

Large Binocular Telescope Project
Request For Proposal (RFP)
for the
Dynamic Balancing System Piping Installation
June 13, 2007

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1. Introduction

The Large Binocular Telescope Project Office (LBTPO), the authorized representative for the LBT Corporation (LBTC), invites proposals for the installation of the Dynamic Balancing System Piping Installation for the Large Binocular Telescope Project.

2. Statement of Work

A description of the work to be performed is provided under Attachment A, "Dynamic Balancing Piping Installation Bid Specifications".

3. Specimen Contract

To provide insight into the elements of the formal agreement that will be negotiated with the organization that submits the successful proposal, a specimen contract has been prepared and included as Attachment B. The contract awarded pursuant to this RFP is likely to be substantially in this format; however, LBTC reserves the right to negotiate the final terms and conditions with the selected supplier.

4. Pre-Proposal Communication

A traditional pre-proposal conference is not planned and/or scheduled. A visit to the telescope site on Mt. Graham is anticipated. This solicitation has been sent to several qualified manufacturers in Arizona. The LBTPO plans to utilize preferentially Electronic Mail to receive and respond to inquiries regarding this solicitation. Inquiries by FAX will also be addressed. The source of the inquiries will remain confidential, but the response to an inquiry will be distributed to each recipient of this Request for Proposal. Since the LBTPO will be handling several different RFPs in parallel, any request must identify the RFP name and date. Technical clarifications or supplementary explanations will be issued promptly, so that all recipients are fully informed.

5. Alternate Proposals

An alternate technical proposal would be considered if your organization has proprietary capability, resources or innovative design that could result in the reduction of the overall manufacturing cost, make an improvement in the delivery schedule, or yield superior performance. It will be mandatory that an alternate PROPOSAL be identified as such, since it cannot be evaluated on the same basis as the others.

6. Proposal Submittal/Acceptance

Proposals must be submitted so that they are assured to arrive prior to the deadline. Each proposal, consisting of three paper copies plus a digital version, shall be received/accepted by the LBTPO in Tucson, Arizona no later than June 29th, 2007, at 4

pm. All proposals will be opened privately at owner's discretion, and evaluated according to the predetermined criteria approved by the LBTC Board of Directors.

All proposals should be addressed to:

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7. Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in qualitative order in the table below.

LBT Proposal Evaluation Criteria
Cost
Delivery Schedule
Technical Proposal
Technical Capability
Management Capability
Quality Assurance, Safety, Reliability
Financial Stability
Manufacturing Location

The LBTC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities in any proposal, or to withhold the award for any reason it may determine, and also reserves the right to hold any or all proposals for a period of (90) days after the date of opening.