

KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (KCATA)
VENDOR INFORMATION REQUEST (RFI) #21-8010-59A
REAL TIME INFORMATION SIGNS (RTIS) -- KANSAS CITY STREETCAR MAIN STREET EXTENSION

ADDENDUM #1

Issue Date: May 20, 2021

This Addendum is hereby made a part of the Request for Information (RFI) to the same extent as if it were originally included therein and is intended to modify and/or interpret the RFI documents by additions, deletions, clarifications, or corrections. The Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in their submittals in the Transmittal Letter.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED FIRMS

The submittal deadline to **2:00 PM CDT on Friday, May 28, 2021.**

PROPOSER QUESTIONS

1. Q: Does KCATA have interest in sharing media other than transit information on the new signage?
Examples: Videos, marketing media, etc.

A: *Yes, possibly, if it's in accordance with KCATA policy.*
2. Q: Is KCATA's transit related information (real-time information) available through open feeds?

A: *Yes.*
3. Q: Is KCATA interested in learning about any on-board vehicle signage/infotainment systems?

A: *Yes.*
4. Q: Is KCATA interested in learning about any indoor signage solutions?

A: *Yes.*
5. Q: Can an estimated date of when the procurement of these real time displays will be made? We ask since we are constantly improving our digital signage offerings. If MSE Real time signs are procured closer to completion of MSE, our current product offerings might not be the current "state of the art" from our company. We can offer products and services that are in development subject to be current offerings by 2022 and on.

A: *It is currently anticipated procurement of signs will begin in April 2022.*
6. Q: Text and graphics are stated as a requirement as well as video screens are to be considered. We assume the product types requested are required to run video clips as well. Please confirm.

A: *Ability to run video clips may not be a requirement for the upcoming procurement but would be acceptable feature.*

7. Q: Can an overall size and weight “not to exceed” of the product be provided?
- A: *Not to exceed requirements have not been determined. From a practical standpoint, the maximum size of a pole mounted sign is assumed to be roughly the size of the existing signs. The existing signs are approximately 24” tall and up to 36” long. Maximum sign weight specification is anticipated to be around 150 lbs.*
8. Q: How many characters per the three lines of text are to be displayed? Best guess is fine as this is needed for sizing suggested products.
- A: *Our current signage has about 20 characters per line. New signs will likely be similar but character height and characters per line will be determined by final sign height design and specified viewing distance.*
9. Q: Regarding the Buy America requirements, is this the Compliance / Non-Compliance with exceptions with 49 U.S.C. Section 5232(J)(1)? Please confirm and/or supply the BA requirements form of the manufacture and products for this effort.
- A: *Buy America rules of 49 U.S.C. 5232(j)(1), as implemented at 49 C.F.R. Part 661 will apply to the future procurement.*
10. Q: What is the life expectancy of the product requested? This varies depending on product(s) in the industry and warranties, support and services are not statements of life expectancy. Please advise.
- A: *Seven (7) years minimum*
11. Q: Section 2.3, Item 2.c.
- a. The “Screens Information” is helpful in understanding the desired elevation, quantity of lines, and readability. However, without a defined number of characters per line, it is difficult to confirm the final sign dimensions/weights and optimize the final recommended product(s). Therefore, can you please confirm the desired number of characters per line?
- b. Regarding “a minimum of 3 lines of appropriately sized text are preferred,” can you elaborate on “appropriately sized text”?
- A: *This is not a procurement. Final specifications have not been developed for the future procurement. We are interested in vendor’s existing sign products, features, and specifications. Below is some information that may be helpful.*
- a. *KC’s current signage has about 20 characters per line. New signs will likely be similar but character height and characters per line will be determined by final sign height design and specified viewing distance. Required sign dimensional requirements and weight have not been determined, however, from a practical standpoint, the maximum size of a pole mounted sign is assumed to be roughly the size of the existing signs. The existing signs are approximately 24” tall and up to 36” long. Maximum sign weight specification is anticipated to be around 150 lbs.*
- b. *Appropriately sized text was intended to mean ADA compliant.*
12. Q: Section 2.3, Item 3.b. What is the intent of the remote configuration, remote programming? Does remote programming refer to Content? Are you looking for a complete system reboot or just the player/PC?
- A: *Yes. Remote capabilities would be for systems monitoring and player/PC reboot and to upload content real-time if needed (e.g., display message if system operations are temporarily shut down).*

