

Questions and Answers – Round 5

Midwest Fleet Manager

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1. It is Offeror's understanding, based on numerous references throughout the RFP, that the role of the Fleet Manager will not include *oversight* of the Service Operator, but rather the role of the Fleet Manager includes *coordination* with the Service Operator. Can IDOT please clarify whether the last sentence of **Task 3 on page 25** (which provides that the Offeror's proposal must: "detail the process for ... on-site *oversight* of the MC *and Service Operator*, as required") is an error? **Correct and should be "coordinate"**. Does serving as Service Operator preclude an offeror from submitting a proposal for the Fleet Manager RFP? **The responsibilities and duties of the Fleet Manager and the Service Operator must be separate. Having these responsibilities and duties performed by the same entity would present a conflict of interest.**

2. While the terms of the MDOT RFP will not be known until it is issued, the IDOT Fleet Manager RFP refers to the MDOT RFP process as being "for the maintenance of the MW NGEP once it starts coming online mid-2016." Since the MDOT RFP has not yet been issued but the equipment is anticipated to begin coming online in mid-2016, please clarify whether the Fleet Manager would be precluded from providing interim maintenance services until such time that Michigan selects a Maintenance Contractor? **The Midwest states will need to make a determination on this at such time as MDOT is ready to issue the Maintenance Contractor RFP.**

3. Offeror currently maintains the existing equipment used in the Midwest state supported services. Offeror understands if Offeror were to be selected under this Fleet Manager RFP process, Offeror would be ineligible to submit a bid for the upcoming Maintenance Contractor opportunity. However:
 - A). Does being the current maintainer of existing equipment used in the Midwest state supported service preclude Offeror from submitting a bid for the Fleet Manager? **No – the current equipment is owned by the maintainer.**

 - B). Would agreeing to perform interim maintenance on the new locomotives during the warranty period preclude Offeror from submitting a bid for the Fleet Manager opportunity? **Yes – the new locomotives are owned by the states and the coordination of their assignment and the insurance of a proper standard of care is of paramount importance to the states.**