



**State of Indiana
Department of Transportation
Request for Information (RFI)
Unmanned Aerial Systems Program Implementation
RFI# 1901**

Issuance Date: Monday, January 7, 2019

Response Due Date: Friday, February 8th, 2019

Time Due: 1:00 pm (Indianapolis, Indiana Time)

Submit responses to the RFI to: ContractsRFP@indot.in.gov.

SCOPE OF WORK

Office of Aviation – Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Program

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this RFI is to generate information to assist INDOT with planning effective procurement and implementation strategies for deployment of UAS equipment and technology to serve INDOT's potential broad applications.

INDOT is requesting information surrounding the development and implementation of a formalized (UAS) program. UAS' emerging implementation methods and cost-efficient technology will provide INDOT with an innovative solution to a wide range of applications, such as asset inventory and management, maintenance inspections, construction monitoring, operational research and rapid emergency response among other uses. The program will be tailored to providing solutions to the many challenges and regulatory hurdles INDOT faces including but not limited to: airspace restrictions, data management, and FAA Part 107 UAS pilot training programs for INDOT personnel, public outreach, managing privacy during data collection, and developing protocols for managing the safety and liability of using UAS.

II. Presentation of information

INDOT would like interested parties to submit a short technical brief (four page maximum) discussing their experience developing UAS programs for state departments of transportation, data management plans, UAS pilot training program development, and FAA UAS airspace management plan development – Certificate of Authorization/public safety entity waiver development, and public outreach, managing privacy during data collection, and developing protocols for managing the safety and liability of using UAS.

INDOT reserves the right to request in-person discussions and possible demonstrations.

III. RFI Questions:

All questions, inquiries and/or request for information related to this RFI shall be directed to: ContractsRFP@indot.in.gov. All questions, inquiries and/or request for information relating to this RFI must be in writing and received no later than **10:00 a.m. (Indianapolis, Indiana Time) on Thursday, January 31, 2019.**

Questions and answers will be posted on INDOT's website at: <http://www.in.gov/indot/3119.htm>. After the deadline for submitting questions, inquiries and/or request for information passes, INDOT will review the questions, inquiries and/or request for information received, but INDOT reserves the right to determine whether to respond and post the questions and answers on INDOT's website.

INDOT will not respond to telephone or other oral questions, inquiries and/or request for information for this advertised RFI.

IV. RFI Responses

This RFI does not constitute a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”), a Request for Proposals (“RFP”), or other solicitation, nor does it constitute the commencement of any other type of procurement process. Moreover, it does not represent a commitment to issue an RFQ or an RFP in the future. Therefore, those choosing to respond to this RFI will not, merely by virtue of submitting such a response, be deemed to be “bidders” in any sense, and no such respondent will have any preference, special designation, advantage or disadvantage whatsoever in any subsequent procurement process.

V. Agency Liability and Confidential Information

This Request for Information (RFI) is only a request for information about potential services and no contractual obligation on behalf of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) whatsoever shall arise from the RFI process. It does not constitute a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), a Request for Proposals (RFP), or other solicitation, nor does it constitute the commencement of any other type of procurement process. Moreover, it does not represent a commitment to issue an RFQ or an RFP in the future. Therefore, those choosing to respond to this RFI will not, merely by virtue of submitting such a response, be deemed to be “bidders” in any sense, and no such respondent will have any preference, special designation, advantage or disadvantage whatsoever in any subsequent procurement process related to this RFI.

This RFI does not commit INDOT to pay costs incurred in the preparation or submission of any response to the RFI.

By submitting a response to this RFI, you grant to INDOT a fully paid-up, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, and nonexclusive license to use any idea, information, process, or other material submitted with your response, and regardless of whether such ideas, information, processes, or other materials are patented or subject to other laws governing the protection of intellectual property, including, without limitation, trade secret and unfair competition laws. Nothing in this RFI will impair this right of use on behalf of INDOT.

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