

Invitation for Bids  
**Emergency Standby Transportation Services**  
 IFB RFx# 3160007732

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**Questions and Answers**

	IFB Section, Page Number	Vendor/Contractor Question	Agency Response
1.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	Part B of Operational Requirements notes that vendor must provide a Facility and multiple drop yards. Must these be vendor owned or can they be leased/subcontracted. And does vendor need to possess and maintain the facility year round? Or just needs the access to it?	Contractor must provide access to leased, subcontracted, or vendor-owned facilities and drop yards, but only in the event of a state or federally declared emergency disaster.
2.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	Re the above section and question - how will facility, ancillary labor and equipment costs be priced into the contract? There is no price submission for these items despite them being an essential part of operations, according to Part B - Bidders Dock Mgmt and Facility	The agency published <i>Amendment #1-Revised Contract Cost Analysis and Breakdown</i> on December 9, 2025, which is available on the agency website. The addition of a line-item for cross-dock facility operations cost is included in this amendment. This line item will not be considered during bid evaluation; however, the contractor will be required to honor these prices for the duration of the contract as specified.
3.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	Is the "contractor's identified address" where state-purchased commodities are shipped the same physical location as the required cross-dock facility?	No, it does not have to be the same address. The cross-dock address can be identified by the vendor.
4.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	Must the cross-dock facility be located within the State of Mississippi, or may the facility be located in an adjacent state (e.g., Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee) within reasonable proximity to the State Staging Areas?	The cross-dock facility should be located within reasonable proximity to the state staging areas.
5.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	If the cross-dock facility must be located within Mississippi, is there a required geographic area or maximum distance from the State Staging Areas?	There is not a required geographic area or maximum distance from the state staging areas for the cross-dock facility.

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6.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	Must the cross-dock facility be a permanent structure, or may the contractor utilize a temporary structure (e.g., tensioned fabric building, portable warehouse) that meets all operational requirements?	No, as long as it meets the safety requirements of the vendor for the transfer of commodities.
7.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	If a temporary structure is permitted, must the temporary facility be in place year-round for the duration of the contract, or may it be erected upon activation and demobilized after each event?	If temporary, the structure and operation will only be required during the declared disaster and may be erected upon activation and demobilized after each event.
8.	Section 4.1.1.B - Dock Mgmt and Facility, Page 4	May the contractor lease or partner with a third-party facility provider to meet the cross-dock facility requirement, or must the contractor own or directly lease the facility?	Yes, the contractor can lease or partner with a third-party facility for cross docking.
9.	Section 4.1.1.A - Transportation Network Ability, Page 4	What are the anticipated CSA locations, or what is the typical distance range from each SSA to its associated CSAs?	Anticipated support is based on the disaster, with an estimated radius of no more than 150 miles.
10.	Section 4.1.1.A - Transportation Network Ability, Page 4	How many CPOD sites should the contractor anticipate servicing per activation?	With a major hurricane, the lower six (6) counties anticipate 30 or more CPODs.
11.	Section 4.1.1.A - Transportation Network Ability, Page 4	Are CSA and CPOD locations pre-determined and published, or are they established dynamically based on the disaster's geographic impact?	CPODs are predetermined and will be provided to the contractor; however, the address may change based on damages.
12.	Section 4.1.1.A - Transportation Network Ability, Page 4	If CSA and CPOD locations are established dynamically, what is the expected notification lead time before the contractor must begin deliveries to a newly designated CSA or CPOD?	Anticipated timeline to delivery to the CPODs is 72 hours after landfall. Some deliveries may be required at 48 hours.
13.	Section 4.1.1 - Detailed Minimum Specs, Page 3	Will all three State Staging Areas be activated simultaneously during a disaster event, or will MEMA designate specific SSAs	MEMA will designate specific SSAs based on the disaster's geographic impact.

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		based on the disaster's geographic impact?	
14.	Section 4.1.1 - Detailed Minimum Specs, Page 3	If multiple SSAs are activated, is the contractor expected to provide separate personnel and equipment at each active SSA concurrently?	Yes, if MEMA is operating an additional SSA staffing will need to be at each site for vendor continuity.
15.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 4	What criteria determine whether MEMA will require 50 trailers versus 100 trailers for a given activation?	Estimates will be made based on the storm's category, anticipated landfall, and population density.
16.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 4	Is the contractor required to have all 100 trailers available and mobilization-ready within 72 hours, or only the minimum of 50 trailers with the remaining 50 available on an as-needed basis with additional lead time?	The contractor will be part of the planning process when MEMA estimates the orders for the commodities. For example, 2025 estimate of bottled water for a Category 3 hurricane strike at Biloxi, MS with support to 13 counties initial is 57 trailers loads for 2 DOS. The current bottled water vendor per trailer load of 16.9 oz bottles is 38,304 bottles.
17.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 4	If MEMA initially requests 50 trailers and subsequently requires an additional 50 trailers during an ongoing activation, what is the expected mobilization timeframe for the additional units?	MEMA will order a minimum two-day supply; then, follow-up requests will be based on anticipated recovery of utilities in the disaster area.
18.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 4	What are the required trailer specifications, including length, type, and weight capacity?	Specific trailer specifications are not available. The Contractor should ensure that trailers are capable of transporting loads such as approximately 38,304 bottles of 16.9 oz bottled water or palletized shelf-stable meals averaging 1,100 lbs. per pallet. All pallets must remain accessible by pallet jack at the delivery endpoint.

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19.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 4	Are refrigerated trailers required for any portion of the 50–100 trailer fleet?	No
20.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 5	Will FEMA deliver all federal commodities directly and exclusively to the SSA, or may FEMA also deliver commodities to the contractor's cross-dock facility for consolidation and subsequent transport to the SSA?	MEMA will utilize FEMA commodities transported on FEMA trailers between the SSA and CPOD. The contractor will move trailers between the CPOD and SSA as needed. Returned FEMA trailers will be segregated at the SSA for pickup by FEMA prime movers at the conclusion of the disaster. No cross-docking of these trailers will occur.
21.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 5	When FEMA delivers trailers directly to the SSA, is the contractor responsible for any handling, unloading, or cross-docking of FEMA trailer contents at the SSA?	No, but cross docking of FEMA trailers will be required. The contractor's responsibility is limited to transporting FEMA or contractor trailers between the CPOD and SSA; responsibility for the contents of the trailers is excluded.
22.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 5	If the contractor is not responsible for handling FEMA trailer contents at the SSA, is the contractor's sole responsibility to provide power units to shuttle intact FEMA trailers to CSA and CPOD sites?	Correct, the contents will remain in the FEMA trailer and will be transported by the vendor's prime mover to the established CPOD by the IMAT.
23.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 5	Do FEMA trailers and their associated tracking, documentation, and reporting requirements follow the same procedures as contractor-leased trailers, or do separate procedures apply?	The state will sign for the FEMA commodities. The vendor will track and deliver the trailers using the same accountability procedures.
24.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 5	If separate procedures apply to FEMA trailers, please provide the FEMA-specific requirements.	Once received at the SSA, the trailer will be state property and accountable. FEMA trailers will be returned to the SSA from the CPOD by the vendor's prime movers for FEMA pick up.

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25.	Section 4.1.1.D - Shuttle, Page 5	For billing purposes, are shuttle movements of FEMA trailers compensated at the same daily prime mover rate as movements of contractor-leased trailers?	Yes, they will be considered MEMA assets and billed at the vendors established prime mover rate.

**Receipt of Amendment #2 Acknowledged:**

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