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Arbitrage Consultant

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PART I

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSERS

I-1. Purpose. This request for proposals (RFP) provides interested Proposers with sufficient information to enable them to prepare and submit proposals for consideration by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (Commission) to satisfy the need for an Arbitrage Consultant.

I-2. Issuing Office. This RFP is issued for the Commission by the Finance and Administration Department.

I-3. Scope. This RFP contains instructions governing the proposals to be submitted and the material to be included therein; a description of the service to be provided; requirements which must be met to be eligible for consideration; general evaluation criteria; and other requirements to be met by each proposal.

I-4. Problem Statement. The Commission currently has over 50 bond issues outstanding. Given the complex nature of the calculations for Arbitrage, the Commission deems it necessary to retain the services of an Arbitrage Consultant.

I-5. Type of Contract. It is proposed that if a contract is entered into as a result of this RFP, it will be a fixed fee. The Commission may in its sole discretion undertake negotiations with Proposers whose proposals as to price and other factors show them to be qualified, responsible, and capable of performing the work.

I-6. Rejection of Proposals. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this request, or to negotiate separately with competing Proposers.

I-7. Subcontracting. Any use of subcontractors by a Proposer must be identified in the proposal. During the contract period use of any subcontractors by the selected Proposer, which were not previously identified in the proposal, must be approved in advance in writing by the Commission.

A firm that responds to this solicitation as a prime may not be included as a designated subcontractor to another firm that responds to the same solicitation. **Multiple responses under any of the foregoing situations may cause the rejection of all responses of the firm or firms involved.** This does not preclude a firm from being set forth as a designated subcontractor to more than one prime contractor responding to the project advertisement.

I-8. Incurring Costs. The Commission is not liable for any costs the Proposer incurs in preparation and submission of its proposal, in participating in the RFP process or in anticipation of award of contract.

I.9. Questions and Answers. Written questions may be submitted to clarify any points in the RFP which may not have been clearly understood. Written questions should be submitted by email to RFP-Q@paturnpike.com with **RFP 13-10320-4234** in the Subject Line to be received no later than 12:00 PM local time on Friday, July 12, 2013. All questions and written answers will be posted to the website as an addendum to and become part of this RFP.

I-10. Addenda to the RFP. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP before the proposal response date, addenda will be posted to the Commission's website under the original RFP document. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to periodically check the website for any new information or addenda to the RFP.

The Commission may revise a published advertisement. If the Commission revises a published advertisement less than ten days before the RFP due date, the due date will be extended to maintain the minimum ten-day advertisement duration if the revision alters the project scope or selection criteria. Firms are responsible to monitor advertisements/addenda to ensure the submitted proposal complies with any changes in the published advertisement.

I-11. Response. To be considered, proposals must be delivered to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's Contracts Administration Department, Attention: Stephanie Newbury, on or before **12:00 PM** local time on **Wednesday, August 7, 2013**. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is located at 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057 (Street address). Our mailing Address is P. O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106.

Please note that use of U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS, or other delivery method, does not guarantee delivery to this address by the above-listed time for submission. Proposers mailing proposals should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their proposals. If the Commission office location to which proposals are to be delivered is closed on the proposal response date, due to inclement weather, natural disaster, or any other cause, the deadline for submission shall be automatically extended until the next Commission business day on which the office is open. Unless the Proposers are otherwise notified by the Commission, the time for submission of proposals shall remain the same.

I-12. Proposals. To be considered, Proposers should submit a complete response to this RFP, using the format provided in PART II. Each proposal should be submitted in Five (5) hard copies of the Technical Submittal and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Submittal. In addition to the hard copies of the proposal, **one complete and exact copy of the entire proposal (Technical and Cost, along with all requested documents) on CD-ROM or Flash Drive in Microsoft Office or Microsoft Office-compatible format.** The electronic copy must be a mirror image of the hard copy. Proposer should ensure that there is no costing information in the technical submittal. The CD or Flash drive should clearly identify the Proposer and include the name and version number of the virus scanning software that was used to scan the CD or Flash drive before it was submitted. The Proposer shall present the proposal to the Contracts Administration Department only. No other distribution of proposals will be made by the Proposer. Each proposal page should be numbered for ease of reference.

