

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TITLE: **PATH EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE PORT
AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**

NUMBER: 55429

RESPONSE DUE DATE: December 31st, 2018

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION: THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, PATH RAIL SYSTEM

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (the “Port Authority” or the “Authority”) is a body corporate and politic created by the States of New York and New Jersey with the consent of the Congress of the United States. The Port Authority, together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (“PATH”), provides the region with integrated transportation and trade services and operates facilities in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, four major regional airports, four bridges and two tunnels that serve interstate traffic, a bus terminal, a bus station, the PATH rapid transit system, the Hoboken-lower Manhattan ferry service, the World Trade Center site and certain New York - New Jersey port facilities.

For background on The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (the “Port Authority”) and PATH, see www.panynj.gov. Additionally, the most recent electronic version of the Port Authority’s Annual Report is available at <http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/annual-reports.html>

2. OVERVIEW

Safety at the Port Authority is a multi-faceted effort, and the agency is continuously looking to improve operations by utilizing the best tools available. With PATH ridership growing yearly and planned line expansions, the Port Authority would like to ensure rescue operation capabilities are at the highest level.

The PATH rail system operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week along 13.8 miles of total route length. Four train services operate during weekday hours and two during late night, holiday, and weekends. In 2017, PATH saw 82.8 million passengers and 283,719 weekday passenger trips.

The Port Authority anticipates, but does not guarantee, that a procurement related to rescue operations technology and systems will be undertaken as a result of the information received pursuant to this Request for Information (RFI).

The Port Authority will not preclude firms or organizations who do not respond to this RFI, nor will it preclude firms or organizations who do respond to this RFI, from participating in any future procurements related to rescue operations technology and systems.

3. PROJECT SUMMARY

The Port Authority of NY & NJ is seeking information on technology and systems related to rescue operations conducted on and or near passenger rail transit systems. This could include, but is not limited to: quickly deployable tools to facilitate the quick and efficient retrieval of people from a disabled train within the confines of an underground tunnel; items that aid in rail access for first responders from platform levels down to track level; items that aid in situation

assessment and communication in the commuter rail environment; and/or any tool that aids in the quick and rapid treatment of injured individuals.

4. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS RFI

The goal of this RFI is to seek information on technology and systems that can be used in rescue operations at the PATH rail system. Specifically, the Port Authority is looking for information in response to the following questions/ requests below.

- 1. Is this a commercially available product / system?*
- 2. Are there any other municipalities or agencies currently using this product / system?*
- 3. Provide any literature and/or media content (i.e. videos, photos, white papers, etc.) with details on the product and any demonstrations of the product in use; if any exist.*
- 4. How many people are required to be engaged for the product / system to function?*
- 5. What is the required maintenance for the product/system, and are certified people required to perform the maintenance?*
- 6. What are the information technology (IT) requirements for this product / system:*
 - 6a. Is it a computer based system, and if so, does it require software of any kind in order to perform its intended function?*
 - 6b. What are the maintenance requirements for the physical device? If there is associated software, what are the maintenance requirements for the software, vs. the physical device?*
- 7. Where is the company headquarters located (Manufacturer and Vendor)? Where is the product/system manufactured?*
- 8. Provide any additional information that may be applicable.*

5. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

The Port Authority intends to review responses on an ongoing, rolling basis, as submissions are received. The final date and time for submission (“Final Submission Date”) are each set forth on the cover of this RFI.

Each Respondent shall EMAIL a .PDF copy of its response to James Tsao by the due date and time conveyed on the cover page of this RFI. The subject line should clearly indicate the

transmission is in response to the RFI for PATH Extraction Equipment and include the RFI number #55429 listed on the cover page. Exclude any images in your response that could complicate the easy dissemination of your response.

The Response shall also include or identify:

A. Transmittal Letter / Executive Overview

1. The name, address, homepage URL and Federal Employer Identification Number of the Respondent;
2. Contact information (name, title, email, telephone number) of the individual who shall act as the Respondent's contact with the Port Authority for further information requests and future solicitations, if any. In addition, at any time after the opening of the responses to the RFI, the Port Authority may request additional information relating to the Respondent's qualifications and will use this individual as the point of contact for these queries.
3. A brief description of the Respondent, its lines of business, organization, mission, affiliates, objectives, location, years in business under its present business name, and a list of previous business names used, if any.

