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Addendum 1

Date: October 18, 2013

Acknowledgment of Addenda

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda to the bidding document:

**THE COMPLETED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA FORM
SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH BID RESPONSE PACKAGE: NOT
SENT TO RIPTA SEPARATELY**

NOTE: Failure to acknowledge receipt of all addenda may cause the bid to be considered non-responsive to the solicitation. Acknowledged receipt of each addendum must be clearly established and included with the bid.

Name of Bidder

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

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Please be advised that an Addenda has been issued to RIPTA IFB 14-03 entitled Chafee Building Lifelines

This addenda consists of the Minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting held October 9, 2013 and Revisions to the Technical Specifications.

Please be advised that drawings will be available from Mr. John Racine at RGB. Mr. Racine's telephone number is (401) 272-1730 or jrachine@rgb.net.

Please be advised of the revised schedule

Drawings available: October 21, 2013

Deadline for Questions: October 28, 2013

Revised bid submittal Date: November 15, 2013

Please refer to the following web address for additional information

<http://www.purchasing.ri.gov/bidding/ExternalBidSearch.aspx>

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The meeting came to order at 1:15 p.m. Michael J. M^cGrane, RIPTA Contracts Manager welcomed all those present. Mr. M^cGrane introduced RIPTA Personnel present.

Michael M^cGrane cautioned prospective bidders to be diligent when completing the required forms, to pay attention to the details such as the required number of copies needed. Vendors need only to submit the required forms listed in the Proposal Package on page 43. Vendors having difficulty completing the required forms are encouraged to contact the Michael M^cGrane for guidance.

He also cautioned bidders not to procrastinate when filling out the paperwork. RIPTA Staff have busy schedules, therefore may not always be available for last minute questions

Michael M^cGrane also reminded those present to pay particular attention to the Insurance Requirements listed on Page 65 and 66 of the Bid Package. They are not the same requirements utilized by other State Agencies.

Michael M^cGrane reminded those present that all work performed on this project must be done in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act.

John Racine of RGB gave a brief synopsis of the project.

- Provide and install 3 lifeline systems with two additional systems as alternates.
- All engineering and calculation shall be by a registered engineer in the State of Rhode Island, service by the winning bidder.
- Scope of Work shall include all work required for a full installation, including but not limited to, misc metals, fabrication, extensions, connections, welding, and installation.
- Significant recorded training with the end users will be required.
- The facility will be occupied during construction. Therefore vendors must mark off the work area. .
- Scope has 3 Life lines and 2 alternate Life Lines.
- Entire System (welding, Engineering, Site Visits, Misc Metals, cabling etc) are within the scope.
- Each Life Line is required to have a 2 person transit system.

The meeting was opened to questions from the various participants:

Mr. Brett Knight of Evan Fall Protection, Inc. submitted the following questions prior to the meeting:

- Have you performed a fall clearance analysis for the product you have specified, as this product includes a load absorber which increases fall distance. Please advise if you will accept an alternate design that considers the available fall clearance.

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Mr. John Racine, RGB: The winning contractor shall conduct a final fall clearance analysis. Alternates designs will need to be submitted and reviewed through the substitution process as outlined in the bid documents.

- In accordance with OSHA requirements, the supporting structure must be certified by an engineer. Will this be done by your engineer or will the designer be required to certify the supporting structure.

Mr. John Racine, RGB: The winning contractor will be responsible for all required certifications.

- Structural plans are required to bid and design this system. Please provide.

Mr. John Racine, RGB Answer: Structural drawing area available. Please contact me at (401) 272-1730 to purchase a copy.

- Section 011000 Alternates Part 1.2 lists alternate no. 1 as Life Safety Line #5, and is the only alternate. Drawing A101 shows Life Safety Line #5 as Alternate # 1 and Life Safety Line #4 as Alternate #2. Please advise whether Life Safety Line #4 is part of the base bid or if it is an alternate.

Mr. John Racine, RGB: Safety line #5 and Safety line #4 are both alternates.

- User attachment between the lifeline and the harness is not specified. Please advise.

Mr. John Racine, RGB: Attachment method shall be by winning bidder. Method shall meet specified system criteria and allow mobility across the lifeline.

- Part 2 of the specification states "Each horizontal lifeline unit consists of two (2) 60 ft minimum horizontal lifeline span." The drawing shows systems ranging with lengths between 56' and 90'. Please advise if each system requires two parallel cable runs or if each system requires a single cable run.

Mr. John Racine, RGB: One cable run is allowed if the single cable run can meet the performance criteria outlined in the bid documents.

- If questions arise during the pre-bid site visit, when, when will be the cutoff date for submitting questions.

Michael M^sGrane, RIPTA: Questions must be submitted prior in writing to the Contracts Manager by 1:00 pm on October 28, 2013.

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Steven Paness of Unistrut Fall Protection raised the following questions:

- How many Training Sessions?
John Racine, RGB: Training must be adequate enough for the end user to gain full understanding of the system and how to properly use it as well as have the training documented and video recorded.

- Will the Structural Drawings be a separate addendum?
- **John Racine, RGB:** PDF will be made available from my Office.

- A drawing would be helpful to show the HVAC obstructions.
- **John Racine, RGB:** The drawing will be included with the other drawings if available.

- What are the insurance levels?
- **RIPTA Reply:** They are clearly listed on Pages 65 & 66 of the Bid Documents.

- If welding is needed fire, watch will be needed.

- Can we use RIPTA's lifts?
Ed Scott, RIPTA: No

- What are the Roof Load Requirements listed on page 101 of the Bid Specifications?
John Racine, RGB: The lifeline systems shall not negatively affect the structure of the building and/or diminish the structural performance of the building. Original structural drawings show roof loading for the building construction.

- Is the Alternate #1 & #2 a separate part of this project?
Ed Scott, RIPTA: No, this is one project, all inclusive.

Mr. Mark Mendard of Nadeau Corporation raised the following questions:

- Is Environmental Pollution coverage required for this project?
Michael M^gGrane, RIPTA: No, but bidders are required to closely examine the coverages listed to make sure they meet these requirements.

- It is difficult to do the Design, etc after the bid is awarded because bidders must have a Structural Engineer on board to estimate properly. Would RIPTA consider a two week extension to the bid response date?

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John Racine, RGB: This issue will be reviewed and answered through an addenda.

- The drawings will be made available next week, how does the Authority plan to address questions that may result from the drawings:
Michael M^cGrane, RIPTA. The next addenda will be issued with a revised timeline. Bidders are expected to be diligent with a prompt review of the drawings. Questions must be submitted in writing to the Contracts Manager, who will issue a second addenda with the responses.

Mr. Sal Torregrossa of Tower Construction raised the following questions:

- Is this project considered Design Built?
John Racine, RGB ... Lump sum.
- Are Permits needed?
John Racine, RGB: A building permit may be required, Contractors to confirm with the RI State Building Commissioner Contractors are responsible for attaining any required permits.
- Will Engineers need to have a RI License?
- **John Racine, RGB:** Yes.
- Will there be a need for Misc, metals (Prime & Paint)?
John Racine, RGB: If the manufacturer's system requires Misc. metals. All miscellaneous metal pertaining to the life line installations will require preparation and paint.
- Any third party inspections for welding etc?
Welding will require third party inspections and any other inspections/tests required for full equipment certifications required by the Authorities Having Jurisdiction.

The meeting attendees toured the area where the work will be performed.

.There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Michael J. M^cGrane
Contracts Manager