## **Notice Inviting Proposals**

### For

## **Comprehensive Operational Analysis**

# Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority

#### Notice and Request to Proposers

Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA), a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) located in eastern Contra Costa County, California, is accepting proposals from qualified firms to perform a comprehensive operational analysis of ECCTA's mobility services and redesign of its system. This project shall include the furnishing of all labor, equipment, materials, testing, tools, training, and other services as required by the Scope of Work section and other contract documents.

ECCTA was formed in 1976 as a JPA consisting of the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Pittsburg and the county of Contra Costa. Oakley incorporated as a city and joined the JPA in 1999. ECCTA provides over 1,000,000 trips each year to a population of nearly 330,000 residents in the 225 square miles of eastern Contra Costa County.

#### **Pre-Proposal Conference**

A pre-proposal conference will be held remotely, via Zoom, at 4:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, November 30. All prospective proposers are encouraged to attend. Registration will be required prior to joining the conference and can be done by following the link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcOGvpzsiH9Wa28IoA0f8hHAyYILeSH1L

### **Deadline for Receipt of Proposals**

Proposals will be received by Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA) until 3:00 p.m. local time, on Monday, January 8. Proposals may be submitted either via Bid Express or via mail to ECCTA's facility located at 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509. Proposals received after the said time or at any other place other than the time and place stated in this RFP will not be considered. Proposals must be received on the enclosed ECCTA proposal form with the required certification forms listed in the proposal documents. Proposals submitted on any other forms will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

#### **Proposal Documents/ECCTA Representative**

Copies of the RFP documents may be obtained from the following ECCTA representative:

Joe Chappelle Manager of Administrative Services Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority 801 Wilbur Avenue Antioch, CA 94509 Fax: (925) 757-2530 procurement@eccta.org

Copies of the RFP documents may also be obtained by visiting the following link: <u>https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/72695/home</u>. New users to the Bid Express portal will be required to complete a free registration before receiving access to the RFP documents.

ECCTA may change the identity or contact information of the ECCTA representative at any time through the issuance of an addendum.

Following the closure of the proposal submittal period, ECCTA intends to procure the highest quality service possible for the best value possible.

All proposals must be furnished in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract documents, including the Information for Proposers, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Scope of Work, and Proposal Form. All prospective proposers receiving proposal documents directly from ECCTA will be notified of all addenda and will receive copies.

#### **Federal Requirements**

This contract is subject to the receipt of financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and local sales tax funds, and may also be subject to a grant contract between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The contract is subject to laws and regulations governing the use of such funds. Bidders will be required to certify that they have not been suspended or debarred from participation in federal or state funded contracts. Full compliance with applicable Safety and Health Standards, DBE requirements, Equal Employment Opportunity and Americans with Disabilities Act laws and regulations will be required of the successful bidder.

ECCTA has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. DOT, 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 26, and as a recipient of federal financial assistance, ECCTA has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 C.F.R. Part 26. As such, ECCTA hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this IFB, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) will be afforded full opportunity to submit a bid in response to this request. ECCTA shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any U.S. DOT-assisted contracts or in the administration of its DBE Program or the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26. ECCTA shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 C.F.R. Part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of U.S. DOT-assisted contracts. ECCTA's DBE Program, as required by 49 C.F.R. Part 26 and as approved by U.S. DOT, is incorporated by reference in this contract. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this contract. Upon notification to ECCTA of its failure to carry out its approved program, the U.S. DOT may

impose sanctions as provided for under Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.).

#### **Reserved Rights**

ECCTA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposal or in the proposal procedure, to make any awards or any rejections in what it alone considers to be in the best interest of ECCTA, or to postpone the due date of proposals or award for any reason whatsoever in ECCTA's sole discretion. No proposer may withdraw its proposal for a period of 60 calendar days after the date of opening of the proposals. Each proposer will be notified of the award of contract, if an award is made.

Office of the Chief Executive Officer November 22, 2023