Pittsburgh Regional Transit

Advertisement, Specification, Insurance Requirements, Sample Agreement, and Conditions and Instructions to Bidders

For

Single Purpose Explosives Detection K-9

Bid No.: **Q26-11-75**

Electronic proposals are due at 11:00 A.M. on **November 17, 2026**

Executive Summary

PRT d.b.a. Port Authority of Allegheny County has recently implemented eBusiness. eBusiness is a mechanism which allows contractors and vendors to electronically submit bids on PRT d.b.a. Port Authority procurement events. It is a system of modules that provides everything from procurement to contract management and you will see advantages like these:

- Monitor Invoice Payments
- Improved Purchasing Process
- More Fluid, Automated and Single System Return Authorization
- Automated RFP/Bid Process Including Bidding, Procurement Contracts & Purchase Orders
- The Latest Technology from Workflow to E-mail Notification to Approval Process

The implementation of eBusiness represents a change in the method of the competitive bidding process; however, the PRT d.b.a. Port Authority must continue to adhere to stringent governmental and internal procurement regulations.

Additionally this document contains the Advertisement, Specification, Insurance Requirements, Sample Copies of the Agreement, Sample Copies of Performance Bond and the Conditions and Instructions to Bidders. It is recommended that you take the time to read the attached documents – especially the "Conditions and Instructions to Bidders".

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Port Authority of Allegheny County
(d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit)
Single-Purpose Explosives Detection K-9
Specification PAT-9226-2
October 2026

1.0 SCOPE OF WORK

1.1 This Specification outlines the requirements to furnish and deliver a single-purpose K-9 (police service dog) for use in explosive searches by the Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) Police Department.

1.2 Prices quoted must remain firm for the period of time covered by this contract. Any prices quoted by the bidder shall include the cost of obtaining insurance coverages (see Section 5.0 – Insurance Requirements), delivery of the fully trained K-9 (see Section 6.0), and any additional fees and surcharges, such as tariffs.

2.0 REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The K-9 shall be a Labrador Retriever or German Short-Haired Pointer, and the K-9 shall be between the ages of 12 months to 28 months.

2.2 The imprinted explosives detection K-9 shall be capable of detecting the following industry standard odors and offer a passive indication/alert.

- 2.2.1 PETN (Pentaerythritol tetranitrate)
- 2.2.2 C4 / RDX
- 2.2.3 Dynamite
- 2.2.4 TNT (Flake)
- 2.2.5 AN Prill (Ammonium nitrate in pellet or granular form)
- 2.2.6 Black powder
- 2.2.7 Smokeless powders (Single-double base)

2.3 Upon delivery, the K-9 shall:

- 2.3.1 Already be imprinted and able to offer a passive indication/alert for the odors listed in Section 2.2.
- 2.3.2 React to words of command from its Handler and when necessary, conform to the Handler's movements.
- 2.3.3 Not be distracted by other animals while working.

2.3.4 Be able to work in areas and situations where noise and distractions are present.

2.3.5 Accept movement by all types of agency transport.

3.0 WARRANTIES

3.1 K-9 Health Warranty:

3.1.1 The Contractor shall provide copies of the K-9's veterinary records and/or medical background.

3.1.2 The Contractor shall offer a full one-year warranty on the health of the K-9. The warranty shall cover hereditary and congenital diseases. The warranty shall not include injury to the K-9 occurring after purchase by PRT, illness from ingestion of substances or toxins, and normal physical wear of a working K-9.

3.1.3 PRT will maintain complete records of veterinary care for the K-9, so that at any time during the warranty period, if the K-9 needs veterinary care outside of preventative health checks, PRT will be able to provide a record of veterinary examinations and treatment to the Contractor for warranty-related concerns.

3.2 K-9 Performance Warranty:

3.2.1 In the event that the performance of the K-9 does not meet the specified standards, PRT will send written notification to the Contractor. PRT's written notice will include a detailed description of the performance issue.

