

**Lease of Transit Tires and Related Services
2015-MA-02
Pre-Bid Meeting**

**July 8, 2015
1:00 PM
Paratransit Building Boardroom**

Attendees:

Kevin Finn, County Connection
Carlos Flores, Bridgestone
Mike Foley, County Connection
Joe Leipart, Bridgestone
Kristina Martinez, County Connection
Keith Riggins, Goodyear
Patricia Rogers, County Connection

Kevin Finn, Manager of Grants and Purchasing for County Connection, began the meeting by stating the meeting minutes, addendums, changes, clarifications, and any questions and answers will be posted on County Connection's website www.countyconnection.com under "RFP-Lease of Transit Tires and Related Services." Any questions that are answered will have the answers posted on this website; answers will not be given directly to the contractor.

Kevin stated that the deadline for changes and clarifications is July 22, 2015. County Connection will move quickly in answering questions.

Kevin stated that the Bid opening date is July 31, 2015, 2:00PM, in the County Connection Boardroom.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Kristina Martinez, County Connection's DBE representative, stated that you may contact her with any DBE questions. Answers will be posted on our website. Kristina stated that there is no specific DBE goal on this Contract. However, there is a 7% Agency wide DBE goal.

Kevin stated that there have been two corrections made to the Bid. These corrections will be in an Addendum posted to County Connection's website.

Kevin asked if anyone had any questions.

Questions/Statements

Q: Do the tires need to be American built, only, or can they be produced out of the country?

S: Instructions to Bidders and General Conditions paragraph 53 "Buy America Requirements" states, "The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 5323(j) and 49 CFR Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver."

Q: How many service people are required and what are their hours?

S: One service person is required. Hours are Monday through Thursday 6AM-2:30PM, and Friday 4AM-12:30PM. These are set hours due to the bus schedule.

Q: Does County Connection use re-grooved tires? Does County Connection use re-treaded tires?

S: Yes, we use re-grooved tires and re-treaded tires.

Q: Do you have just the one location?

S: Yes, we have just the one location.

Q: Are you open to testing new types of tires?

S: We don't want to make any serious changes to our tires, but you can request a change.

Q: Who handles the recordkeeping?

S: The tire company handles the recordkeeping and maintains the files.

Q: Does the tire person inspect the tires?

S: Yes, the tire person walks the bus parking pad and inspects the tires. County Connection personnel may see something during a bus inspection, but it is the tire person's responsibility to perform regular tire inspections.

Q: Is the work done on tires performed inside or outside of a building?

S: Work on tires is done inside of a building.

Q: Are the tires stored inside or outside?

S: All the tires are stored inside.

Kevin Finn closed the meeting by stating that a tour of the tire shop will be conducted at that time.