B. A signed copy of *Attachment A* (Agreement on Terms of Discussion) hereof.

C. Responses to questions asked and information requested in Section 4 – Goals and Objectives of this RFI.

D. A description of the Respondent's experience in providing systems or technologies related to rescue operations conducted on and or near passenger rail transit systems. Provide a client list identifying or describing the following:

1. Client
2. A description of the installed system/Equipment used
3. Contract timeframe (beginning/end)
4. Value of Contract

6. QUESTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS RFI

All communications concerning this RFI should be directed to the Buyer listed on the cover page. All questions regarding this RFI should be submitted by email to the Buyer at the email address listed on the cover page no later than December 21st, 2019.

The Buyer is authorized only to direct the attention of prospective Respondents to various portions of this RFI so that they may read and interpret such portions themselves.

Neither the Buyer nor any other employee of the Port Authority is authorized to interpret the provisions of this RFI or give additional information as to its requirements. If interpretation

or other information is required, it will be communicated to Respondent by written addenda and such writing shall form a part of this RFI.

7. CONFERENCE / MEETING

At any time after the receipt of responses, Respondents may be asked to attend an informal discussion with staff of the Port Authority regarding further clarification of the response and/or for additional information. Any such informal discussion will last for two (2) hours and consist of roughly one hour for a presentation by the vendor and demonstration of the app, and one hour for questions/answers. Selection of such firms, if any, will be at the sole discretion of the Port Authority based on review of submitted material and other information gathering. To facilitate the free flow and exchange of ideas and information, the Port Authority intends to meet with Respondents separately. The Port Authority will communicate the date, time, place and objectives of such conference in due course.

Note: The Port Authority may schedule and hold individual conferences with select Respondents on a 'rolling basis,' as responses are received by the Port Authority, which may be prior to the Final Submission Date.

8. GENERAL

- A. The Port Authority reserves the right to conduct interviews, issue a solicitation for a proposal, or to perform none of the above.
- B. The Port Authority reserves the unqualified right in its sole and absolute discretion to choose to accept or reject any and all firms responding to this RFI on the basis of an evaluation of the responses to the RFI. The Port Authority also reserves the unqualified right to request further information from any Respondent.
- C. Neither the expression of your organization's interest, nor the submission of your response to the RFI and any documents or other information supplied by you, nor any correspondence, discussions, meetings or other communications between your organization and the Port Authority, shall impose any obligation on the Port Authority. The Port Authority shall have no obligation to any Respondent. Costs of participation or information preparation are not compensable or reimbursable by the Port Authority.

ATTACHMENT A: AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF DISCUSSION

The Port Authority’s receipt or discussion of any information (including information contained in any proposal, vendor qualification(s), ideas, models, drawings, or other material communicated or exhibited by us or on our behalf) shall not impose any obligations whatsoever on the Port Authority or entitle us to any compensation therefor (except to the extent specifically provided in such written agreement, if any, as may be entered into between the Port Authority and us). Any such information given to the Port Authority before, with or after this Agreement on Terms of Discussion (“Agreement”), either orally or in writing, is not given in confidence. Such information may be used, or disclosed to others, for any purpose at any time without obligation or compensation and without liability of any kind whatsoever. Any statement which is inconsistent with this Agreement, whether made as part of or in connection with this Agreement, shall be void and of no effect. This Agreement is not intended, however, to grant to the Port Authority rights to any matter, which is the subject of valid existing or potential letters patent.

Any information (including information contained in any proposal, vendor qualification(s), ideas, models, drawings, or other material communicated or exhibited by us or on our behalf) provided in connection with this procurement is subject to the provisions of the Port Authority Public Records Access Policy adopted by the Port Authority’s Board of Commissioners, which may be found on the Port Authority website at: <http://corpinfo.panynj.gov/documents/Access-to-Port-Authority-Public-Records/>. The foregoing applies to any information, whether or not given at the invitation of the Authority.

(Company)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

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