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Subject: **RFQ-MAR-02-2023**
DSOC Data Center PDU Replacement

Attention: Sales

Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI) is a not-for-profit educational and research corporation operating the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) under Cooperative Agreement NSF AST-1519126 with the National Science Foundation (NSF), an agency of the U. S. Government. AUI, under this agreement, operates, constructs and maintains astronomy research facilities at various locations in the United States and Chile as well as on the island of St. Croix. More information about the NRAO is available at <http://www.nrao.edu>.

AUI/NRAO hereby requests a quotation from your firm for replacement of an active Power Distribution Unit (PDU) in Socorro, NM according to Attachment 1, Electrical Design Package, Attachment 1A, Electrical Installment Specs, and Attachment 2, Statement of Work.

Please reference **RFQ-MAR-02-2023 – DSOC Data Center PDU Replacement** in the subject line of your proposal and email it to me at mromero@nrao.edu **no later than 1:00 p.m. MST Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Any “No Bid” responses are appreciated prior to this date.**

AUI/NRAO is a member of CES, and is also authorized to purchase from GSA Supply Sources. If you can quote from the GSA Schedule, please respond with the GSA contract number.

The successful bidder will be required to execute a contract and agree to, and comply with the General Terms and Conditions of the AUI/NRAO purchase order, which is included as Attachment 3 to this RFQ.

Attachment 4, Contractor Representations and Certifications is to be completed and returned with your proposal. A complete and responsive proposal submission shall include, but not be limited to, a completed and signed original of Attachment 4 to this RFQ.

It is requested that you forward all questions and comments pertaining to this request, in writing, to the undersigned at the above address, email to mromero@nrao.edu. Initial questions on the bid documents must be submitted to AUI/NRAO **by February 21, 2023**. All questions and answers will be sent to each bidder as promptly as possible, and no later than **February 23, 2023**. Any direct communications with AUI/NRAO personnel, after receipt of this RFQ, without prior approval of the undersigned or an AUI/NRAO purchasing representative, may void your bid.

Bidders are required to view the job site prior to submitting their bid. A site visit can be scheduled with the undersigned and the visit must be completed before **5:00pm MST on Tuesday February 28, 2023.**

All visitors to an NRAO site must complete the Visitor Registration Form at <https://science.nrao.edu/about/socorro/nrao-nm-visitor-registration>.

Within your proposal, please confirm if the PDU unit complies with the Build America, Buyer America Act requirement. If not, we do have a waiver for this procurement.

AUI/NRAO reserves the right to make an award based on the Proposer's initially proposed price without discussion of such Proposal. AUI/NRAO is not obligated to award all or any part of the work solicited, and in any event will not be responsible for the cost of proposal preparation or any other cost incurred in connection with this RFQ. Further, AUI/NRAO reserves the right to accept other than the lowest price proposal.

AUI/NRAO will evaluate all bids associated with this RFQ based on the following elements in order of importance: 1) Timeline for implementation, 2) Price, 3) Quality Assurance, and 4) Customer Support.

AUI/NRAO intends to negotiate a firm, fixed price contract with the successful Proposer, and intends to award the Contract to the qualified Proposer whose Proposal is most advantageous to AUI/NRAO, all factors considered.

Sincerely,

Magdalene Romero
AUI/NRAO – Purchasing Supervisor

Attachments (4)

Attach I - Electrical Design Package

Attach I A - Electrical Specifications

Attach 2 - Statement of Work

Attach 3 - Terms and Conditions

Attach 4 - Reqs and Certs