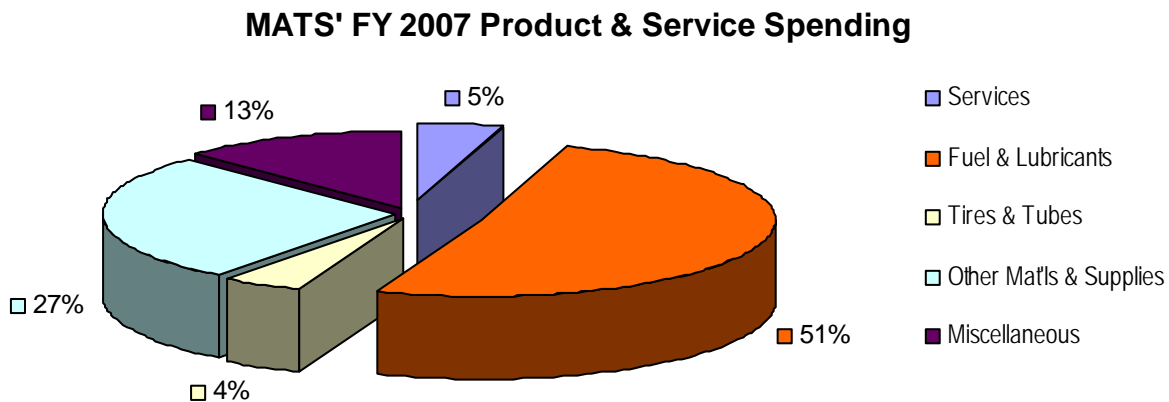




Montgomery Area Transit System (MATS) is central Alabama's principal public transit system, with a local history that spans more than 100 years in the capitol city of Montgomery. Amid fourteen city-wide fixed routes, a dedicated Paratransit fleet, and three trolley circulators throughout Montgomery's historic downtown district, MATS prides itself on providing exceptional and reliable service to its local citizens and visitors far and wide. MATS increased its ridership over 240% between 1999 and 2007, primarily due to the hard work and perseverance of its 118 dedicated employees.

In September 2007, MATS proudly opened its new Intermodal Center and 375 car parking deck, which straddles the scenic Alabama River. This multipurpose facility has an air-conditioned enclosed patron waiting area with vending machines, restrooms, and wide-screen television technology. MATS maintains two other facilities on the west-side of Montgomery: an administrative building (with attached maintenance shop and bus yard) and a sheltered bus transfer center within short walking distance to Montgomery's Department of Human Resources building, Trenholm Technical College, and several other prominent destinations in this remote business district.

Like many other city offices, MATS' infrastructure is segmented into the following functions: administrative, operations, maintenance, security, technology, purchasing, and customer service. During the last fiscal year, MATS' spending in these areas is represented in the following pie chart:



While the majority of MATS' spending is for specialized services unique to providing public transit services (e.g., bulk petroleum purchase, specialized manufacture of transit vehicles and bus parts, fleet vehicle maintenance, etc.), MATS makes every effort to solicit DBE participation for its product and service spending. Invitations to bid or general requests for information (RFI) are published in the local newspapers and routed through the various DBE liaison offices throughout the state (see attached sample RFI). Whenever possible, MATS makes pricing inquiries directly to the DBEs listed on the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT's) Certified DBE Bid List for both large and small purchases.

MATS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Montgomery Area Transit System (MATS), in conjunction with the City of Montgomery's Transportation Planning Division, hereby solicits contact information for all certified/registered federal and state disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) service providers with operations within the Central Alabama area. MATS requests that qualified DBEs submit written information regarding the DBE's area of specialization for possible inclusion on MATS' bidder's list, which is currently under construction. Of particular interest are service providers or suppliers with specialization in fuel and petroleum products procurement; vehicle parts procurement; grounds maintenance; or any other area of expertise unique to a transit system/authority or transportation planning municipality. Interested DBEs are asked to submit a 2-5 page letter of interest that includes the following information:

1. DBE's company name, name of principal owner, and address/telephone information
2. DBE's certification number(s), including federal or state agency affiliations
3. Past, present, or future DBE participation in prime or sub-contractor bids for a governmental entity, especially those affiliated with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT); Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
4. Specific areas of expertise
5. Minimum contract requirements, if any
6. If prime contractor responding, please provide listing of DBE sub-contractor affiliations
7. If DBE sub-contractor responding, please provide listing of prime contractor affiliations
8. Business promotional material, business card of principal owner, and company website address (if any)

Please submit the above information by regular mail or e-mail to the below-listed physical address or email address by **Friday, September 30, 2006**:

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