

Bid# 150814

Addendum 1 – Cable Television Services – Residence Halls - RIC

Rhode Island College

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Q: Can we obtain a Video Distribution network topology? We are looking for footages between RDF closets, buildings, etc that might not otherwise be done in a complete walkout of the entire campus (wherever video is required). We plan to perform an onsite walkthrough. The last bid from 2013 also shows that this was a requirement, so we assume that diagrams are available from the previous vendor who won this bid (Apogee Telecom). Can you please provide the documentation that they would have otherwise provided after their award of diagrams and other documentation that would be helpful to understand the campus video distribution network?

A: For the purpose of these RFP there are no video distribution network topology or other diagrams available. The interested bidder is invited to do a walk-through to make the necessary field observations necessary to obtain this information.

Q: Since your last RFP request in 2013, has Apogee Telecom lit up video services in any of the video ports in the classrooms? How many of the inactive outlets have been activated since the last RFP was awarded? The RFP seems to be a mirror copy of the one posted in 2013. Have any of these inactive drops in the academic buildings been activated since this last award?

A: No further inactive drops have been activated over the last years

Q: In Section 5.4.2., you state that Signal levels at the room jack shall be 6 dB +/- 3 dB. Signal to Noise ratios shall be 40 or better. Tilt shall not exceed 8dB.

a. Q: Is this how it currently is?

b. Q: Can you provide the results of any recent tests that show this?

A: a. As the RFP states that as part of maintaining the infrastructure it is the responsibility of the vendor awarded this RFP. The college uses these signal levels as measurement of the quality of the CATV service to the end-point. Vendor is expected to correct signal levels if the service to the end-point is considered not to be of good quality.

b. no test results are available for the purpose of the RFP

Q: Will you accept a 5 year price for services, along with the 3 year that is requested? Pricing would be more favorable under a specific 5 year agreement than the requested three year with 2 one year options.

A: The RFP request a 3-year term. The bidder is free to provide optional pricing, however, such pricing may not be considered.

Q: Please provide the current monthly/yearly pricing that Apogee Telecom is providing to Rhode Island College for the campus video services.

A: \$35,905.92/ year.

Q: Who from the State agencies will comprise the technical committee that will help evaluate the proposal responses from vendors?

A: Not available at this time.

Q: The Bid Preparation Checklist states that no bid surety or bid bond is required. The “Instructions to Bidders – Public Works Services” references that a bid surety to be included in the proposal. Please confirm that no bid surety or bid bond is required.

A: No bid surety or bid bond is required. The Public works section is a boiler plate clause that indicates a bid bond is required for public works. This contract is for service and not required, but you will need to supply a CD for the public works component for the installation of new drops if RIC ever requires this component.

Q: There are several conflicting provisions in the “Instructions to Bidders – Public Works Services” compared to the remainder of the Invitation to Bid. The Invitation to Bid states that only the “Repair and/or replace any damaged cables and equipment” will be considered public works. Please confirm that any public works terms apply to only those portions of the repair or replacement of damaged cables and equipment which will help resolve the conflicts.

A: Yes, the public works instructions pertains only to labor of installing or replacing equipment. Any construction to a building is considered a public works project and this is the only component part of the solicitation.

Q: On page 32 there is a requirement to recruit and engage MBEs to perform at least 10% of the dollar value of the contract. This is only applicable for public works projects. Is this considered a Public Works Project?

A: The Public Works Project pertains only to the labor of install or replacement of cable lines. This is considered an enhancement/renovation to a building an RIC is required by law to request this piece of the bid solicitation as a public works project. In regards to the MBE requirement, all contracts regardless if it is a public works project is required to obtain MBE engagement if available.

Q: Item 6.3.2. maintenance- are vendors expected to maintain the current coax infrastructure and/or other existing video facilities already installed?

A: Yes, the vendor who is awarded the RFP is expected to maintain the existing infrastructure for the during of the contract term and leave it in fully working state at the end of the contract term equal to the state of the infrastructure at the beginning of the contract term. It is at the discretion of the awarded vendor to recommend the replacement or upgrade of any part of the CATV infrastructure for the purpose of (improved) service delivery with prior approval of the college. However, this is fully at the cost of the vendor. At the end of the contract term either vendor transfers ownership of these replacements/upgrades to the college, or restores the infrastructure in the exact working order as it was at the beginning of the contract term or prior to the replacement/upgrade whichever is more favorable to the college.

Q: Please list buildings that have not been upgraded per Section 5.5

Please identify buildings, locations and rooms, currently not receiving CATV service, to where Rhode Island College wishes to extend CATV service.

A: At this point in time the college has not identified any additional locations to receive CATV service. However, in order to be able to expand, the college invites the vendor to supply 'per connection' cost for such service.