

# THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT  
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JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

5/6/2013

## ADDENDUM # 1

To prospective Bidder(s) on **Bid # 33243** to Supply & Deliver Wheel and Axle Sets to PATH

Due back on 5/16/2013, no later than 11:00AM

### BIDDER'S QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following information is available in response to questions submitted by prospective Bidders. The responses should not be deemed to answer all questions, which have been submitted by Bidders to the Port Authority. It addresses only those questions, which the Port Authority has deemed to require additional information and/or clarification. The fact that information has not been supplied with respect to any questions asked by a Bidders does not mean or imply, nor should it be deemed to mean or imply, any meaning, construction, or implication with respect to the terms.

The Port Authority makes no representations, warranties or guarantees that the information contained herein is accurate, complete or timely or that such information accurately represents the conditions that would be encountered during the performance of the Contract. The furnishing of such information by the Port Authority shall not create or be deemed to create any obligation or liability upon it for any reason whatsoever and each Bidder, by submitting its Bid, expressly agrees that it has not relied upon the foregoing information, and that it shall not hold the Port Authority liable or responsible therefor in any manner whatsoever. Accordingly, nothing contained herein and no representation, statement or promise, of the Port Authority, its Commissioners, officers, agents, representatives, or employees, oral or in writing, shall impair or limit the effect of the warranties of the Bidder required by this Bid or Contract and the Bidder agrees that it shall not hold the Port Authority liable or responsible therefor in any manner whatsoever.

The Questions and Answers numbering sequence will be continued sequentially in any forthcoming Addenda that may be issued.

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| <b>Question # 1</b> | For the axles, are downsized axles acceptable?<br>A downsized axle is an axle that was originally a 6 ½ x 12 axle that we have machined down to meet the 6x11 axle specifications. Per the AAR these axles are classified as new. |
| <b>Answer # 1</b>   | Yes, this is acceptable providing:<br>All the measurements/specification shall be in accordance with the requirements of AAR Wheel and Axle Manual of Standards and   |

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|                     | <p>Recommended Practices.</p> <p>Do not use a second hand or used axle to machine down to the required sizes. A new axle that was never in use/service, must be used.</p>   |
| <b>Question # 2</b> | <p>The bid requires that press charts for the bearings be supplied. This is not an AAR requirement, and therefore, we do not have the ability to provide this information. We are an AAR approved wheel shop, and all work will be done in accordance with AAR certifications. As info, we will provide the press charts for the wheels mounted onto the axles.</p>   |
| <b>Answer # 2</b>   | <p>Refer to Section 7, entitled “Certification”.</p> <p>With regards to the bearings, what is required is the “spike” tonnage measured and recorded on the bearing/axle shoulder mounting (that is where the bearing presses up against the shoulder of axle). As per AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section G-Part 11, Section 1, Rule 1K10. It clearly states that <u>“seating pressures must be used to assure that the backing ring is properly in contact with the journal fillet. Bearing or wheel presses used for mounting roller bearings on axles must be equipped with relief valves so that specific pressure can be maintained for a short interval to insure that the bearings are properly seated”</u>.</p> <p>We need to see these spike pressures, ensuring that they are within specification and bearings are properly seated. There is a minimum and maximum limit.</p> |

This communication should be initialed by you and annexed to your Bid upon submission.

In case any Bidder fails to conform to these instructions, its Bid will nevertheless be construed as though this communication had been so physically annexed and initialed.

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KATHY LESLIE WHELAN, MANAGER  
COMMODITIES AND SERVICES DIVISION

BIDDER'S FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS ADDENDUM MAY BE ADDRESSED TO  
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