



INVITATION FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

201405 “Helicopter Flight Training Program for Texas State Technical College Waco”

ADDENDUM # 1 (posted 9-19-13)

The following information becomes a permanent part of the Proposal Invitation document:

Scope of Work

1. Are the number of hours specified in TSTC’s curriculum the hours posted on your website? Or can they be provided? **Yes. They are the credit hours on the site.**

Are any additional training courses planned to be a part of the AAS degree such as turbine transition, external load, night vision goggle training? If so, are those courses required to be approved under Part 141? **We would love to see night vision, external load and turbine transition courses offered. If so, they must be Part 141.**

2. Does TSTC have adequate office/classroom space to accommodate the new helicopter training vendor on campus? **Yes, we have a separate building designated as commercial use space for the vendor. Classrooms are in that building and the common fixed and rotary-wing classes will be held in the Aerospace classrooms.**

3. What is deemed sufficient proof of legal and FAA permitted operability within the Ft Worth FSDO Region? **Since regional FSDO offices interpret regulations differently, the vendor needs to assure the Ft. Worth FSDO (soon to be the Dallas FSDO SW-19 region on 30 September) that the Part 141 certificate in the vendor’s region will be shown to be separate from the TSTC Part 141 certificate currently in place. In other words, the vendor carries the responsibility to ensure operability in this region’s FSDO, without overlapping or impinging upon TSTC’s fixed-wing Part 141 certificate. These certificates must be separate.**

5. Can the contractor provide only IP’s (not Adjunct Professors) to assist in the delivery of academic training? **If IP’s are to be used in the classroom, they must meet the minimum qualifications to perform classroom instruction for our program. That includes a B.S degree.**

If the IP's possess a CFI/CFII, why is there a requirement for them to also hold a BS degree? Why should the contractor be required to provide the AP's/IP's when they will be employed by TSTC? **The vendor supplies personnel to TSTC and TSTC hires them to adjunct in the classroom. When the instructor flies, they are working through the vendor.**

6. What are the employment criteria of TSTC for qualified instructors? **CFI, and/or CFII. A.A.S degree for flight training minimum. Bachelors for academic work.**

7. Can the contractor substitute a Bell 206B3 as a turbine alternative to the R66? **Yes**

9. Under devices and equipment, does the contractor need to provide a "flight simulator" or "Flight Training Device" (FTD) for the helicopter training program? **Not required, but desirable.**

10. How does TSTC define "reasonable expenses"? **Median industry standard expenses as one would see in a region with several operators.**

11. How does TSTC define "favorable customer"? Unless the contractor is already providing similar service at the same location there cannot be a "favorable customer" rate as the cost to do business in Texas may certainly be higher than in Oregon or elsewhere, thus different flight rates would not only be justified but expected? **We recognize the disparities in price by region. Go with what your charge in your region, recognizing the potential for operating costs being higher because of price variations in a given region.**

Evaluation of Proposals

6. What are the comparable regional helicopter instructional rates for the Waco area? **There are none.**

Other Items

Will the flight training be approved as a part of the curriculum and therefore covered by the VA up to 100%? **Yes.** Or will flight training be conducted under the flight provider's VA approval and therefore limited? **No**

What is the current ratio of VA to private pay students currently enrolled in degree? **For fixed-wing: 80/20**

Can we receive a copy of the approved curriculum referenced in the document? **It is the curriculum posted online.**

What is the billing and payment schedule for flight services? **State of Texas works bill net 30 days.**

Please sign and return one copy of this addendum with proposal as verification of receipt and compliance with addendum information.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature of Authorized

Company Official: _____ Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Date: _____