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**Questions and Answers for BGCAP IFB 17-0303**  
**Answers are in BOLD RED Following the Question**

1. Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like, from India or Canada)
  - **Yes, as long as the bidder is able to comply with the Buy America Act documentation located within the bid. This includes returning the certificate of compliance. The information and form are located on pages 14 and 15.**
2. Whether we need to come over there for meetings?
  - **No.**
3. Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA? (like, from India or Canada)
  - **The Bidder must be able to comply with the Buy America Act documentation located within the bid.**
4. Can we submit the proposals via email?
  - **No, all bids must arrive by air couriers, messenger service, hand delivery or US Postal Service per page 1 of the IFB.**
5. On page 1 of the IFB, it states that the questions deadline is February 22 at 5:00 PM. However on page 7 of the IFB, the following is stated: D.2. CLAIRIFICATIONS, EXCEPTIONS, APPROVED EQUALS, PROTESTS. No bidder's conference will be held. A minimum of ten (10) days before the bid opening, all potential-bidders may request the purchaser to give clarification, exceptions, of approved equals for portions of specifications by sending an email to roger.kirk@bgcap.org or Fax to (502) 848-8801. As the first date is quickly approaching, can you please clarify what deadline applies to the submittal of questions for clarification etc.?
  - **The context of the section of the IFB you were questioning is primarily directed at approved equals; if your bid package would seek an "approved equal" in regards to the specifications, then you would have up to 10 days before the close of the bid to seek approval from OTD through BGCAP for the approved equals. The questioning deadline remained Wednesday 2/22/2017 at 5:00 p.m.**
6. The IFB contains information regarding DBEs. Is it a mandatory requirement to use a DBE?
  - **There is no DBE goal for this project. Please see page 58, "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises", items a and b for specifics.**
7. On page 63, under "F. Summary" the IFB states: "The final product will include three (3) mobile supervisor units. Then on page 81 under "G.12 Mobile Supervisor Units" the RFP states: BGCAP has made the unique decision to have four (4) mobile units that can be equipped (installed if required to operate as designed) and operated from four (4) separate supervisor vehicles." Will BGCAP please clarify how many mobile supervisor units we are require to quote, is it three (3) or four (4)?
  - **Four (4).**



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8. Under G.2 Mobile Digital Recorder Specifications (DVR), line item b. states: "The hardware must support simultaneous recording of a minimum of 2 (two) independent audio channels and be capable of synchronizing to cameras." Will BGCAP accept the use of the camera's built-in microphone to perform this function instead?
  - **Yes, BGCAP will accept cameras with built-in microphones as an "approved equal" as long as the audio is synchronized with the video and is not vulnerable to tampering, and meets all other specifications, including the following requirement on the page 65, Section G.1, item,"i". "The completed installation should record audio of all activities in the interior of the vehicle, including discussion between the vehicle operator and someone outside at a boarding door. NOTE that there still must be two (2) independent audio channels.**
  - Under G.2 Mobile Digital Recorder Specifications (DVR), line item e. states: "The DVR shall connect to a PC or laptop via USB cable PC's will be provided by BGCAP." Will BGCAP accept a DVR that connects to a PC via a standard Ethernet cable?
    - Yes, BGCAP will accept an Ethernet connection as an approved equal for connecting to a PC or laptop. Easy access to the DVR Ethernet port is required to make the connection.**
9. Under G.2 Mobile Digital Recorder Specifications (DVR), line item i. states: "It shall be possible to use the USB port as a mouse for operation, upgrade and set up of the DVR. Vendor meets the specification with exception: this function is done via the CP4 monitor which connects to the DVR on the rear panel. Will BGCAP accept this exception?
  - **Yes.**
10. Under G.2 Mobile Digital Recorder Specifications (DVR), line item r. states: "The DVR shall provide alarm video protected from overwrite. The protection shall be user selectable for 0, to 60 days or continuously protected." Will BGCAP accept a DVR that provides alarm video protected from overwrite selectable between 1-31 days?
  - **The Mobile Digital Recorder Specifications MUST have up to 60 days of protection, at the discretion of the user.**
11. Under G.2 Mobile Digital Recorder Specifications (DVR), line item w. states: "The DVR shall provide increased frame rate on event of alarm occurrence: up to 30 frames per second per channel minimal." Will BGCAP accept a DVR that provides increased quality settings on alarm occurrence?
  - **Yes, that was the initial intent of this specification.**
12. Under G.5 Inputs and outputs, the IFB contains information regarding an analog speedometer. Vendor is proposing a DVR that includes a built-in GPS and accelerometer. Will BGCAP accept this exception?



