



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)

ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS (ERO)

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT FOR TEXAS 287(G) PROGRAM

PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement is conducting market research for transportation support in the state of Texas. Specifically, ICE requires transportation services capable of supporting all 254 Texas counties participating in the 287(g) program. As part of its market research, ICE is issuing this RFI to determine the estimated number of interested vendors capable of meeting the transportation requirements. The government may use the responses to this RFI for information and planning purposes.

BACKGROUND

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 added Section 287(g) to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) — authorizing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to delegate to state and local law enforcement officers the authority to perform specified immigration officer functions under the agency's direction and oversight. The 287(g) Program enhances the safety and security of our nation's communities by allowing ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) to partner with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and remove criminal aliens who are amenable to removal from the U.S. The 287(g) program allows ICE — through the delegation of specified immigration officer duties — to enhance collaboration with state and local law enforcement partners to protect the homeland through the arrest and removal of aliens who undermine the safety of our nation's communities and the integrity of U.S. immigration laws.

ICE requires ground transportation services to support up to 254 Texas counties participating in the 287g program with transportation to 36 ICE locations. The support requirements at a minimum include:

- Pickup location is anywhere in Texas.

- Contractor to provide 24/7/365 services to respond to any location in Texas within 30 minutes.
- ICE assumes contractors will set up-up various regional hubs to meet the pickup needs with the following additional expectations:
 - Expected tempo is two trips per hub, per shift and each trip being 100 miles on average.
 - ICE assumes use of 7-seat SUVs
 - 80% operational readiness rate for SUVs
 - 2 FTEs and 1 SUV available 24/7/365 at each hub
 - Three shifts per day at each hub
 - 50% staffing relief factor (sick leave, vacation, etc.)
 - One hub near each county jail (total of 254 hubs)
- Contractor provides all plant labor, equipment fees licenses, support and dispatch/command & control to accomplish safe, efficient operations of both employees and aliens.
- Minimum services include ground transport of up to five aliens, with driver, armed guard and all equipment and consumables.
- Transport from pickup location to nearest ICE sub-office.
- Comply with National Detention Standards (NDS) 2025 or appropriate ground transport contract requirements.
- Drivers licensed to perform missions in any location in Texas.
- Armed guards licensed and certified to operate in any and all local, county state and ICE locations.
- Comply with all federal, state, and local.

RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

Prospective vendors are requested to submit the following information for ICE's review:

1. Please provide your capability and a brief summary of your solution to provide the above described minimum requirements.
2. Can your company support the entire effort, or would a regional approach be recommended?
3. Transportation is ever changing for ICE needs. What kinds of flexibilities can you offer the government? What are your limitations?

4. Are you able to stand-up and/or change your hubs quickly? What are your flexibilities? What are your limitations?
5. The government is contemplating a multiple-award vendor contract between the AORs. What flexibilities do you have to meet the AOR requirements and control costs between the them? Do you have any active agreements with other transportation companies?
6. A rough cost estimate for the requirements described above, assuming a base period of 12 months and four (4), 12-month option periods. What pricing structure does your firm recommend?

QUESTIONS

Questions shall be directed to the Contracting Officer, Ms. Brittany Tobias, via e-mail at Brittany.Tobias@ice.dhs.gov, and the Contract Specialist, Mr. Genna Braden, via e-mail at Genna.Braden@ice.dhs.gov, must be received **no later than October 29, 2025, by 12:00 pm Eastern Time (ET).** Verbal questions or requests will NOT be accepted. Questions and requests for additional information may be answered/addressed by publicly posting the government's responses. Accordingly, questions and requests for additional information shall NOT contain proprietary or classified information. The government will strive to provide responses to questions. However, due to the short suspense, the government will likely not post responses to questions and vendors are expected to submit their responses to this RFI without waiting for government response to questions. Also, the government may not provide response to every question or request received. Lastly, questions and requests received after the submission deadline may be answered at the discretion of the government.

RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

Responses shall be in either Word or PDF format and submitted via e-mail to the Contracting Officer, Ms. Brittany Tobias, at Brittany.Tobias@ice.dhs.gov and the Contract Specialist, Ms. Genna Braden, at Genna.Braden@ice.dhs.gov. The submission must be received no **later than October 31, 2025, by 12:00 pm ET.** Late submissions may be considered at the discretion of the government.

Additionally, submissions must:

- Address all items outlined in the Response Requirements section.
- Provide any question, comments, or feedback relating to the requirements.
- Include a Cover Letter which contains the following information:
 - Date submitted.
 - Company name, mailing address, and website address.
 - Company's System for Award Management (SAM) registration status. All respondents must register on the SAM located at <http://www.sam.gov/>.
 - Company Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number.

- Company's SAM size and socio-economic status information for potential NAICS codes relating to this requirement.
- List of any and all applicable procurement vehicles your company is an awardee under (e.g. Blanket Purchase Agreements, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity contracts, etc.) and the administering Federal agency (GSA, DHS, etc.).
- Contracting Point of Contact(s) (Name, title, email, and phone number)
- Technical Point of Contact(s) (Name, title, email, and phone number) who has the authority and knowledge to clarify responses with government representatives.
- Be a maximum of twenty (20) pages inclusive of the cover letter.
- Not include proprietary information. Submissions containing sensitive or proprietary information are highly discouraged unless excluding such information would inhibit the vendor's ability to provide a complete submission. Any submitted proprietary information must be clearly marked. Only unclassified submissions will be accepted.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONDITIONS AND NOTICES

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes, it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future. This request for information does not commit the government to contract for any supply or service whatsoever. Furthermore, ICE is not at this time seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals. Vendors are advised that the U.S. government will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI. All costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP, if any is issued.

The information provided in this RFI is subject to change and is not binding on the government. All submissions become government property and will not be returned. The government reserves the right to use information provided by respondents for any purpose deemed necessary and legally appropriate. Unless advised or indicated on the responses to this RFI, all information furnished will be considered non-proprietary.

The government reserves the right to hold one-on-one meetings as a result of responses received from this RFI as part of its market research. Meetings may be held in particular with vendors who provide comprehensive responses to the questions posed. In addition, there may be a need to seek further clarification from those respondent(s) identified as capable. This clarification may be requested in the form of brief verbal communication by telephone; written communication; electronic communication; or a request for a presentation of the response. The government reserves the right to seek additional information from those vendors identified with unique solutions that are determined to be beneficial to the government.

If a solicitation is released, information may be posted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Advance Planning Forecast System (APFS) or the beta.SAM.gov Contract Opportunities website. It is the responsibility of potential vendors to monitor APFS or beta.SAM.gov for additional information pertaining to this requirement.