

INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Professional Services to Develop a Strategic Business Plan

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), in collaboration with the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, is seeking sealed Proposals from qualified Firms to provide professional services for the development of a Regional Commuter Rail Strategic Business Plan for NICTD, as more fully described and defined in the Workslope of the Proposal Packet, as prepared by the District. All Proposals must meet NICTD's specifications as further described in the Workslope of the Proposal Packet.

A Pre-Proposal Meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at the Dune Park Offices located at 33 E US Hwy 12, Chesterton, IN, 46304.

Proposal Form Packets, including specifications, are available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., local time, at the following location:

NICTD

601 North Roeske Avenue
Michigan City, IN 46360-2669
Ph (219) 874-4221 Ext. 267
Fax (219) 872-5841

randy.welch@nictd.com

Attn: Randy Welch, Purchasing Manager

Proposal Packets are to be requested by either fax or email. Your request should include the company name, address, email address, phone number, and the individual's name to respond to. Information regarding this Proposal, including the results, can be found at NICTD.com. (Go to Info, then Purchasing)

Proposals, one (1) original and eleven (11) copies, shall be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope clearly marked: "Regional Commuter Rail Business and Strategic Plan – DO NOT OPEN" which shall be contained within an outer shipping envelope. Proposals shall be submitted on forms contained in the Proposal Packet.

Proposals shall be received at:

NICTD

33 East U.S. Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304-3514

Attn: Purchasing Manager

Proposals will be received not later than 2:30 p.m., local time, Friday, January 4, 2013, at which time they will be opened. Meeting is not open to the public. Proposals received after the above stated time and date will be returned to the sender unopened. Proposals must set forth full, accurate, and complete information as required by the instructions in the Proposal packet. Failure to do so may result in rejection of a proposal.

NICTD has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of ten (10) percent. Proposers are required to make good faith efforts to meet or exceed this goal.

NICTD reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and/or waive technical defects if, in its judgment, the interests of NICTD so require. NICTD reserves the right to accept any proposal within 90 days after the time of the opening of the proposal, during which time no proposal shall be withdrawn.

Gerald R. Hanas
General Manager

(November 27, December 4, 2012)