NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RFP: MM-01-20 Battery Electric Bus (BEB) Purchase

The purpose of this notice is to inform the vendor community that the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) intends to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of Battery Electric Buses.

Milwaukee County’s adopted 2019 Capital Budget outlines that the County will initiate the transition of its vehicle fleet to Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) and away from fossil fuels to lessen exposure to volatile diesel fuel prices, achieve savings over the total lifecycle of the new vehicles, provide clean air and quieter operational benefits to the citizens and neighborhoods in which the County operates our transit fleet and the wider community.

The adopted 2019 Capital Budget also specifies that the new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route, currently in final design and engineering and anticipated to start operations by 2022, will operate with battery electric buses. To comply with these policies MCTS envisions purchasing a small fleet of up to 15 battery electric buses in the near term, which will both operate on the BRT route and be used as a pilot fleet to test the technology on other MCTS routes.

MCTS offers a wide range of business opportunities for contractors, vendors, and suppliers in rolling stock, construction, professional services, maintenance/repair/operations equipment, and more. MCTS shall post the RFP its procurement website at https://www.ridemcts.com/business-partners/ebid

Interested vendors may sign up to receive bid notifications by contacting:

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The timeline below outlines the milestones in this RFP process. This timeline is being supplied for informational purposes only and is subject to change. Specific proposal submission requirements and due dates will be outlined in the RFP document.

- Announcement: February 3, 2020
- Pre-Proposal Meeting/teleconference: February 17, 2020 at 10:00AM CST
- Deadline for Proposer communications and requests: February 28, 2020 at 4:30PM CST
- Proposal Due Date: March 13, 2020 at 2:00 CST
- Presentations will be scheduled as needed