

Plotter Questions for TDOT Bid 3/22/16

1. Must bidders be only manufacturers? Or can authorized dealers provide bids?
Authorized Dealers can submit bids, but they must be able to provide all products and services specified in the Invitation
2. Must service be performed by ONLY the manufacturer? Or can it be performed by factory trained technicians by authorized dealers with support of the manufacturer?
A bidder may use a sub-contractor to provide service, however, the state will only contract with the bidder. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the performance of all sub-contractors.
3. What is the total number of systems needed?
TDOT needs nine (9) plotter systems.
4. 2.1.8-Can ink be substituted for micro-density toner as long as it has the same durability and print quality, and low cost per print as toner?
Ink is acceptable as long as the proposed plotter meets ALL other specifications of cost, durability and speed.
5. 2.1.9-states speeds of 7-9.7 (O size prints-24"X36") per minute, yet 2.1.10 states 4.1 ips speed. 4.1 ips is 10.25 (O size prints) per minute. So would 8 (O size) per minute be acceptable, or does it need to be over 10/min?
2.1.9 states: "OUTPUT SPEED RATED UP TO NINE AND SEVEN-TENTHS (9.7) D-SIZE (24" X 36") PRINTS PER MINUTE. SEVEN (7) D-SIZE PRINTS PER MINUTE IS THE MINIMUM OUTPUT SPEED."
Specification 2.1.9 will be considered the minimum accepted output speed.
6. 2.1.17-If there is no transfer roller needed for printing, is this acceptable?
If a transfer roller is not needed to achieve edge to edge printing AND proposed plotter meets ALL other specifications of cost, durability and speed, we would accept that proposal.
7. 2.1.17- edge to edge, is this really needed or just be able to print 36" wide?
The specification stands as written. TDOT desires true edge to edge printing.
8. 2.1.19- if power requirements are less than 220(saving the state money), would this be acceptable?
If the proposed plotter meets ALL other specifications of cost, durability and speed, but does NOT require 220v, we would accept that proposal.
9. 2.3.1-If scan quality is acceptable and reliable, are other scanner type acceptable?
As long as the proposed scanner meets ALL other specifications, other scan technologies can be proposed.

10. 2.3.8-Scanning, if there is more than one system at an office, would all devices need to have thick original scanning? Thick original scanning is typically more expensive to purchase.
All scanners require the ability to scan thick originals.

11. 2.4.8- Is this a true requirement if product can pass DOD security requirements and or acceptable security requirements of TDOT?
If proposed plotters can meet TDOT security requirements we will waive this requirement.

12. 2.5.2- IF factory trained techs have 3 year of experience on similar type products, is this acceptable?
If the product being proposed has been on the market for less than three (3) years, service technicians can have less than three (3) years of experience on the product being bid, but they MUST have some experience in the product being bid with a total of 3 years of experience including similar equipment.

13. 3.3- What does both devices mean? Scanner and printer?
3.3 should read "THIS WARRANTY SHALL INCLUDE A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF 5,000 SQ.FT. PER MONTH ON BOTH DEVICES (PRINTER AND SCANNER). FOR OVERAGES ABOVE THE 5,000 SQ .FT. PER MONTH, A WARRANTY OVERAGE RATE PER SQUARE FOOT WILL BE RECONCILED MONTHLY.

14. 3.7- Is this 7.5hrs on average? 7.5 working hours?
The paragraph specifically states "7.5 working hours". This is referring to a standard 7.5 hour work day in state government. Standard hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

15. What are the addresses where these machines will be located?

505 Deaderick Street

Nashville TN

6th Floor

9th Floor

12th Floor

13th Floor (3 plotters, only two replacements needed. So 3 plotters will be removed and only 2 new ones installed)

6601 Centennial Blvd

Nashville, TN

4005 Cromwell Road

Chattanooga, TN

300 Benchmark Plaza

Jackson, TN

7345 Region Lane
Knoxville, TN

16. Will the removal of the 10 existing machines require any special equipment (stair climbers, fork lifts, cranes or lift trucks)?

Heavy duty dollies should be sufficient for removing the old plotters. I believe all locations have elevators and loading docks. Removal should not require specialized equipment.