The following contains lists of questions and answers:  

I have a few questions regarding the fuel bid invitation that we received.

1- What are your delivery hours?  If there is an emergency, the gates could be closed. I don’t ever remember the gates being closed. Usually the tank is available for delivery 24/7. Our office hours are 8:00 to 5:00 M- F

2- What are your standard payment terms? Can you do better than Net 30?  Our current supplier has net 30 terms. We usually send the check out earlier that that. The IFB was written with those 30 day terms, so we have to stick with that.

3- Will you accept up to 5% bio diesel in your diesel fuel?  Yes, it will not violate our engine warranties; however it is unlikely that it will be priced better than standard fuel.

4- What is the average load size you will be ordering?  Typically one delivery a week. About 5000 to 7000 gallons per delivery, historically speaking.

5- Do you ever split gas and diesel on the same truck?  Yes

6- Are we able to fit a semi truck for the delivery or do you require a smaller Tank wagon truck?  A Semi will fit in our lot.

7- Are your tanks above ground or below?  Above ground

8- When will the low bid be announced or bid tabulations available?  Yes

9- Will the bid prices be read aloud?  Page 6  1.1.7 The details will be made known to those who attend.

10- We sent an information request on 9/17, do you know when we will receive the information requested?  It was faxed, please ignore it and call it void if you found it. I will be attaching your answers to the bottom of this email.

11- Will you accept a firm price bid?  No, the RFP would have to start over. If so, would you accept our clauses?  N/A  Clauses attached, please indicate which clauses would be acceptable and which clauses would be cause for rejection.  #1 is in the IFB and is OK. The others are changing the terms based on OPIS to a fixed price, which would not work because the Authority would have to start over on the IFB.

12- Will split the award by each product are the entire bid to one vendor?  The award will be to one vendor.

13- Is there a list of vendors that were sent this bid that we could receive?  So far it is unknown how many will respond. The initial list went out to four firms that were interested in bidding lately, even before we went with the OPIS index method of procurement. At least four have requested information, which was not on the list, and a bidders list is not available, because it is out to the general public.

Question 10 above: Requesting bid tabulations from our last bid, copies of invoices and bills of lading.

Answer: NO.  This is the first OPIS bid the Authority has ever done. There were no bid tabulations, just pricing from several firms on a spot pricing basis, from those interested to bid.

Copies of invoices, or bills of lading will not be provided.
More questions and answers:

1. Have addendums been released? NO


3. When is the next board meeting after the bid opening? October 9th, 2013 at the same location.

4. Who is your current vendor and how long have they been your vendor? Guttman Oil currently for about two years, we had another vendor for a few months during the last twelve months.

5. Can I please have bid tabulations from the previous bid? No, until now the Authority has been using spot pricing. This is the first time an OPIS based bid was done.

6. Is the spit fuel tank above or below ground? Above

7. Do you normally receive deliveries via tank wagon or transport? A fuel truck. (A semi will fit in our lot.)

8. Do you ever receive a split load with both gasoline and diesel? Yes, usually about twice a month.

9. Is the diesel dyed or un-dyed? Clear Un-dyed

10. Would you accept Bio in your diesel? Original answer: NO, although a small amount may be in the fuel unreported. (Amended to the other question above: Will you accept up to 5% bio diesel in your diesel fuel? Yes, it will not violate our engine warranties; however it is unlikely that it will be priced better than standard fuel.)

11. What taxes are you currently paying on your fuel invoices? Please list the tax amount? We are exempt from all taxes, except the environmental tax that everyone has to pay.

12. You want to use OPIS, Pittsburgh day of delivery, average correct? Yes as a base

13. What are your delivery hours? 8-5 Monday to Friday. (Amended to question above: What are your delivery hours? If there is an emergency, the gates could be closed. I don’t ever remember the gates being closed. Usually the tank is available for delivery 24/7. Our office hours are 8:00 to 5:00 M-F)

14. How do you normally place your order, via email, fax or phone? Phone

15. After an order is placed how many days do we have to deliver? Usually one, if we need to do more we will need to know. (Amended to: 24 hours form the time of the order, with occasional exceptions as per the IFB.)

16. Is there a local preference? NO, but how long the Authority waits for a delivery is a preference.

17. Can contracts be renewed or extended upon mutual agreement? This particular IFB has an end date.
18 Is a pump required for delivery? YES

19 Do you have a minimum order amount? NO

20 Can a common carrier be used for delivery? Yes, if you remain responsible for delivery.

21 Is a common carrier considered a subcontractor? That would depend on your relationship with the vendor.

22 How soon after bid opening will it take for tabulations to be made available? (This one was not answered.) Amended: Bid tabulations, verifications, and the like may take a few days.

23 Are bids due September 223 or October 1st? 10/01/2013 we missed that change good catch.

24 Is there a DBE goal for this bid? No