13. Q: Section 2.3, Item 5. Please clarify the statement concerning UPS capability. Is this external to the displays?
- A: *Please identify if your products include an internal uninterrupted power source or not.*
14. Q: Can you provide the elevation height of the structure the signs would be mounting to (i.e., canopy structure height vs. pole mounting height, etc.)?
- A: *This is not a procurement. Final specifications have not been developed for the future procurement. Approximate pole heights and anticipated sign heights were included in the RFI.*
15. Q: Is this a new sign installation or a sign replacement project?
- A: *New and possibly replacement of existing.*
16. Q: Will the new signs be driven from an existing or new Real Time Information System (RTIS)?
- A: *We anticipate the new signs real time information will be provided thru GTFIS feeds. Existing sign real time information is thru Trapeze radio data communications. The existing signs may be replaced to provide uniformity with the new signs.*
17. Q: Where do you plan to install the signs? Do you want to installation shop drawings to be included in the RFI document?
- A: *The signs will be pole mounted at streetcar stations along Main Street. No project specific installation shop drawings are requested. If standard drawings are available, submitting of those are fine.*
18. Q: Could you estimate the quantities of the outdoor signs? We are a 20-year-old company headquartered in the state of Florida and we manufacture transit signs depending on the size of the contract. Currently, we can manufacture 200 units annually in our Miami facility and 800 units annually in our Brooklyn facility.
- A: *It's estimated that a minimum of about twenty (20) will be procured and potentially up to around thirty-five (35).*
19. Q: a. Please specify the size and type of sign you would like included in the RFI (i.e., double-sided ceiling mounted, double-sided transit kiosk, bus shelter ad-revenue sharing kiosk, or solar powered bus stop digital sign)?
- b. Please confirm if free-standing kiosks/totems are viable for consideration in addition to overhead-mounted displays?
- A: *We are primarily interested in pole mounted double-sided signs to display real-time arrival information. We are also interested in ground mounted single and double-sided kiosks. You may provide catalog information on all of your signage products if you wish.*
20. Q: Are you open to hear about transit ground leasing (parking lots) to install 5G networking media transit kiosks?
- A: *You may provide catalog information on all of your signage products and services if you wish.*

21. Q: How can we ensure proprietary information protection? Please clarify sections A.1, A.2 and A.3 under Section 3.4 apply to our response since this is an email submittal?

A: *Because this is an email submission, KCATA's instructions for submitting proprietary information for this proposal only have been amended as follows:*

1. *A proposer may restrict the disclosure of scientific and technological innovations in which it has a proprietary interest, or other information that is protected from public disclosure by law, which is contained in the proposal by marking each page of each such document prominently in at least 16-point font with the words "Proprietary Information."*
2. *The proposals submitted as part of this Request for Information (RFI) will be considered public records open for inspection. If access to documents marked "Proprietary Information," as provided above, is requested under the Missouri Sunshine Law, Section 610 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the KCATA will notify the Proposer of the request and the Proposer shall have the burden to establish that such documents are exempt from disclosure under the law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in response to a formal request for information, the KCATA reserves the right to release any documents if the KCATA determines that such information is a public record pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law.*

22. Q: Can KCATA provide additional information regarding the specific locations intended for installation?

A: *You can find detailed information on the Main Street Extension project at the Kansas Streetcar Authority website. <https://kcstreetcar.org/about-streetcar/mainstreet-extension/>*

23. Q: Can KCATA provide information about the ambient sunlight levels at the installation locations?

A: *No. The project is in the Main Street corridor from downtown KC to 51st & Brookside. Approximately six miles in length.*

24. Q: Will new or existing architecture provide partial or complete shade, should all solutions assume operation in full sun?

A: *Yes. Full exposure to the sun should be assumed.*

25. Q: Are you looking for any information on Sign Content & Management software in this RFI?

A: *Yes. If those services are available.*

END OF ADDENDUM