Is this a fair open market price? Would the bidder be able to see the receipt from the vendor MCTS decided to purchase from? These batteries are on the market for a difference in \$500 per battery when conducting a simple google search, so a fair price should be set.

A: This is essentially reiterating that MTS is entering into a two-year fixed price contract. MTS will not accept an increase in cost over the two-year contract. MTS does not collect a receipt from vendors regarding their cost.

Warranty: 6.2A Is this off of MCTS warranty guidelines which are no longer attached in the bid? Or is this strictly from Northstar manufacturer warranty guidelines?

A: The warranty required by MTS, per our specification is 3 years on any/all AGM batteries.

Warranty: 6.2C Does this mean the bidder is technically now under contract for 5 years, 2 selling and 3 years past for warranties? Or does the new bid holder take care of the previous bid holders warranties through Northstar?

A: Yes, that is correct the bidder is responsible for the battery they sell MTS for the three (3) year warranty period.

Warranty: 6.2E Is there a report currently made up? Or is this something we would have to draft, have approved, then use our own report/ form?

A: This would be drafted by the bidder.

Reports: 6.3A This states that there can be denied warranty claims, In all other MCTS battery bid warranty there was no denial of battery warranties. Does this mean we strictly go based off of the Northstar warranty with their claims and credits for MCTS?

A: Yes, the NorthStar warranty will be followed. The batteries that can be denied are either past the warranty timeline or lead acid.

Note: there were no batteries approved as equal for this bid. The bid question and answer period has expired, no further questions will be answered, no further approved equal requests will be considered.

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**BID 2019-16**

Please sign and return one copy with the BID Documents.

We acknowledge receipt of Addendum # 2.

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Name

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Company Name

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Signature

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Date