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NOTIFICACIÓN IMPORTANTE III

RFP 23J-09392

ACQUISITION OF PRIME POWER RECIPROCATING ENGINE GENERATORS FOR THE PUERTO RICO PORTS AUTHORITY, GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

Subject: BAFO Request

Section 7.4.16 of Regulation No. 9230 dated November 18, 2020, known as the Uniform Regulation for the Purchase and Auction of Goods, Works, and Non-Professional Services of the General Services Administration of the Government of Puerto Rico, states that: "[B]id Board... with the assistance of the Bid or Proposal Evaluation Committee may hold discussions and negotiate with proponents whose offers are within the established selection margins."

Similarly, subsection 7 of Section 7.4.18 of Regulation No. 9230, supra, establishes that: "[d]iscussions and negotiations may take place in whole or in part through written communications without personal meetings or interviews, at the discretion of the [...] the Bid Board. They may also be conducted through any electronic platform."

Qualified bidders will have to submit the modifications to the proposals ("Best and Final Offer") that respond to the discussions or negotiations, via the following email address: <u>juntadesubastas@asg.pr.gov</u>, <u>on or before January 9</u>, 2024. The email should be identified as "BAFO – RFP 23J-09392 and company name".

All submissions should also comply with the requirements set forth in RFP 23J-09392 and all subsequent amendments and notifications. However, as requested in the BAFO meeting on November 28, 2023, proponents should take into consideration the following:

- 1. This RFP process is exempt from the Build America, Buy American Act (BABAA). However, proposals shall comply with the Buy American Act (BAA) of 1933. Therefore, for proponents submitting proposals with generators manufactured in the United States or other countries, we request that you consider the provisions of the Buy American Act, as these proposals will be evaluated according to the applicable provisions. Additionally, we urge you to provide all necessary information for the proper evaluation of these proposals.
- 2. Given the current progress, PRPA foresees the site's readiness to accommodate the engines within the timeframe spanning March to September 2026. A Notice of Award is anticipated to be issued within a sixty (60) day period. However, there has been a delay in the project schedule regarding procurement, design, and installation. Consequently, relying on the progress achieved thus far, PRPA expects the site to be prepared for engine reception between March and September of 2026.
- 3. The submission must comply with the requirements set forth in RFP 23J-09392 and all subsequent amendments and notifications. Alternate submissions which do not include all required bid forms and information cannot be fairly evaluated and will not be considered.

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In compliance with Section 7.4.18(10) of Regulation No. 9230, supra, it is reminded that "the Bid Board, the Bid or Proposal Evaluation Committee, and the Procurement and Bid Specialist assigned to the transaction will maintain confidentiality regarding the negotiations and discussed aspects."

Upon receiving the Best and Final Offers, the Bid Board will evaluate the proposals in their finalized state and will be ready to issue a final decision regarding the award of the RFP.

Edmarie Avilés Almenas

Secretary Bid Board

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