An official authorized to bind the Proposer to its provisions must sign the proposal. If the official signs the Proposal Cover Sheet (Appendix A to this RFP) and the Proposal Cover Sheet is attached to the proposal, the requirement will be met. For this RFP, the proposal must remain valid for at least 120 days. Moreover, the contents of the proposal of the selected Proposer will become contractual obligations if a contract is entered into.

Each and every Proposer submitting a proposal specifically waives any right to withdraw or modify it, except as hereinafter provided. Proposals may be withdrawn by written or fax notice (fax number (717) 986-8714) received at the Commission's address for proposal delivery prior to the exact hour and date specified for proposal receipt.

Overnight Delivery Address:
Contracts Administration Department
Attn: Stephanie Newbury
PA Turnpike Commission
700 South Eisenhower Blvd.
Middletown, PA 17057

US Mail Delivery Address:
Contracts Administration Department
Attn: Stephanie Newbury
PA Turnpike Commission
P.O. Box 67676
Harrisburg, PA 17106

However, if the Proposer chooses to attempt to provide such written notice by fax transmission, the Commission shall not be responsible or liable for errors in fax transmission. A proposal may also be withdrawn in person by a Proposer or its authorized representative, provided his/her identity is made known and he/she signs a receipt for the proposal, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for proposal receipt. A proposal may only be modified by the submission of a new sealed proposal or submission of a sealed modification which complies with the requirements of this solicitation.

I-13. Economy of Preparation. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Proposer's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP. The body of the proposal shall not exceed fifteen (15) pages of 12 point type, excluding required tables and appendices. The cost proposal, Commitment to Diversity items and Technical appendices are not included in the 15 page limit. However, the review of the Technical Evaluation Committee will be primarily focused on the materials contained in the body of the proposal, rather than the appendices.

I-14. Discussions for Clarification. Proposers who submit proposals may be required to make an oral or written clarification of their proposals to the Issuing Office to ensure thorough mutual understanding and Proposer responsiveness to the solicitation requirements. The Issuing Office will initiate requests for clarification.

I-15. Best and Final Offers. The Issuing Office reserves the right to conduct discussions with Proposers for the purpose of obtaining "best and final offers." To obtain best and final offers from Proposers, the Issuing Office may do one or more of the following: a) enter into pre-selection negotiations; b) schedule oral presentations; and c) request revised proposals. The Issuing Office will limit any discussions to responsible Proposers whose proposals the Issuing Office has determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

I-16. Prime Proposer Responsibilities. The selected Proposer will be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in its proposal whether or not it produces them. Further, the Commission will consider the selected Proposer to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters.

I-17. Proposal Contents. Proposals will be held in confidence and will not be revealed or discussed with competitors, unless disclosure is required to be made (i) under the provisions of any Commonwealth or United States statute or regulation; or (ii) by rule or order of any court of competent jurisdiction. All material submitted with the proposal becomes the property of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and may be returned only at the Commission's option. Proposals submitted to the Commission may be reviewed and evaluated by any person other than competing Proposers at the discretion of the Commission. The Commission has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any proposal. Selection or rejection of the proposal does not affect this right.

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. § 67.707 (Production of Certain Records), Proposers shall identify any and all portions of their Proposal that contains confidential proprietary information or is protected by a trade secret. Proposals shall include a written statement signed by a representative of the company/firm identifying the specific portion(s) of the Proposal that contains the trade secret or confidential proprietary information.

Proposers should note that “trade secrets” and “confidential proprietary information” are exempt from access under Section 708(b)(11) of the RTKL. Section 102 defines both “trade secrets” and “confidential proprietary information” as follows:

Confidential proprietary information: Commercial or financial information received by an agency: (1) which is privileged or confidential; **and** (2) the disclosure of which would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person that submitted the information.

Trade secret: Information, including a formula, drawing, pattern, compilation, including a customer list, program, device, method, technique or process that: (1) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; **and** (2) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. The term includes data processing software by an agency under a licensing agreement prohibiting disclosure.

65 P.S. §67.102 (emphasis added).

The Office of Open Records has determined that a third party must establish a trade secret based upon factors established by the appellate courts, which include the following:

- the extent to which the information is known outside of his business;
- the extent to which the information is known by employees and others in the business;
- the extent of measures taken to guard the secrecy of the information;
- the value of the information to his business and to competitors;
- the amount of effort or money expended in developing the information; and
- the ease of difficulty with which the information could be properly acquired or duplicated by others.

