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September 10, 2010

Price Analysis

Contract 2WMISC-10-B-0077 Awardee: Diebold Inc.

Labor Price Methodology

The Model used to determine the fixed hourly rate for this USPS RFP is as follows:

A survey was done to determine the fixed hourly rate for this contract. SCA wage rates for the largest counties in each of the following states; Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri.

Washington

King County Pierce County Snohomish County

<u>Oregon</u>

Multriomah County Washington County Clackamas County

Montana

Yellowstone County Missoula County

<u>Nevada</u>

Clark County Washoe County Carson County

Wyoming

Laramie County Natrona County

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North Dakota

Statewide

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Minnehaha County Pennington County

Missouri

St. Louis County Jackson County

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Hennepin County Ramsey County Dakota County

Trip Fee Pricing

A baseline hourly rate was established by taking the average SCA wage rate in each of these counties and then applying Diebold's estimated overhead and administrative burden resulting in the a estimated fixed hourly wage rate nationwide of \$84.00 per hour.

Wage Determinations were based on the Dept. of Labor category 23510 - Locksmith

This rate will be fixed for the base years of the contract. If the USPS elects to exercise an option to renew the contract, a new the current Dept. of Labor wage rates may apply. This fixed hourly rate model provides the USPS with the benefit of being able to easily predict service costs without having to estimate labor costs based on a geographic model that varies due to wage determinations.

Six Minute Billing Interval

The USPS will only be paying for actual time spent in dedication to rendering services applicable to the Statement of Work. A major challenge in the overall pricing of this type of service is the **Trip Fee.** The trip fee has been previously listed as .9hrs to account of unknowns. Examples of unknowns are: travel time, time to process paperwork, wait time, and other delays. The trip fee can be broken down into increments of 6 minutes. The will protect the USPS and Diebold from the different types of Unknowns mentioned previously.

For example, if there is a wait time of 12 minutes getting work orders, 18 minutes travel to pick up work orders and parts, 12 minutes travel to the site, the USPS will pay for 7 units of trip fees (7x\$8.4) for \$59.00 + lock replacement (\$17.00) for a total of \$76.00. This example would allow to protect against the potentially high cost of unknowns / inefficiencies.

Sample Price Scenario: One Week

Basic Assumptions

- 70 locks per week
 (\$17.00 x 70 = \$11,900.00)
- 14 lock Work Order per day

Article 32 Review

Project Name: Tucson Area NDCBU, CBU & Parcel Locker Lock Changes.

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Maintenance

- 1. The act of maintaining, or the state of being maintained.
- 2. Means of support or subsistence; livelihood.
- 3. The work of keeping roads, machines, buildings, etc..., in good condition.
- 4 [pertains to law]

The Administrative Support Manual specifies "policies and requirements for maintenance of facilities, plant equipment, and postal equipment" in Section 530.

531,22 Objectives

The primary objectives of maintenance management are:

- a. To maintain a safe, pleasant, and healthy working environment.
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535 Maintenance Service Contracts

535.111 Postal Equipment

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535,112 Facility and Plant Equipment

Contract service is encouraged for Postal Service-operated facility and plant equipment maintenance, when economically advantageous.

535,122 Existing Contracts

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Maintenance Management Class A Office HBK MS-63

1.2 Mission Statement

The mission of the Maintenance organization is to ensure that physical assets of the Postal Service, such as buildings, building equipment, mail processing equipment and postal operating equipment are maintained to provide optimum performance, minimal down-time, and appropriate asset life, as well as to provide a safe, environmentally compliant, and energy efficient working environment. It is also part of the mission of the Maintenance organization to ensure that these ends are achieved in a cost-effective manner.

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The Purchasing Team will achieve SCM Impact by using a **Volume Leveraging strategy**. By consolidating volumes to a limited number of suppliers (1 to 3), the USPS will be able to leverage the pricing in return for ensuring the supplier a sizable share of the market. The Western Services CMC Purchasing Team's goal is to implement and manage a customer lock repair and miscellaneous services contract that can accommodate the USPS's policy regarding NDCBU's, CBU's, HSCBU's, collection boxes & parcel lockers; while maintaining the costs at acceptable limits. The purchasing team's first task will be to seek out and attract capable vendors who can build a network of field managers and employees in order to satisfy the requirements of the USPS. The best way to achieve this objective is to seek out interested suppliers who are qualified to propose a best value solution and manage a strategically robust Lock repairs and Misc. maintenance contract.

The areas that are to be incorporated into the new contract are:

Seattle, Portland, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnasota, Ohio, Missouri, (Western U.S. area). Arizona and Alaska will eventually be apart of the contract.

