



Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority

March 20, 2023

Invitation For Bid

Scaffolding Rental, Delivery, Assembly, and Dismantling

Contract No. 23-11

INTRODUCTION

The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (the Authority) is seeking proposals from qualified suppliers to provide rental of scaffolding to include delivery, assembly, dismantling, and removal.

BACKGROUND

RITBA is a quasi-public agency created by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1954 as a corporate and body politic, with powers to construct, acquire, maintain and operate bridge projects as defined by law. The Authority was responsible for the construction of the Claiborne Pell Bridge (formerly the Newport Bridge) which opened to traffic on June 28, 1969. The Authority has been responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Mount Hope Bridge between Bristol, Rhode Island and Portsmouth, Rhode Island and the Claiborne Pell Bridge between Newport, Rhode Island and Jamestown, Rhode Island since 1964 and 1969, respectively. On April 25, 2013, the State transferred custody, control and supervision of the land and improvements for the Jamestown Verrazzano and the Sakonnet River Bridges from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to the Authority. Ownership and title of the bridges remains with the State. In addition to the four (4) bridges noted above, RITBA also operates and maintains Route 138 through Jamestown and ten (10) smaller bridges associated with this highway and the approaches to the four (4) major bridges.

INVITATION FOR BID REQUIREMENTS

RITBA requires respondents submit pricing in Exhibit A.

RITBA will not accept videos, simulations, or other electronic presentations for this submittal. However, such electronic information may be presented during an interview process for the shortlisted proposers if so necessary.

Proposing firms shall submit two (2) printed copies of the proposal to:

Office of Procurement
Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority
1 East Shore Road
Jamestown, RI 02835

**Attn: Invitation for Bid Scaffolding Rental, Delivery, Assembly, and Dismantling
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The proposal must be received no later than **2:00pm EDT April 4, 2023**. Late submissions will **not** be accepted. RITBA accepts deliveries during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm EDT excluding national and local state holidays. It is the sole responsibility of the responding firm to ensure delivery of its proposal on or before the due date/time, RITBA will not accept any proposals that are received after the due date/time. To control the dissemination of information regarding this IFB, firms interested in submitting proposals shall not make personal contact with any member of RITBA staff and/or Board of Directors. Questions concerning this IFB should be directed, via email to procurement@ritba.org no later than **2:00pm March 27, 2023**,

EDT. RITBA will respond to all relevant questions no later than end of day **EDT March 28, 2023**. This addendum will be posted to RITBA's website (www.ritba.org) and the State of Rhode Island's Division of Purchasing website (www.purchasing.ri.gov).

RITBA accepts no financial responsibility for any costs incurred by a firm in responding to this RFP, participating in oral presentations, or meeting with RITBA prior to being awarded the contract. The proposals in response to this RFP become the property of RITBA and may be used by RITBA in any way it deems appropriate. All information submitted in response to this RFP is deemed public and subject to disclosure unless a separate redacted public copy is submitted, regardless of whether the information is marked confidential/proprietary. Firms may redact in the public copy any trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is of a privileged or confidential nature pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2 et. seq.). If Firm does not submit a redacted public copy, RITBA assumes that firm is not seeking confidential treatment for any of its information and thus, all information is subject to public disclosure. By submitting a proposal, the firm certifies that it has fully read and understands the RFP, has full knowledge of the scope of work to be provided, and accepts the terms and conditions under which the services are to be performed. RITBA will be the sole judge in determining as equivalent products (if applicable).

RITBA reserves the right to, virtually, interview some, all or none of the firms responding to this RFP based solely on its judgment as to the firm(s) proposals and capabilities. RITBA reserves the right to select firms directly from the proposals received without the use of an interview process. RITBA reserves the right to request and consider additional information from submitters, and to reject any submittals on any basis without disclosing the reason. No firm may withdraw their submittal for at least one-hundred twenty (120) days after the time and date set for submission.

RITBA reserves the right to waive any irregularities and technical defects. RITBA reserves the right to modify, amend or waive any provision of this RFP, prior to the issuance of a contract for these services.