See Crum v. Bridgestone/Firestone North Amer. Tire., 907 A.2d 578, 585 (Pa. Super. 2006).

The Office of Open Records also notes that with regard to “confidential proprietary information the standard is equally high and may only be established when the party asserting protection shows that the information at issue is either ‘commercial’ or ‘financial’ and is privileged or confidential, and the disclosure **would** cause substantial competitive harm.” (emphasis in original).

For more information regarding the RTKL, visit the Office of Open Records’ website at www.openrecords.state.pa.us.

I-18. Debriefing Conferences. Proposers whose proposals are not selected will be notified of the name of the selected Proposer and given the opportunity to be debriefed, at the Proposer’s request. The Issuing Office will schedule the time and location of the debriefing. The Proposer will not be compared with other Proposers.

I-19. News Releases. News releases pertaining to this project will not be made without prior Commission approval, and then only in coordination with the Issuing Office.

I-20. Commission Participation. Unless specifically noted in this section, Proposers must provide all services to complete the identified work.

I-21. Cost Submittal. The cost submittal shall be placed in a separately sealed envelope within the sealed proposal and kept separate from the technical submittal.

I-22. Term of Contract. The term of the contract will commence on the Effective Date (as defined below) and will be for three (3) years from the date of execution with options of up to two (2) one-year contract extensions. The Commission shall fix the Effective Date after the contract has been fully executed by the Contractor and by the Commission and all approvals required by Commission contracting procedures have been obtained.

I-23. Proposer's Representations and Authorizations. Each Proposer by submitting its proposal understands, represents, and acknowledges that:

- a. All information provided by, and representations made by, the Proposer in the proposal are material and important and will be relied upon by the Issuing Office in awarding the contract(s). Any misstatement, omission or misrepresentation shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Issuing Office of the true facts relating to the submission of this proposal. A misrepresentation shall be punishable under 18 Pa. C.S. 4904.
- b. The price(s) and amount of this proposal have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other Proposer or potential Proposer.
- c. Neither the price(s) nor the amount of the proposal, and neither the approximate price(s) nor the approximate amount of this proposal, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a Proposer or potential Proposer, and they will not be disclosed on or before the proposal submission deadline specified in the response section of this RFP.
- d. No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from submitting a proposal on this contract, or to submit a proposal higher than this proposal, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive proposal or other form of complementary proposal.
- e. The proposal is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive proposal.
- f. To the best knowledge of the person signing the proposal for the Proposer, the Proposer, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last four (4) years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding or proposing on any public contract, except as disclosed by the Proposer in its proposal.
- g. To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the proposal for the Proposer and except as otherwise disclosed by the Proposer in its proposal, the Proposer has no

outstanding, delinquent obligations to the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, any state tax liability not being contested on appeal or other obligation of the Proposer that is owed to the Commonwealth.

- h. The Proposer is not currently under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, or any other state, or the federal government, and if the Proposer cannot certify, then it shall submit along with the proposal a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.
- i. The Proposer has not, under separate contract with the Issuing Office, made any recommendations to the Issuing Office concerning the need for the services described in the proposal or the specifications for the services described in the proposal.
- j. Each Proposer, by submitting its proposal, authorizes all Commonwealth agencies to release to the Commission information related to liabilities to the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, taxes, unemployment compensation, and workers' compensation liabilities.

I-24. Insurance.

A. General Insurance Requirements

1. The Professional Services shall not commence until the Professional Service Contractor has obtained, at their own expense, all of the insurance as required hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the Commission; nor shall the Professional Service Contractor allow any Subcontractor to commence work on any Commission projects until all insurance required of the Subcontractor has been so obtained and approved by the Contractor. Approval of insurance required of the Professional Service Contractor will be granted only after submission to the Commission, original certificates of insurance signed by the representatives of the insurers or, at the Commission's request, certified copies of the required insurance policies.
2. The Professional Service Contractor shall require all Subcontractors to maintain during the term of the Contract Commercial General Liability Insurance, Business Auto Liability Insurance, Professional Liability Insurance (if applicable), Pollution Liability Insurance (if applicable), and Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance at the same limits required of Professional Service Contractor.
3. All insurance required herein, with the exception of the Professional / Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance shall be written on an "occurrence" basis and not a "claims-made" basis. For Professional Liability "claims-made" coverage:
 - a. The retroactive date must be on or prior to the start of work under this contract; and
 - b. The Subcontractor must purchase "tail coverage/an extended reporting period" or maintain coverage for a period of three years – the required completed operations period.
4. The Commission, its commissioners, agents, servants, employees and representatives shall be named as additional insured on the Contractor's liability (General Liability, Automobile Liability and Umbrella Liability insurance) insurance program with respect to the liability arising out of the Contractor's work (including products and completed operations as well as ongoing

operations) and the certificate of insurance, or the certified policy, if required, must also state this. This coverage should be provided, along with evidence of such coverage, for a period of two years after completion of the project.

