

Notice of Intent to Award a Sole Source Procurement

Notice is hereby given that the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (Authority) intends to execute an Amendment to the Maintenance Contract for the Baggage Handling System with Rexel USA, Inc. The Amendment will include, but not be limited to, software license increases, updates, upgrades, and enhancements of the existing FactoryTalk proprietary software and allow for the purchase of proprietary software developed by Rockwell Automation and Allen Bradley, a division of Rockwell Automation that work with the Authority's baggage handling system. The Authority intends to begin negotiations with Rexel USA, Inc. on or about November 19, 2023.

On March 4, 2021, the Authority entered into a sole source Maintenance Contract with Rockwell Automation and Allen Bradley, a division of Rockwell Automation for hardware and software support of the Baggage Handling System (BHS). The Authority currently uses the proprietary BHS Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) hardware and software manufactured Rockwell Automation and Allen Bradley, a division of Rockwell Automation. Rexel USA, Inc. is the exclusive authorized Rockwell Automation service provider for the Authority's geographic area.

The Authority currently uses the Studio 5000 License Portal, a secure web portal designed to manage content protection licenses. It is used to configure both Source and Execution protection within the Studio 5000 Design Environment. The Studio 5000 License Portal allows users to assign licenses, permissions, and provides convenient reporting services.

The amendment will include the purchase of FactoryTalk View Site Edition (SE) an HMI software for monitoring and controlling applications of any size, from single-computer, single-user station applications to distributed server-client, multiple-user applications. FactoryTalk View SE premier integration with Logix controllers, reusable graphics, system-wide alarm configuration and management, and mobility provide the tools to quickly develop applications, scale architectures and easily maintain systems.

In addition, the Amendment will include, but not be limited to, increases, updates, upgrades, and enhancements of the existing FactoryTalk proprietary software and allow for the purchase of any new proprietary software developed by Rockwell Automation and Allen Bradley, a division of Rockwell Automation for use with the BHS as may be developed, enhanced, updated, or upgraded from time to time.

Companies who believe they can meet or exceed the above stated requirements must provide, in writing, convincing technical data sufficient to support their position. Responses to this notice will be used to determine whether bona fide competition exists. Send written responses to the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Tampa International Airport, 5411 SkyCenter Drive, Suite 500, Tampa, Florida 33607, Attention: Damaris Cordova, Sr. Procurement Agent. For further information email dtorrescordova@tampaairport.com. Responses must be received by November 29, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. ET.