The Purchasing Team members are:

Shawn Daniels Sr., Purchasing Specialist – Scorer (Team Lead)
Dan Carriglio Manager, Western Services CMC - Scorer
Nate Franklin Team Manager C.P.M. - Scorer
Donna Johnson, Purchasing & Supply Management Specialist C.P.M – Scorer

Paige Farkas, Purchasing & Supply Management Specialist and alternate Bryan Louviere Purchasing & Supply Management Specialist will be assisting the team by launching the solicitation for Lock Repairs and Misc. Services for the Western area, in the USPS's eSourcing tool Emptoris.

CONTRACT TYPE:

This contract will be an Indefinite Quantity Contract.

EVALUATION FACTORS:

The Postal Service will award the contract(s) to the responsible supplier(s) whose offer conforms to the solicitation and will be the most advantageous to the Postal Service, price and other factors considered. The Postal Service is concerned with striking the most advantageous balance between technical capability and cost to the Postal Service.

Suppliers must provide information on the following factors which will be used to evaluate offers:

Current and Past Performance

Provide information and references to document a record of satisfactory performance on contracts for similar work and magnitude. References provided by the supplier must include contract numbers, point of contact, telephone numbers and other relevant information. Evaluation of current and past performance includes (a) experience, (b) quality of service, (c) timeliness of performance, and (d) business relations/customer satisfaction.

Supplier Capability

Suppliers will provide information to demonstrate current capability and resources (equipment, staffing, etc.) available to perform the work. Please assure that you provide specific information for all items on the work order to enable us to determine your experience with each of the different types of maintenance.

Proposed Approach

Suppliers to provide detailed narrative describing the proposed approach for completing the work required. Narrative to include, but not limited to, operating plan to assure quality control of the work performed, turn-around time etc. If you have multiple contracts/jobs, please provide information as to how you will assure there are no delays to the USPS work.

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Price Analysis

Contract 2WMISC-10-B-0077 Awardee: Diebold Inc.

Labor Price Methodology

The Model used to determine the fixed hourly rate for this USPS RFP is as follows:

A survey was done to determine the fixed hourly rate for this contract. SCA wage rates for the largest counties in each of the following states; Washington, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri.

<u>Washington</u>

King County Pierce County Snohomish County

<u>Oregon</u>

Multnomah County Washington County Clackamas County

Montana

Yellowstone County Missoula County

<u>Nevada</u>

Clark County Washoe County Carson County

Wyoming

Laramie County Natrona County

<u>Utah</u>

Salt Lake County

Colorado

Denver County El Paso County Arapaho County Jefferson County

North Dakota

Statewide

South Dakota

Minnehaha County Pennington County

<u>Missouri</u>

St. Louis County

Jackson County

Minnesota

Hennepin County Ramsey County Dakota County

Trip Fee Pricing

A baseline hourly rate was established by taking the average SCA wage rate in each of these counties and then applying Diebold's estimated overhead and administrative burden resulting in the a estimated fixed hourly wage rate nationwide of \$84.00 per hour.

Wage Determinations were based on the Dept. of Labor category 23510 - Locksmith

This rate will be fixed for the base years of the contract. If the USPS elects to exercise an option to renew the contract, a new the current Dept. of Labor wage rates may apply. This fixed hourly rate model provides the USPS with the benefit of being able to easily predict service costs without having to estimate labor costs based on a geographic model that varies due to wage determinations.

Six Minute Billing Interval

The USPS will only be paying for actual time spent in dedication to rendering services applicable to the Statement of Work. A major challenge in the overall pricing of this type of service is the Trip Fee. The trip fee has been previously listed as .9hrs to account of unknowns. Examples of unknowns are: travel time, time to process paperwork, wait time, and other delays. The trip fee can be broken down into increments of 6 minutes. The will protect the USPS and Diebold from the different types of Unknowns mentioned previously.

For example, if there is a wait time of 12 minutes getting work orders, 18 minutes travel to pick up work orders and parts, 12 minutes travel to the site, the USPS will pay for 7 units of trip fees (7x\$8.4) for \$59.00 + lock replacement (\$17.00) for a total of \$76.00. This example would allow to protect against the potentially high cost of unknowns / inefficiencies.

Sample Price Scenario: One Week

Basic Assumptions

- 70 locks per week
 (\$17.00 x 70 = \$11,900.00)
- 14 lock Work Order per day

Each Site is 18 minutes drive distance from the previous site (3 trip units)

Assume 2 lock changes per site at 7 sites (per day)
 (21 trip units x \$8.40 x 5 days = \$882.00)

Trip to the USPS for parts and WO's is 18 minutes + 12 minute wait time.
 (5 trip units x \$8,4 = \$42.00)

Cost to the USPS for one week of 70 lock changes based on the above would be: \$2,156.00

For simplicity of billing and invoicing; the USPS will modify the 6 minute pricing of \$8.4 to \$84.00 per hr. (6minutes \times \$8.4 \times 10 = \$84.00). Converting the trip fee from 6 minutes to 1 hr will help the Contracting Officer manage the calculations for trip charges vs. lock services more efficiently.

