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SUBJECT: EXTENSION TO UNIVERSAL FARE SYSTEM
PROPOSAL DUE DATE

ISSUE

The proposal period for the Universal Fare System (UFS) automated fare collection equipment solicitation was scheduled to close on May 31, 2001. Several vendors requested an extension to the current proposal period because of extenuating circumstances. In order to provide an opportunity for increased competition in this procurement, MTA staff has approved a 35-day extension. The revised proposal period will therefore now close on July 5, 2001.

BACKGROUND

Because of the limited number of farebox manufacturers worldwide it has been our desire to facilitate open and free competition by encouraging farebox vendors to partner with the multiple ticket vending machine manufacturers.

Staff received a request earlier this month from one vendor and yesterday from two other vendors to extend the proposal due date so they can submit a responsive proposal. While there is no guarantee additional proposals will be received, staff believes that the request for the extension to the proposal period represents an opportunity to ensure adequate competition for this complex procurement. It has always been MTA's objective to obtain multiple proposals to ensure maximum diversity, alternatives and flexibility in the selection of the UFS equipment vendor.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will issue notification of this 35-day extension to the proposal period to all interested vendors. The new forecasted schedule is as follows:

Proposal Period Ends	Thursday, July 5, 2001
Source Selection Committee Convenes	Monday, July 8, 2001
Evaluation Period	July - September, 2001
BAFO	September - October, 2001
Recommendation for Contract Award	October - November, 2001
NTP	December, 2001

Monthly status reports will continue at the MTA Operations Committee Meetings.

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