

Bid Proposal 14860
Statewide Roadway Data Collection Services
Responses to question Set 1

1. Is insurance coverage for pollution liability applicable to this project?
R: No it does not apply

2. Can you clarify the mechanism for extending the contract term? Page 7 of the RFP pdf says the contract will be renewed by mutual agreement. Page 13 (paragraph 1.1) includes language suggesting that the Iowa DOT may extend the contract without mutual agreement.
R: The Standard terms and conditions B3 states...may be renewed for additional period(s) under the same terms and conditions upon mutual agreement as defined. Definitions are found in the Procurement Timetable including contract begin and end date and number of renewals. Section 1.1 means that Iowa DOT has the right to offer a renewal(s) at their discretion. The offer is made by Iowa DOT but the renewal is dependent on mutual agreement so if a renewal is offered to the contract holder and the contract holder cannot or does not agree, the renewal period is not pursued.

3. On p. 2 in the Procurement Timetable, Contract Length, it states the contract starts Nov 16, 2015 and ends Oct 31, 2017 and has 4 renewals. Does that mean that the contract is able to be renewed by the State for 4 additional 2-year terms after the original 2 years?
R: Generally there is an initial contract period established which can be one year or a multi- year initial agreement with annual renewals after that. The initial period is longer to allow time to build a system or product and then subsequent years as maintenance and /or continued services thereafter.

4. For the Field Evaluation, it states the bidders will be evaluated for delivering items in sections 3.3 to 3.9. For the data delivered for the Field Evaluation, do bidders need to provide an independent third-party assurance consultant as described in section 3.9.1 Data Quality Assurance?
R: It is not necessary for bidders to provide an independent third-party assurance consultant as described in section 3.9.1 for the field evaluation.