Addendum Number 1
Request for Proposal #19-21-207144
As-Needed Signal Engineering, Design & Consultation Services

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, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED.

PROPOSAL INFORMATION, CONDITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS:

Closing date changed to August 14, 2019.

BIDDER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. Can you share ARRC org chart?
   ARRC’s most recent organizational chart is attached.

2. The transmittal letter (required under Qualifications of the Firm, p15) is this the same as the cover letter (required under Proposal Format on p12) – and does not count against the 30-page restriction.
   The required compliance submittals do not count against your firm’s 30-page limit.

3. Please confirm how many copies should be delivered in hard copy. Page 5 of the RFP says “one (1) marked original and three (3) copies,” but Proposal Format on p12 says “Interested firms shall submit one (1) original proposal and four (4) copies.”?
   One original and three copies are required. The reference on page 12 is a typo.

4. What part does cost play in evaluation? Page 5 says “Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror’s best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint,” but there is no mention of including cost in the proposal, and it’s not an evaluation criterion This Work and Solicitation fall under the Brooks Act and therefore cost cannot be used as an evaluation criterion for ranking of firms. Cost will be negotiated with the highest ranked firm and if we cannot agree on a fair and reasonable rate then ARRC will move on to the next highest rated firm for negotiations.
5. The RFP asks for “Signal Engineering, Design & Consultation Services” in its title – but the Scope of Work in Section A only includes engineering and consultation services. Are the required wayside design services being included in the engineering and consultation activities?  
Yes.

6. Does Section F (or applicable portions) need to be signed/included in proposal as an exhibit?  
Yes, Article 25 in Section F is required and should be submitted as an appendix or exhibit to your firm’s proposal.

7. Section B 15 (References) and 16 (Clients), on page 13, require lists of references and clients of various categories. May we include these in an exhibit, so that they do NOT count against the 30-page limit?  
The required compliance submittals do not count against your firm’s 30-page limit.

8. Does the original copy of the proposal need to have a “wet” ink signature? Due to the very short timeline, will a copy of the original wet signature suffice?  
No. Digital or copied signatures are acceptable.

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