3.2.2 Upon transmission of such notice, PRT will arrange to have the K-9 transported back to the Contractor. The Contractor shall assess the K-9 and the specific areas of failure identified by PRT in order to attempt to rectify the issue. Should the K-9 fail to meet the required standard after thirty (30) calendar days of attempted remediation by the Contractor, the Contractor shall reimburse PRT for costs associated with the return of the K-9 to the Contractor, and the Contractor shall, at no cost to PRT, replace the K-9 with a K-9 that meets all of the standards set forth in this specification, including training and certifications for the replacement K-9. If the Contractor determines that the deficiency is a result of improper training by PRT or its agents, the Contractor shall provide PRT with a quoted price for remediation of the K-9.

4.0 BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

4.1 To be eligible for award, the Bidder shall meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 The Bidder shall have been in the business of providing K-9s and providing obedience and specialized K-9 training for at least fifteen (15) years.

4.1.2 With the Bidder's Proposal, the Bidder shall provide a list of three agencies that have purchased a trained and imprinted K-9 from the Bidder within the past five (5) years, for the purposes outlined above. Each reference shall include a contact name and phone number.

5.0 PROPOSAL PRICING

The Bidder's proposal shall be inclusive of all costs including but not limited to training and imprinting the K-9 to the requirements of this specification, delivery of the fully trained K-9, administrative details, and profits.

6.0 CONTRACT DURATION

The Contract shall commence with the designation of a specific K-9 to the PRT Police after Notice to Proceed. At a minimum, the contract duration shall be for one (1) year after Notice to Proceed, and shall extend through the date of delivery of an additional trained K-9 if PRT exercises the optional purchase as described in Section 7.0.

7.0 OPTIONAL PURCHASE

PRT shall have at its option the ability to purchase one (1) additional single-purpose K-9, at the unit cost as indicated on the proposal. PRT may elect to purchase up to the stated contract quantity at its sole discretion. If PRT elects to exercise this optional purchase, it shall do so within one (1) calendar year from the date of Notice to Proceed.

8.0 PAYMENT

The Contractor will be paid in a lump sum upon acceptance of the K-9 by PRT's Chief of Police, in accordance with the proposal pricing indicated. The Contractor will be paid when all contractual criteria and deliverables have been provided.

9.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Supplier shall maintain Insurance in accordance with the following requirements throughout the duration of a resultant contract. A Certificate of Insurance (COI) will be required prior to award.

The Bidder shall factor the cost of obtaining these coverages into the bid pricing.

Please reference the Contract Number and Name in the "Description of Operations" field of the COI.

The Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) must be listed as an additional insured under the General Liability and Auto policies.

The Policy must be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation clause with respect to PRT and must be reflected on the insurance certificate or related document.

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this [Date], by and between PRT D.B.A. PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, a body corporate and politic organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and having its principal office in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, hereinafter called "Port Authority", and [Contractor's Name], with principal office at [Contractor's Address], hereinafter called "Contractor".

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted to the PRT d.b.a. Port Authority a proposal to furnish certain item or items for the prices specified, and said proposal was accepted by Port Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, Contractor and PRT d.b.a. Port Authority agree as follows:

1. Contractor shall furnish the following when ordered at the prices shown:

[SAMPLE]

2. The Contract Documents are made a part hereof with like force and effect as though recited herein at length and are comprised of the following:

(a) Invitation for Proposals
(b) Proposal
(c) Certification
(d) Specification
(e) Conditions and Instructions to Bidders
(f) All addenda issued prior to the time of opening Proposals
(g) Insurance [if required]

3. Port Authority, upon delivery of above equipment, parts, materials and/or supplies in accordance with this Agreement and the Contract Documents, and upon submission of invoices, shall pay the current amounts due for current deliveries under this Agreement.

PRT D.B.A. PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

By_____

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CONTRACTOR

_____
(Company Name)

By_____
(Signature and Title)