5. All insurance policies required hereunder shall be endorsed to provide that the policy is not subject to cancellation, non-renewal, or material reduction in coverage until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Owner.
6. Insurance provided to the Commission as specified herein shall be primary and non-contributory.
7. No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by the Commission shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Professional Service Contractor or the Professional Service Contractor's Surety (if applicable) from any liability or obligation imposed upon either or both of them by provisions of this Contract.
8. Any deductibles or self-insured retention's of (\$10,000) or greater shall be disclosed by the Professional Service Contractor, and are subject to Commissions written approval. Any deductible or retention amounts elected by the Professional Service Contractor or imposed by the Professional Service Contractor's insurer(s) shall be the sole responsibility of the Professional Service Contractor.
9. All insurance companies shall have an AM Best's rating of A- or better and be licensed to do business in the State of Pennsylvania.
10. There shall be no liability upon the Commission, public officials, their employees, their authorized representatives, or agents either personally or as officials of the Commission in carrying out any of the provisions of the Contract nor in exercising any power or authority granted to them by or within the scope of the Contract, it being understood that in all such matters they act solely as agents and representatives of the Commission.
11. Waiver of Rights of Recovery and Waiver of Rights of Subrogation:
 - a. The Contractor and subcontractors waive all rights of recovery against the Owner and all the additional insured's for loss or damage covered by any of the insurance maintained by the contractor or subcontractor.
 - b. If any of the policies of insurance required under this contract require an endorsement to provide for the waiver of subrogation, then the named insured of such policies will cause them to be so endorsed.
12. Any type of insurance or any increase in limits of liability not described above which the contractor requires for its own protection or on account of statute shall be its own responsibility and at its own expense.

B. Professional Service Contractor Liability Insurance Requirements

- The Professional Service Contractor shall purchase the following insurance coverage's for the minimum limits specified below or required by law.

- **Commercial General Liability** insurance for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage including loss of use, etc. with minimum limits of:

\$1,000,000	each occurrence;
\$1,000,000	personal and advertising injury;
\$2,000,000	general aggregate; and
\$2,000,000	products/completed operation aggregate.

This insurance shall include coverage for all of the following:

- Coverage is to be provided by the standard Commercial General Liability insurance policy (“Occurrence Form”);
 - General aggregate limit applying on a per project/ location basis;
 - Liability arising from premises and operations;
 - Liability arising from the actions of independent contractors;
 - Contractual liability including protection for the Professional Service Contractor from bodily injury and property damage claims arising out of liability assumed under this Contract;
 - Liability arising from the explosion, collapse or underground (XCU) hazards (If Applicable)
 - Products/Completed Operations Coverage must be maintained for a period of at least two (2) years after final payment (including coverage for the Additional Insured’s as set forth in these Insurance Requirements).
- **Business Auto Liability** insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per accident and including, but not limited to, coverage for all of the following:
 - Liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any auto;
 - Auto non-ownership and hired car coverage
 - Contractual Liability Coverage (including Liability for Employee Injury assumed under a Contract as provided in the standard ISO policy form)
 - **Workers’ Compensation** insurance with statutory benefits as required by any state or federal law, including standard “other states” coverage; **employer’s liability** insurance with minimum limits of:

\$1,000,000	each accident for bodily injury by accident;
\$1,000,000	each employee for bodily injury by disease; and
\$1,000,000	policy limit for bodily injury by disease.

 1. Including Waiver of Right to Recover from Others Endorsement (WC 00 0313) where permitted by state law.
 2. United States Longshore & Harbor Workers Act Coverage, where applicable; and
 3. Maritime Coverage under the Jones Act, where applicable.
 - **Professional Liability:** Service Contractors (such as, but not limited to Architects, Engineers, Attorneys, Financial Advisors, Marketing Professionals, Physicians and Risk Management Consultants) shall provide professional liability and/or malpractice insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.

