

**NOTICE TO TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULING SOFTWARE VENDORS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF
SCHEDULING/DISPATCHING SOFTWARE AND ITS SYSTEMS**

Rides Mass Transit District, acting as lead procurement entity on behalf of 13 urbanized and nonurbanized area transportation systems in the State of Illinois, is seeking competitive proposals for scheduling/dispatching software and other related ITS technologies.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 6, 2010 at the location listed below. One (1) original signature copy and one (1) electronic copy (on CD-ROM, DVD, flash drive, or other appropriate media) of the vendor's Technical and Cost Proposals should be submitted in sealed envelopes/packages labeled "Scheduling/Dispatching Software System – Technical Proposal" and "Scheduling/Dispatching Software System – Cost Proposal." Proposals should be sent to:

Bill Jung, CEO
Rides Mass Transit District
1200 West Poplar
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Rides Mass Transit District is conducting a cooperative procurement. Under this method of procurement, Downstate Illinois transit systems have agreed to issue a single procurement specification. We intend to establish purchasing schedules or arrangements with one or more vendors in which the vendors agree to provide its software system and/or related technologies to other transit systems at established prices determined by this procurement process.

All respondents are notified that disadvantaged and women owned business enterprises are encouraged to submit responses to this request. Rides Mass Transit District 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.

Late proposals will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

This project is funded, in part, by Federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and other Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding under the authority provided in 49 U.S.C. § 5307, 5309, or 5311. Rides Mass Transit District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to withdraw this solicitation at any time.

Bill Jung, CEO
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