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- **Yes. Bids shall not contain a solution that connects to the OBDII port of the vehicle.**
13. Page 68, item b. states, "The hard drive shall be solid state." Would BGCAP like vendors to provide a cost saving option for industry standard hard disk drives as well as pricing for solid state drives?
- **BGCAP will accept any and all bids containing hard drives with no moving parts. Bids with hard drives that have moving parts will not be considered. Only one product or solution may be submitted per bid package. A vendor may submit multiple bids separately.**
14. Page 79, item a. states, "A Wireless Access Point (WAP) and Antenna shall be provided and installed on the vehicle." Would BGCAP please confirm that facility access points / network infrastructure and servers are to be provided by Blue Grass?
- **BGCAP does not have any permanent wireless access points for video/audio download. Due to our wide service area, we intend to wirelessly download only on an as needed basis via the four 4 Mobile Supervisor Units. The vendor is required to set up the systems to wirelessly download to each Mobile Supervisor Unit.**
15. Page 79, item i. states, "When the system comes within range of the mobile supervisor mobile kit or setup, the download shall automatically download the query triggered by an authorized user." Would BGCAP please explain the method proposed for how the system will be notified when a video event has been triggered?
- **BGCAP expects that the download will be triggered when a Mobile Supervisor Unit initiates a legitimate request for download. The word "Automatic" is referring to the ease of triggering the download and not the automatic initiation of the download. It is expected the supervisor will need to trigger the download through a simple process such as pressing a button or entering a password.**
16. Page 79, item i. states, "When the system comes within range of the mobile supervisor mobile kit or setup, the download shall automatically download the query triggered by an authorized user." Shall chain of custody be maintained for video that has been downloaded through a mobile supervisor unit?
- **There is an expectation of "chain of custody". As stated above, BGCAP expects to download only on an as needed basis.**
17. On page 66, Section G.2, item 1. With respect to the stated requirement for upgraded cameras in the future. Is there a minimum resolution for these cameras?
- **BGCAP has not set a minimum resolution for future upgraded cameras. The expectation of this specification is that new upgraded cameras are better than the current cameras, equivalent or better than any new industry standards, and includes the option to add IP cameras.**
18. In section G.10 of the RFP, BGCAP has indicated the requirement for wireless bridges on the buses, "A Wireless Access Point (WAP) and Antenna shall be provided and installed on the vehicle." Would Vendor be expected to provide the network infrastructure on any



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buildings where buses return to for wireless downloading of video? i.e., a bus yard or maintenance facility or does BGCAP currently have a wireless network infrastructure in place at those facilities?

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19. In section G.10 of the RFP, BGCAP has indicated the requirement for wireless bridges on the buses, "A Wireless Access Point (WAP) and Antenna shall be provided and installed on the vehicle." If so, can BGCAP advise the make/model of the facility access points and also the address/addresses of the facility/facilities?

➤ **BGCAP does not have any permanent wireless access points for video/audio download. Due to our wide service area, we intend to wirelessly download only on an as needed basis via the four 4 Mobile Supervisor Units. The vendor is required to set up the systems to wirelessly download to each Mobile Supervisor Unit.**

20. On page 81, Section G.12 of the RFP, the RFP states: BGCAP has made a unique decision to have four (4) mobile units that can be equipped (installed if required to operate as designed)) and operated from four (4) separate supervisor vehicles. The supervisor units shall be in the vehicles and shall work properly from parked late model Ford Escapes or F150 Ford pick-up trucks when parked within range of a queried vehicle. The winning bidder will provide three (3) mobile units that will allow a supervisor to download or view video/data from a supervisor vehicle. Please confirm if 4 or 3 mobile units are required as the information seems to be contradictory.

➤ **Four (4)**

21. On page 63, BGCAP has specified "One (1) Removable solid state hard drive with a minimum of 1TB capacity "for the DVR's. Would a standard SATA 1TB hard disk drive with an option to upgrade to a 1TB SSD be an acceptable proposal to BGCAP?

➤ **BGCAP will accept any and all bids containing hard drives with no moving parts. Bids with hard drives that have moving parts will not be considered. Only one product or solution may be submitted per bid package. A vendor may submit multiple bids separately.**

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email [roger.kirk@bgcap.org](mailto:roger.kirk@bgcap.org) or call at 502.695.4290, extension 217.  
Sincerely

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