- **Umbrella Liability or Excess Liability** insurance with minimum limits of:

\$5,000,000 per occurrence;
 \$5,000,000 aggregate for other than products/completed operations and auto liability; and
 \$5,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate.

Policy to apply excess of the Commercial General Liability (following form, Per Project / location), Commercial Automobile Liability and Employers Liability Coverage.

- **Pollution Liability (If Applicable)** Insurance

- Occurrence/Claims Made Limit: \$1,000,000 per project
- Insurance to be maintained for the duration of the work for a period of two years thereafter
- No Exclusions for Silica, Asbestos or Lead.
- Include Mold Coverage for full policy limit of liability.

- **Watercraft and Aircraft Liability (If Applicable):** If contractor utilizes any owned, used, leased, hired or borrowed watercraft or aircraft to complete their work in accordance with this Contract, the coverage shall be maintained.

Minimum Limits of Liability:

\$2,000,000 Per Occurrence
 \$2,000,000 Aggregate

C. Indemnification

The Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, and their agents and employees from and against all liability (including liability for violation of any law or any common law duty), claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorneys' fees arising in connection with, out of, or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such liability, claim, damage, loss or expense (i) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to any statutory or regulatory rule designed to protect against such conditions, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself), and including the loss of the use resulting there from, and (ii) is caused by or results from, in whole or in part, any act or omission of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor(s), anyone direct or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is also caused by or results from any act or omission of any party indemnified hereunder.

In any and all claims against the Commission or any of their agents or employees, by an employee of the Contractor, Subcontractor, or any Sub-subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for any Contractor, Subcontractor or any Sub-subcontractor under Workmen's Compensation Acts, Disability Benefits Acts, or other Employee.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM PROPOSERS

Proposals must be submitted in the format, including heading descriptions, outlined below. To be considered, the proposal must respond to all requirements in this part of the RFP. Any other information thought to be relevant, but not applicable to the enumerated categories, should be provided as an appendix to the proposal. Each proposal shall consist of the completed proposal cover sheet (use Appendix A) and two (2) separately sealed submittals. The submittals are as follows: (i) Technical Submittal, in response to Part II-1 through II-8 hereof; (ii) Cost Submittal, in response to Part II-9 hereof.

The Commission reserves the right to request additional information which, in the Commission's opinion, is necessary to assure that the Proposer's competence, number of qualified employees, business organization, and financial resources are adequate to perform according to the RFP.

The Commission may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform the work, and the Proposer shall furnish to the Issuing Office all such information and data for this purpose as requested by the Commission. The Commission reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Proposer fails to satisfy the Commission that such Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the agreement and to complete the work specified.

II-1. Proposal Cover Sheet (Appendix A)

Show the name of your firm, Federal I.D. number, address, name of contact person, contact person's email and telephone number date and the subject: **Arbitrage Consultant, RFP 13-10320-4234**. In addition it is required that all information requested in Appendix A be provided including information pertaining to location of office performing the work, contact information, listing of all Pennsylvania offices and total number of Pennsylvania employees, and location of company headquarters.

II-2. Statement of the Problem. State in succinct terms your understanding of the problem presented or the service required by this RFP.

II-3. Management Summary. Include a narrative description of the proposed effort and a list of the items to be delivered or services to be provided.

II-4. Work Plan. Describe in narrative form your technical plan for accomplishing the work. Use the task descriptions in Part IV of this RFP as your reference point. Modifications of the task descriptions are permitted; however, reasons for changes should be fully explained. Indicate the number of personhours allocated to each task.

II-5. Prior Experience. Include experience as an Arbitrage Consultant. Experience shown should be work done by individuals who will be assigned to this project as well as that of your company. Studies or projects referred to should be identified and the name of the customer shown, including the name, address, and telephone number of the responsible official of the customer, company, or agency who may be contacted.

II-6. Personnel. Include the number, and names where practicable, of executive and professional personnel, analysts, auditors, researchers, programmers, consultants, etc., who will be engaged in the

work. Show where these personnel will be physically located during the time they are engaged in the work. Include through a resume or similar document education and experience in Arbitrage Consultant. Indicate the responsibilities each will have in this project and how long each has been with your company. Identify subcontractors you intend to use and the services they will perform.

