

WIPP Transportation Services Pre Solicitation Conference DE-SOL-0009438

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Questions and Answers

Number	Question	Answer
1	Do you know what the exact volumes for shipping will be?	DOE cannot provide exact numbers at this point in time. For transportation resource planning purposes it is estimated that once shipping resumes, a shipping rate of up to 5 shipments per week will be required through Calendar Year (CY) 2017, then possibly increase up to as many as 10 shipments per week through CY 2020/2021 as the WIPP waste emplacement efficiency is improved. It is unlikely WIPP will receive more than 10 shipments per week until after the new exhaust shaft is online (capital asset project), anticipated to be complete in the 2020/2021 timeframe.
2	Will Policies and Procedures change because of the lower volume?	No, the policies and procedures will remain the same. They are no less stringent.
3	What is the best outlook of transportation of shipping be restored?	DOE has to be declared operational, and is anticipating to start shipments by 2017.
4	What is the normal weight payload?	The payload would allow the total gross weight to stay below the DOT max of 80,000 lbs with a few rare exceptions on TRUPACT III loads which would require carrier obtained permits
5	What is the max weight on your tractors?	19,700 lbs max
6	What are the weights of the TRUPACTS?	~12,700 lbs empty
7	Are the trucks getting more shipments per week?	Not currently; DOE has to follow DOT hours of service regulations.
8	Will there be any tractor specifications added to the RFP? Any additional safety qualifications required for the tractors?	No additional specifications/requirements will be added at this time.
9	Can you post the information regarding the current Government trailer model year, refurbish date, and current mileage to date?	This information will be posted to the Documents Library.

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10	Why are there separate wage determinations?	<p>Wage determinations are applicable based upon the location where the work is performed. There are certain labor classifications that will perform work that is stationary either in NM and/or Texas (i.e. office personnel) and other labor classifications that perform work that are mobile (i.e. truck drivers). Therefore, the two wage determinations included should be applied consistent with the location of the work being performed. For example, the truck drivers would be covered under the “nationwide” area wage determination since their work will involve transport across multiple states.</p>
11	How are the Firm Fixed Price task Orders paid out to the Contractor?	<p>Per Section G.5, Contractors may submit vouchers as frequently as every two weeks for contract items specified in each task order.</p>
12	Will WIPP resume the same level of shipments as pre-2014 with one contractor? What notice will be provided.	<p>See answer to Question 1. Per Section L.19, DOE-L-2016, Number of Awards, It is anticipated that there will be one award resulting from this solicitation. However, the Government reserves the right to make any number of awards, or no award, if it is in the Government's best interest to do so.</p> <p>Notice regarding the shipments will be provided to the Contractor via the 8 week rolling schedule. In addition, notice will be provided to the Contractor regarding basic and additional optional services in accordance with Section H.6, Task Ordering Procedures.</p>
13	How did the work stoppage (shipments) impact the current contractors.	<p>The value of the incumbent contracts was reduced according to the reduced number of shipments needed. See modifications issued:</p> <p>CAST, DE-EM0001819 Mods 9 and 12 Visionary, DE-EM0001840 Mod 9</p> <p>http://www.wipp.energy.gov/library/foia/Current_Contracts.htm</p>

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