

Highway Helper Services RFP
Purchasing Bid Proposal 12359

Pre-Bid Meeting Vendor Questions from October 1, 2014:

44. Will radio frequency keys be provided to the successful Vendor?

Response:

Yes.

45. The RFP indicates the Highway Helper program can be stopped at any time due to a lack of funding. This is a concern for a Vendor who has made a significant investment into providing this service and relying on the full contract term to recoup this investment.

Response:

This is standard language which included in all contracts let through the DOT's Purchasing section.

If the contract is terminated prior to the end of the full contract term, and the Vendor's performance is not the issue, it is the Vendor's prerogative to pursue the necessary means to provide remedy for damages. Those means are:

- Direct negotiation with DOT
- Filing a Tort Claim against the State of Iowa
- Filing a Law Suit against the State of Iowa

46. Do you have to be a certified Iowa vendor to bid this RFP? If so how do I do this? Is there a form to be filled out?

Response:

Prior to entering into a contract with the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Vendor must be registered with the Iowa Division of Labor.

47. Is the up-front money available to reimburse the Vendor during the transition time before the on-road Highway Helper services begin.

Response:

Yes. Please refer to the response to Question 38.

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48. Does the Iowa DOT have resources available for Highway Helper training?

Response:

No. The Vendor is expected to develop a training program based on the RFP requirements. This training program will be submitted to the DOT for review and approval (please refer to Section 3.6.5 of the RFP).

49. Do holidays change the Highway Helper Operations rate?

Response:

No.

50. Do you want an arrow board which folds up on top of the vehicle?

Response:

Possibly.

The Vendor will propose a design for the vehicle configuration, including the arrow board and DMS mounting. The DOT will review the proposed design(s) and approve the final design.

Note: Refer to Appendix F.3 of the RFP for a photograph of the existing Highway Helper Vehicle arrow board configuration. While this is not a requirement, it represents one possible solution.

51. Will the Highway Helper vehicle DMS be controlled from the truck or remotely?

Response:

The Highway Helper vehicle DMS will be controlled from the truck.

52. Section 3.4.1 requires the Highway Helper vehicles to be new (model year 2015) and undamaged. Is the scheduled replacement of the vehicles a requirement?

Response:

The DOT expects the Vendor to determine the appropriate replacement schedule for the Highway Helper vehicles and to factor those costs into their bid.

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53. Will there be a possibility of call outs in the middle of the night?

Response:

The DOT does not anticipate Highway Helper services being called out in the middle of the night.