II-7. Training. The Arbitrage Consultant will be expected to assist in educating the staff of the Commission concerning Arbitrage, on an as needed basis. Such training may consist of seminars, written materials and informal discussions.

II-8. Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

The Turnpike Commission is committed to the inclusion of disadvantaged, minority, and woman firms in contracting opportunities. Responding firms shall clearly identify DBE/MBE/WBE firms, expected to participate in the Contract, in their Proposal. Proposed DBE/MBE/WBE firms must be certified by the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (www.paucp.com) at the time of the submission of the proposal. The utilization of disadvantaged, minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged and will be considered a factor in the evaluation determination.

II-9. Cost Submittal. The information requested in this section shall constitute your cost submittal. **The Cost Submittal shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope within the sealed proposal, and on a CD-ROM, separate from the technical submittal.**

Proposers should **not** include any assumptions in their cost submittals. If the proposer includes assumptions in its cost submittal, the Issuing Office may reject the proposal. Proposers should direct in writing to the Issuing Office pursuant to Part I-9 of this RFP any questions about whether a cost or other component is included or applies. All Proposers will then have the benefit of the Issuing Office's written answer so that all proposals are submitted on the same basis.

The total cost you are proposing must be broken down but not limited to the following components:

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- A. Present a concise list of the scope of services and the work products that your firm proposes to provide. Given your proposed scope of services and work products, discuss your proposed fee arrangement *based on the following*:

- 1. Compensation on a fixed cost per bond issue.

Any costs not provided in the cost proposal will be assumed as no charge to the Commission.

The selected Proposer shall only perform work on this contract after the Effective Date is affixed and the fully-executed contract sent to the selected Proposer. The Commission shall issue a written Notice to Proceed to the selected Proposer authorizing the work to begin on a date which is on or after the Effective Date. The selected Proposer shall not start the performance of any work prior to the date set forth in the Notice of Proceed and the Commission shall not be liable to pay the selected Proposer for any service or work performed or expenses incurred before the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed. No Commission employee has the authority to verbally direct the commencement of any work under this Contract.

PART III

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

III-1. Mandatory Responsiveness Requirements. To be eligible for selection, a proposal shall be (a) timely received from a Proposer; (b) properly signed by the Proposer.

III-2. Technical Nonconforming Proposals. The two (2) Mandatory Responsiveness Requirements set forth in Section III-1 above (a&b) are the only RFP requirements that the Commission will consider to be non-waivable. The Issuing Office reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to (1) waive any other technical or immaterial nonconformities in the proposal, (2) allow the Proposer to cure the nonconformity, or (3) consider the nonconformity in the evaluation of the proposal.

III-3. Proposal Evaluation. Proposals will be reviewed, evaluated, and rated by a Technical Evaluation Team (TET) of qualified personnel based on the evaluation criteria listed below. The TET will present the evaluations to the Professional Services Procurement Committee (PSPC). The PSPC will review the TET's evaluation and provide the Commission with the firm(s) determined to be highly recommended for this assignment.

The Commission will select the most highly qualified firm for the assignment or the firm whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the Commission by considering the TET's evaluation and the PSPC's determination as to each firm's rating. In making the PSPC's determination and the Commission's decision, additional selection factors may be considered taking into account the estimated value, scope, complexity and professional nature of the services to be rendered and any other relevant circumstances. Additional selection factors may include, when applicable, the following: geographic location and proximity of the firm, firm's Pennsylvania presence or utilization of Pennsylvania employees for the assignment; equitable distribution of work; diversity inclusion; and any other relevant factors as determined as appropriate by the Commission.

Award will only be made to a Proposer determined to be responsive and responsible in accordance with Commonwealth Management Directive 215.9, Contractor Responsibility Program.

