



Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority

July 22, 2025

**Invitation to Bid
Portable Changeable Message Boards
Contract No. 25-07**

INTRODUCTION

The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) is seeking bids from factory authorized dealers to provide two (2) Ver-Mac Portable Changeable Message Board (PCMS-320).

Due date for bids is no later than 10:30 AM EDT August 12, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "IFB No. 25-07, Portable Changeable Message Boards. RITBA will not accept electronic bid submissions (email, web, fax, etc.) or late bids under any circumstances. RITBA accepts no financial responsibility for any costs incurred by a firm in responding to this IFB, participating in oral presentations, or meeting with RITBA prior to being awarded the contract. The proposals in response to this IFB become the property of RITBA and may be used by RITBA in any way it deems appropriate. All information submitted in response to this IFB is deemed public and subject to disclosure unless a separate redacted public copy is submitted, regardless of whether the information is marked confidential/proprietary. Firm's 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 IFB, 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).

Questions related to this solicitation may be submitted to procurement@ritba.org no later than **10:00AM EDT, July 29, 2025**. Direct contact with RITBA staff or the Board of Directors is strictly prohibited unless submitted in writing to procurement@ritba.org. RITBA may issue an addendum by **end of day EDT, August 1, 2025**, to respond to any relevant questions raised by potential bidders and for any other purposes deemed necessary by RITBA. This addendum will be posted to <https://www.ritba.org> and <https://www.purchasing.ri.gov>.

Bid specifications:

Quantity: 2 Units

Make: Ver-Mac

Model: PCMS-320

Options:

- Tilt and Rotate Kit for Solar Panels
- Hydraulic pump for main mast
- Battery Charger
- Sealed Lead-Acid batteries
- Tongue Wheel Jack
- Digi IX30 Industrial Cellular Modem 4G

- NO SIM/Data plan required, RITBA will procure our own (Verizon)
- Axis Communications PTZ CCTV unit with manual winch (no electric), Push-bar instead of winch is acceptable
- 30 x 48 pixels (4-LEDs per pixel), full-matrix, amber
- NTCIP-Compliant V-Touch Controller, 7-inch, No Wi-Fi option
- Standard Warranties
- Does NOT require Anti-theft battery box

BONDS

Removed from solicitation.

SUBCONTRACTORS

The bidder must demonstrate that it is able to perform a substantial portion of the work using its own workforce. Any bidder that does not maintain a permanent workforce and/or proposed to perform a disproportionate amount of the work through one or more subcontractors may be considered unqualified. The successful bidder must establish to the satisfaction of RITBA the reliability and responsibility of any subcontractors proposed to perform any work pursuant to this solicitation.

WITHDRAWAL

A bidder may withdraw its bid proposal at any time prior to the bid proposal submission deadline. Bid proposals are irrevocable for a period of sixty (60) days following the bid proposal submission deadline.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Campaign Finance Compliance

Every person or business entity providing goods or services at a cost of \$5,000 cumulated value 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 firm's commit to properly file 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.

**Bid Form
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To: Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority
One East Shore Road
P.O. Box 437
Jamestown, RI 02835-0437

Bidder: _____
Legal name of entity

Address (street/city/state/zip)

_____/_____/_____

Contract (name/telephone/email)

1. Bid Price

The Bidder submits this bid proposal to provide the Portable Changeable Message Boards described in the solicitation for this Bid Price:

\$ _____
(Base bid price *in figures* printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

\$ _____
(Base bid price *in words* printed electronically, typed, or handwritten legibly in ink)

1. Allowances

The Base Bid Price includes the costs for the following Allowances:

Not Applicable

2. Bonds

Not applicable

3. Addendum

The Bidder has examined the entire solicitation (including the following Addenda), and the Base Bid Price includes the costs of any modifications required by the Addenda.

Addendum No. 1 dated: _____

Addendum No. 2 dated: _____

4. Contract Time

The Bidder offer to perform the work in accordance with the timeline specified below:

- PCMS must be delivered to 1 East Shore Road, Jamestown, Rhode Island within 30 days after bid is awarded.

5. Liquidated Damages

Not applicable

6. Subcontractors

Bidders are required to disclose any anticipated subcontractors at the time of bid submission. Please use the form below to disclose those anticipated subcontractors and the estimated value of those subcontractors.

Name of Subcontractor	Estimated Value of Subcontract
1	
2	
3	
Total Value of Subcontracts	

This bid proposal is irrevocable for 60 days from the bid proposal submission deadline. The person signing below certifies that he or she has been duly authorized to execute and submit this bid proposal on behalf of the Bidder:

Bidder

Name of Bidder

Signature of Bidder

Printed name and title of person signing on behalf of bidder

Date signed

- END OF IFB -