Addendum Number 1
Request for Proposal #19-05-207122
Purchase of New 100 Ton 89’ General Service Flat Cars

This addendum is being issued to provide information as follows: THE CLOSING DATE FOR THIS SOLICITATION HAS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT RECEPTIONS, ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. 327 W. SHIP CREEK AVENUE, ANCHORAGE AK 99501 UNTIL 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED.

PROPOSAL INFORMATION, CONDITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS:

Closing date changed to August 12, 2019.

ARRC requests one (1) electronic copy of the submitted proposals be provided either via flash-drive or emailed to BatesT@akrr.com

BIDDER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. Tim, Per our phone conversation, ARRC has requested a wooden deck for the flatcars. We recently redesigned our 89’ heavy duty flat cars with steel plate deck, the deck is composed of non-nailable steel. Would this design be acceptable for ARRC’s bid?

   Due to the multi-functional intended use of these cars, steel decks would not be acceptable. ARRC will require wooden decks for these cars

2. Car specs “cold rolled channel side sills” – this requirement will limit availability of side sills to one, and at best two vendors. Cars we have built for ARRR in past had hot rolled structural beams/channels. We request that the spec. be changed to include other structurally appropriate side sill materials which are more widely available. It should be noted that car still needs to meet ARR structural requirements.

   Both hot-rolled and cold-rolled side sills will be acceptable.

3. Brakes, 8.5” cylinder body mounted brakes. The 8.5” cylinder restricts use of other, appropriate sizes. Generally, 10” cylinders are much more widely used than the 8.5”. We request a change to spec to broaden the use of other sized cylinders.

   ARRC will accept the 10” cylinders as requested.
4. End of car cushioning- generally this car would require a 15” cushion unit due to your myriad uses of the car. It is possible other vendors could be quoting a standard draft gear with a 3.25” travel. This would be a significant cost difference (less) compared with EOC cushion units. What is ARR’s position on this? Do you want a price both ways?

ARRC requires cushioning units, not draft gear. The current ARRC standard is a Wabtec EOC-8B and is what is preferred for these cars.

Please acknowledge receipt of this and all addendums in your firm’s Supply Bid Form (Form 395-0132). All other dates, terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Please direct all responses and/or questions concerning this solicitation to Timothy Bates, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Contracts, 327 Ship Creek Avenue, Second Floor, Anchorage, AK 99501, telephone number 907-265-2355, fax number 907-265-2439 or at email address BatesT@akrr.com.

Sincerely,

Timothy Bates
Timothy Bates
Contract Administrator
Alaska Railroad Corporation