III-4. Evaluation Criteria. The following criteria will be used, in order of relative importance from the highest to the lowest, in evaluating each proposal:

a. Understanding the Problem. This refers to the Proposer's understanding of the Commission needs that generated the RFP, of the Commission's objectives in asking for the services or undertaking the study, and of the nature and scope of the work involved.

b. Proposer Qualifications. This refers to the ability of the Proposer to meet the terms of the RFP, especially the time constraint and the quality, relevancy, and recency of studies and projects completed by the Proposer. This also includes the Proposer's financial ability to undertake a project of this size.

c. **Personnel Qualifications.** This refers to the competence of professional personnel who would be assigned to the job by the Proposer. Qualifications of professional personnel will be measured by experience and education, with particular reference to experience on studies/services similar to that described in the RFP. Particular emphasis is placed on the qualifications of the project manager.

d. **Soundness of Approach.** Emphasis here is on the techniques for collecting and analyzing data, sequence and relationships of major steps, and methods for managing the service/project. Of equal importance is whether the technical approach is completely responsive to all written specifications and requirements contained in the RFP and if it appears to meet Commission objectives.

e. **Cost.** While this area may be weighted heavily, it will not normally be the deciding factor in the selection process. The Commission reserves the right to select a proposal based upon all the factors listed above, and will not necessarily choose the firm offering the best price. The Commission will select the firm with the proposal that best meets its needs, at the sole discretion of the Commission.

f. **Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion (D/M/WBE) Participation.** This refers to the inclusion of D/M/WBE firms, as described in Part II-8, Participation may be measured in terms of total dollars committed or percentage of total contract amount to certified D/M/WBE firms.

PART IV

WORK STATEMENT

IV-1. Objectives.

a. General. The Commission desires to engage the services to satisfy the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's need for an Arbitrage Consultant.

b. Specific. The Arbitrage Consultant will be required to prepare the Annual Arbitrage Reports, in accordance with federal regulations, and provide all services necessary to meet the requirements and complete the tasks as listed in sections IV-3 and IV-4.

IV-2. Nature and Scope of the Project.

The Arbitrage Consultant will develop and maintain an Arbitrage Consultant database for monitoring and reporting purposes.

IV-3. Requirements.

The Arbitrage Consultant will be expected to provide advice, information and recommendations, which includes supporting analysis and schedules, to assist the Commission with the following: monitoring and updating policy, preparation of the Arbitrage Report and complete the tasks outlined in IV-4. The Arbitrage Consultant will be expected to perform or to assist with all matters related to the Commission's arbitrage calculations during the period of the agreement.

IV-4. Tasks

For each bond issue, the Consultant is to:

- a) Track outstanding bond issues to assess which ones will have upcoming reporting requirements and will need to be evaluated to determine arbitrage compliance requirements.
- b) Collect data from trustees or banks, reviewing any special elections and determine bond year and relevant IRS filing dates.
- c) Verify that the issue is subject to the Rebate Requirement.
- d) Verify debt service, original issue discount or premium, sources and uses.
- e) Calculate the bond yield.
- f) Identify, and separately account for, all "Gross Proceeds" (as that term is defined in the Rebate Requirement) of the bond issue, including those requiring allocation analyses due to "transferred proceeds" and/or "commingled funds" circumstances.
- g) Review documentation for special elections and eligibility for spending exceptions.
- h) Review and analyze the portfolio of investments and the funds and accounts in which the investments are held.

- i) Calculate the issue's excess investment earnings (cumulative rebate liability), taking into account any proceeds that are or have become subject to the yield restriction requirements. Calculate the issuer's excess investment earnings with the legally permitted time period. (Annually during spend-down and on each fifth bond year thereafter to maturity.)
- j) Provide an executive summary identifying the method used, major assumptions, conclusions and any recommendations for changes in record keeping for investments.
- k) Train Commission staff on arbitrage-related matters.
- l) Provide assistance and consultation as necessary to retain records and documentation at least six years after the issue's final maturity.
- m) Provide a legal opinion that arbitrage calculations were performed in compliance with federal tax law and requirements or an explanation as to why such opinion is unnecessary.
- n) Prepare and provide for signature and date a completed Form 8038T for filing with the IRS and assist the Commission as requested in the event of an IRS or other inquiry.
- o) Maintain a database of all bond issues for the programs and advise Commission of any important dates as they occur (yield reductions, calculations and payment dates).
- p) The Arbitrage Consultant will be expected to provide alerts whenever applicable to advise the Commission of material events, legislation, products and happenings that could impact the Commission.
- q) The Arbitrage Consultant will be required to maintain a database to track, calculate, verify, and report arbitrage calculations. Please provide example of report with calculations.
- r) The Arbitrage Consultant will be expected to provide all calculations and schedules required for the Commission to comply with federal regulations.
- s) The Arbitrage Consultant will assist the Commission in drafting the notes to its financial statements.
- t) The Arbitrage Consultant will be expected to assist in the preparation and review of disclosures relating to arbitrage calculations appearing in the financial disclosure contained in the offering documents used by the Commission bonds.