SCOPE:

Requesting a price quote for monthly rental of scaffolding scaffold approximately 8-10' wide X 36' long X 40' high including stairs to access all levels. Proposals must meet the following **minimum criteria**:

1. Scaffolding must meet all applicable State and Federal requirements including OSHA standards.
2. Proposal must include a daily rate in the event the project is not completed in one month.
3. Scaffolding must allow access to four sides of the bridge leg for painting.
4. **RITBA staff will provide traffic control during delivery and removal. Please do not include police details or Maintenance of Traffic in your proposal.**
5. Scaffolding must be delivered and assembled within ten (10) days of Notice to Proceed.
6. Removal of scaffolding must be completed within ten (10) days of completion of project unless approved by RITBA.

SUBMITTAL CRITERIA:

The IFB shall include the following items which will assist in the evaluation:

- A. Minimum Requirements** - The proposal shall include the list of RITBA-required minimum requirements and certification of meeting each requirement. Actual specifications and values shall be indicated where they exceed the minimums.

- B. Cost Proposal** - The cost of the proposed equipment should be detailed here and shall include shipping and handling to RITBA by the date indicated herein. RITBA will provide insurance coverage for any damage to the equipment and a certificate of insurance will be provided to the firm. RITBA reserves the right to purchase the equipment from different firms if deemed in the best interest of RITBA.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of the following minimum insurance coverage must be provided:

- a. General Liability limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- b. Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance with limits of \$1,000,000.

RITBA and the State of Rhode Island shall be named as additional insured on all policies of insurance.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

The firm must indicate that it will comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and laws, including Affirmative Action and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs. In accordance with R.I. Gen. Law §§ 37-14.1-1 it is the policy of the State of Rhode Island to support the fullest possible participation of firms owned and controlled by minorities (MBEs) and women (WBEs) (collectively referred to as MBEs herein) in the performance of State procurements and projects.

For further information, visit the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity's website, at <http://odeo.ri.gov/> and see R.I. Gen. Laws 37-14.1, R.I. Gen Laws Ch. 37-2.2, and 220-RICR-80-10-2. The Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity may be contacted at (401) 574-8670 or via email at Dorinda.Keene@doa.ri.gov .

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Campaign Finance Compliance

Every person or business entity providing goods or services at a cost of \$5,000 or more is required to file an affidavit regarding political campaign contributions with the RI State Board of Elections even if no reportable contributions have been made. R.I.G.L. § 17-27 Forms may be obtained at Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Division, website at <https://elections.ri.gov/finance/index.php>. Please call (401) 222-2345 or e-mail campaign.finance@elections.ri.gov with any questions or concerns. For the purposes of this RFP RITBA asks that firms commit to properly filing all appropriate documentation prior to any contract being signed.

Major State Decision-Maker

Does any Rhode Island "Major State Decision-Maker," as defined below, or the spouse or dependent child of such person, hold (i) a ten percent or greater equity interest, or (ii) a \$5,000 or greater cash interest in this business?

For purposes of this question, "Major State Decision-Maker" means:

- (a) All general officers; and all executive or administrative head or heads of any state executive agency enumerated in R.I.G.L § 42-6-1 as well as the executive or administrative head or heads of state quasi-public corporations, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of president, senior vice president, general counsel, director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel or chief of staff.
- (ii) All members of the general assembly and the executive or administrative head or heads of a state legislative agency, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel or chief of staff; and
- (iii) All members of the state judiciary and all state magistrates and the executive or administrative head or heads of a state judicial agency, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel, chief of staff or state court administrator.

If your answer is "Yes," please identify the Major State Decision-Maker, specify the nature of their ownership interest, and provide a copy of the annual financial disclosure required to be filed with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission pursuant to R.I.G.L. §36-14-16, 17 and 18.

Title VI Solicitation Notice

RITBA, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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EXHIBIT A

	Pricing	
	Monthly	Pro-Rated Daily
Scaffolding including delivery, assembly and dismantling		