Diebold received the highest overall rank for their technical merit. This indicates that they offer a superior technical value in comparison to the other bidders. Furthermore, based upon my review of Diebold's pricing strategy and technical proposal; their proposed pricing is both fair and reasonable.

Shawn Daniels Sr. USPS Purchasing Specialist, Western Services CMC

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Article 32 Review

Project Name: Tucson Area NDCBU, CBU & Parcel Locker Lock Changes.

Participants: Maintenance Manager James Peníck

Date: 8/23/2010

Maintenance

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- 1. The act of maintaining, or the state of being maintained.
- Means of support or subsistence; livelihood.
- 3. The work of keeping roads, machines, buildings, etc..., in good condition.
- 4. [pertains to law]

The Administrative Support Manual specifies "policies and requirements for maintenance of facilities, plant equipment, and postal equipment" in Section 530.

531.22 Objectives

The primary objectives of maintenance management are:

- a. To maintain a safe, pleasant, and healthy working environment.
- b. To maintain all plant and postal equipment in good operating condition.
- To minimize total operating costs.
- d. To protect postal investment in buildings and equipment.

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535.111 Postal Equipment

Maintenance of postal equipment should be performed by Postal Service personnel, whenever possible. Exceptions are:

- a. Where capable personnel are not available.
- When maintenance can be performed by contract and it is economically advantageous.
- When a piece of equipment is a prototype or experimental model or unusually complex, so that a commercial firm is the only practical source of required maintenance expertise.

535.112 Facility and Plant Equipment

Contract service is encouraged for Postal Service-operated facility and plant equipment maintenance, when economically advantageous.

535.122 Existing Contracts

When proposing a major revision to provisions of an existing contract, consider submitting the proposal to the purchasing service center.

535.13 National Agreement Considerations

Installation heads must be knowledgeable about Article 32, Subcontracting, of the National Agreement with the postal unions, before considering contract maintenance service.

Maintenance Management Class A Office HBK MS-63

1.2 Mission Statement

The mission of the Maintenance organization is to ensure that physical assets of the Postal Service, such as buildings, building equipment, mail processing equipment and postal operating equipment are maintained to provide optimum performance, minimal down-time, and appropriate asset life, as well as to provide a safe, environmentally compliant, and energy efficient working environment. It is also part of the mission of the Maintenance organization to ensure that these ends are achieved in a cost-effective manner.

Background: Southern Arizona including Tucson City NDCBU's, CBU's and Parcel Locker lock changes have been performed by carriers, clerks, postmasters, maintenance personnel and contractors for quite some time. Arbitrators have repeatedly ruled that this type of work does not require specialized skills and tools, and thus cannot be classified as maintenance work. Examples: C7T-4P-C 28185, H98T-1H-C 99210398, H98T-1H-C 99191380, E90T-4E-C 92047354, E4T-2L-C 50677, W0T-56-C 2798

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Article 32 considerations:

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- A). Public Interest: Contractors are able to provide dedicated resources to replacing these locks timely and efficiently without impacting operation resources. The Phoenix area has used contractors to do this work for approximately 8 years without any impact to the security of the mail. The process is seamless and consists of changing out the NDCBU, CBU and Parcel Locker locks and providing immediate delivery to the customer of the new keys to their unit.
- B). Cost: Detailed cost comparisons, showing Postal labor costs vs. contracted labor costs for Tucson were not available at the time this review was conducted. However, using the Phoenix area data from their process (which should be comparable to Tucson area) Indicates that cost for using US Postal Service mechanics is \$11.03 plus the cost for vehicle maintenance, fuel or travel time. The contractor cost for this work is \$10.00 which includes trip charge. There is sufficient work load to fully employ all maintenance employees 40 hours per week, with some overtime opportunities.
- C). Efficiency: Contracting provides for reliable lock changes by employees who can replace these units on a daily basis, without regard to being called away to perform reactive maintenance related duties currently performed by USPS mechanics.
- D). Availability of Equipment: Equipment and tools required to do this work are readily available within the plant or could be purchased. Since this is not specialized work, equipment issues were not relevant to the decision to contract this work.
- E). Qualifications of Employees: The Tucson P&DC does not have the ability to service each station or office in Southern Arizona once or twice a week. In addition, FMO has sufficient work to fully employ employees 40 hours a week with some overtime opportunities.

Final decision to contract this work was made by James Penick, Maintenance Manager.