IV-5. Reports and Project Control.

a. Task Plan. A work plan for each task that identifies the work elements of the tasks, the resources assigned to the tasks, and the time allotted to each element and the deliverable items to be produced.

b. Status Report. A periodic progress report covering activities, problems, and recommendations; the report should be keyed to the work plan developed by the Proposer in its proposal, as amended or approved by the Commission.

c. Problem Identification Report. An “as required” report, identifying problem areas. The report should describe the problem and its impact on the overall project and on each affected task. It should list possible courses of action with advantages and disadvantages of each, and include Proposer recommendations with supporting rationale.

d. Final Report

- (1) Abstract or summarize the result of the study or service in terminology that will be meaningful to management and others generally familiar with the subject areas.
- (2) Describe data collection and analytical and other techniques used during the study.
- (3) Summarize findings, conclusions, and recommendations developed in each task.
- (4) Include all supporting documentation; e.g., flow charts, forms, questionnaires, etc.
- (5) Recommend a time-phased work plan for implementing the recommendations.
- (6) Provide a hard copy and two (2) CD’s for arbitrage reports.

Addendum No. 1

RFP # 13-10320-4234

Arbitrage Consultant

Prospective Respondents: You are hereby notified of the following information in regard to the referenced RFP:

Following are the answers to questions submitted in response to the above referenced RFP as of July, 12 2013. All of the questions have been listed verbatim, as received by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

- 1) What is the date the rebate calculations are to be performed through annually?

April 30th.

- 2) Have all bond issues related to this proposal had rebate calculations performed as of the last fiscal year end (or annual requested date established by the Commission)?

Partially, we typically issue 4 times a year, so the newest issues have not yet had rebate calculations performed.

- 3) Do any of the bond issues have commingled funds (for tax purposes)?

Yes.

- 4) Who is your current provider for the arbitrage rebate services?

The PFM Group is our current provider.

- 5) How long has this firm been under contract with the Commission?

Approximately 5 years.

- 6) A. Does the Commission desire to have the methodology and transactions used in the prior arbitrage rebate reports audited?

No.

B. Can the previously calculated liabilities be relied upon as a starting point for future computations?

Yes.

7) Why has the Commission gone out to RFP for this service?

The purpose of the RFP process is to ensure that the selection of a vendor is performed in an impartial and consistent manner that allows fair and free competition among qualified vendors.

8) What is the Commission looking to improve or change about their arbitrage rebate service provider?

See response to question #7.

9) What is the Commission's current annual budget for arbitrage rebate compliance reporting?

The Commission will not provide that information.

10) Are Trustee statements available for bond proceed transactions?

Yes.

11) Are transactional records available electronically?

Yes.

12) Are any bond proceed accounts commingled?

Yes.

13) Does the Commission have any bonds under IRS audit?

Not at the present time.

14) What firm does the Commission work with currently, and what is the fee arrangement?

The PFM Group. The Commission will not provide that information.

15) Would the Commission provide a list of current transactions which need arbitrage consulting services, including the date of the last analysis (if any) and whether the transaction was fixed or variable rate?

Please refer to the DAC website for information regarding all bond issues. <http://www.dacbond.com/>

16) Are all bond proceeds held with a Trustee, or are some held internally?

All bond proceeds are held with trustees.

17) Are any bond proceeds commingled in a given account with other bond proceeds or other funds?

Yes.

18) What is the Commission's current annual cost for arbitrage consulting services?

The Commission will not provide that information.

19) So that we may provide our best pricing, would the Commission provide a list of outstanding tax-exempt issues requiring arbitrage calculations that identifies the type of interest rate mode (variable or fixed rate), current frequency of arbitrage calculations (annual vs. 5 years), and indicates which bond issues have integrated swaps? Also, please indicate which issues have proceeds commingled with other issues and the method of allocation (e.g, debt outstanding, contributed amounts, etc.).

Please refer to the DAC website for information regarding all bond issues. <http://www.dacbond.com/> The date of last analysis was 4/30/2013 and is done annually.

All other terms, conditions and requirements of the original RFP dated June 24, 2013 remain unchanged unless modified by this Addendum.