

## **Gresham Petroleum:**

1. Will there be an opportunity to listen to the bid opening via Teams, Zoom, conference call, etc.? **Yes, I can set up a call via GoTo Meeting**
2. When is the anticipated award date? **It is anticipated for ACRTA to award the day of bid opening (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>), I cannot speak for the other entities in the fuel consortium.**
3. How will successful bidder be notified? **Via email**
4. Please confirm that there are no bonds. **Confirmed.**
5. Will the delivery to the City of Lima Utilities tanks require a tank wagon or transport truck? **Transport Truck.**
6. Will any sites/tanks require split deliveries? **Yes – the City Street & City Utilities, Allen County Engineer, and ACRTA often request split deliveries.**
7. Will any tanks require truck pumps? **No.**
8. Please provide an average order size for each tank and fuel type. **AC Engineers: 500 diesel, 3000 gas; City Utilities: 1500 diesel, 2500 gas; City Streets (Central Services Building): 3000 diesel, 4000 gas; Shawnee Schools/Lima City Schools: no response; ACRTA: unknown, brand new larger tanks than previous.**
9. Is biodiesel acceptable or forbidden? **Forbidden.**
10. What are your payment terms? **ACRTA: net 30**
11. What is your preferred method of payment (check, ACH, EFT, other)? **ACRTA: Check**
12. Will an OPIS report be required with invoices until the RTA locks in a firm fixed price? **No**
13. Are there any lab testing requirements? **No**
14. Are common carriers considered subcontractors? **Yes**
15. Is subcontracting allowed? **Yes**
16. Please provide prior bid tabulations. **Attached**
17. Who is the current supplier. **Petroleum Traders**
18. Please provide an invoice and bill of lading/delivery ticket example for both gasoline and diesel. **Attached**

## **RKA:**

- Can you provide a copy of the last bid tabulation? **Attached.**
- Can you provide an example invoice reflective of NET gallons for both gas and diesel , that also includes tax rate /structure based on NET gallon? **Attached.**
- Can you confirm if you are currently buying on FIXED price or variable OPIS? **Fixed.**
- Will the RTA split the award on gas and ULSD to 2 vendors? **We have not done so in the past but could.**
- Can you please confirm your current pay terms and method? , ex: NET 30 days via check. **It is Net 30 via check.**

## Heritage Petroleum:

Is there a bid bond or certificate of insurance required for this bid? I did not see it mentioned in the bid specifications but I wanted to double check.

**In the RFP, page 13, it says the following regarding insurance:**

### **Insurance**

**The Contractor agrees to comply with the insurance requirements normally imposed by State and local governments.**

## Petroleum Traders

- When is the anticipated award date? Do you plan to award within an hour of opening as you have in past years? **12/5/2025, and yes we hope toward within an hour but cannot guarantee it.**
- When will preliminary bid tabulations be available? **By Monday, 12/8/2025**
- Have any addenda been released for this bid? **No, just the list of bidder's questions.**
- Are any extensions mutually agreed upon? **No.**
- If we were to insert any conditions into our alternate firm fixed bid, would they be taken into consideration or rejected? Sample attached, please indicate which clauses would be acceptable and which clauses would be cause for rejection? **#4 would be cause for rejection. This is a federally required clause and we are funded by FTA.**
- How long after the bid opening are we required to hold our firm pricing before the recommendation? **We would like pricing to be held until Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to give all members of the consortium time to lock in pricing. After that, revised pricing is to be faxed every Wednesday and Friday until consortium members lock in their pricing.**
- Our records show there are still 10,280 gallons of diesel and 10,085 gallons of gas remaining on the current ACRTA firm contract. If you have excess gallons still to be used after December 31, 2025, what are your intentions? **ACRTA ordered 6,000 gallons of diesel and 2,000 gallons of gas yesterday. We plan to fill our new 12,000 gallon tanks before the end of the year.**
- Our records show there are still 7,489 gallons of diesel remaining on the current Lima City Schools firm contract. If you have excess gallons still to be used after December 31, 2025, what are your intentions? **Waiting on reply**
- Our records show there are still 2,412 gallons of diesel remaining on the current Shawnee Schools firm contract. If you have excess gallons still to be used after December 31, 2025, what are your intentions? **Waiting on reply**
- Will all locked in gallons be guaranteed to be used on the contract? **Yes.**

## Guttman Energy

I see where it says that the bids are to be mailed or faxed in by December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Can they also be emailed? I only ask because I am not sure of my availability of a fax machine in the office. But if we were to provide a fixed price on Bid Form #1, we wouldn't be able to mail in the bid in advance since it needs to be based on the NYMEX closing on December 4<sup>th</sup>. **Yes, I will accept emailed bids.**

Do vendors have to provide both a firm fixed price and an OPIS price to be considered? If it is decided that we only provide one bid, do we still have to submit the form that we are not submitting since the notary is on the Bid Form #1 only. **Both firm fixed price and OPIS price need to be returned.**

On the bottom of page 35 in the bid, it states that pages 44 and 46 must be complete and returned with the proposal. However, I don't see a page 46; the bid document ends on page 45. **This is a typo. All sheets from 41 – 45 should be returned.**

The complete submittal should contain all the forms that are in YELLOW and the ones that state it needs to be completed, correct? Do we send back the DBE listed with the N/A as well? **DBE does not need to be returned this year.**

While both bid forms need to be returned, do we need to provide a firm fixed price?

**Yes, we need a firm fixed price as that is the end goal of the fuel consortium bid.**

## Heritage Oil

Listed on p33, it states an OPIS "Pad 2 Gasoline and Distillate Re-seller Price". We understand the Pad 2, but what does it mean by re-seller price?

**The reseller price is what the fuel would sell for at the pump. Here is what an AI Overview says:**

The reseller price for gasoline in the Midwest (PADD 2) is approximately **\$3.740 per gallon** as of December 1, 2025, based on the premium all-formulations price from the [Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis](#). For [distillates](#), a reseller price can be based on the [U.S. Energy Information Administration \(EIA\) data](#), which shows a retail price of **\$3.773 per gallon** for the week of November 3, 2025, in the Midwest region, according to [U.S. Energy Information Administration \(EIA\) data](#).

### Gasoline

- **PADD 2 (Midwest District) Premium All Formulations:** Approximately **\$3.740 per gallon** as of December 1, 2025.

- **General information:** Prices vary by specific grade (regular, midgrade, premium) and type of area (conventional vs. reformulated).

#### **Distillates**

- **Midwest (PADD 2) Retail Price:** Approximately **\$3.773 per gallon** for diesel (on-highway) for the week of November 3, 2025, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.
- **Reseller price:** Reseller prices are based on retail and wholesale market conditions, and can fluctuate.

Can you explain the firm fixed price? Do we have to include a firm fixed price with an opis number? This statement in particular.

"RTA and Consortium also request a firm fixed price per gallon to be honored for the duration of the contract."

**The firm fixed price is what we will lock in our fuel price per gallon for the upcoming year. From what I understand, on your end that would involve futures contracts.**