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**Solicitation Information
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Addendum #2

RFP # 7483367

TITLE: FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING SERVICES - MULTIPLE BUILDINGS

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND AND RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Wednesday August 7, 2013 at 11:00 AM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Questions:

1. RFP section for URI provides an allowance for 850 hours for Fire Protection design engineering services and CA at various cost rate levels. Does this mean that this is the maximum allowed and any balance of additional FP or other discipline engineering work if necessary will come from the \$50K additional support allowance?

Response: the purpose of this section of the RFP is to 1) set the hourly rates for the several disciplines which will carry throughout the duration of the purchase order contract and 2) establish a bank of hours upon which the University may draw, at its sole discretion, as projects are defined. The allowance may be utilized by the University, at its sole discretion, to supplement this bank of hours or used to engage additional consultants.

2. What if said FP work requires less than the 850 hours called for in the RFP – URI section, can the monies set aside in the lump sum building costs be reallocated to other engineering disciplines for URI or other campus sites?

Response: It is the intent of the RFP that the fire protection engineering for buildings, for which lump sum cost are required to be submitted, be delivered for that price. The bank of hours will be allocated only for fire protection engineering where needed for any other facilities where University programs are conducted.

3. URI has four campuses total, other than the two buildings on the Kingston campus and two buildings on the W. Alton Jones Campus being considered, what is the sq. ft. size(s) of the other building(s) to come out of the \$50K additional support allowance for all disciplines?

Response: The RFP has set up this work as an allowance as the detailed scope of work has not yet been defined.

4. Is this extra work only code compliance design or FP specific?

Response: The primary responsibility of the firm selected is to assist the University in bring its facilities in conformance with the RI Fire Safety Code. As other code issues are discovered during the analysis of these facilities, and these issues can reasonably be addressed within the same project, they will be included in the work.

5. The RI designation of a Fire Protection Professional Engineer, what is your intent of the scope of the work that will be allowed for this designation at URI; FP hydraulic, HVAC fire stop/smoke evacuation and FP electrical controls?
Response: The RFP requires that the fire protection analysis and planning be conducted and the final documents stamped by a fire protection engineer registered in the state of Rhode Island. The work of this engineer may be supplemented by registered engineers of other disciplines.

6. Based on the RI engineering licensure board web site, the FP-PE is a recent designation within the last couple years. Mechanical and Electrical PE designees licensed prior to this recent FP-PE designation are still eligible to design and seal FP discipline related work, do you agree or disagree?
Response: The RFP requires that the fire protection analysis and planning be conducted and the final documents stamped by a fire protection engineer registered in the state of Rhode Island. The work of this engineer may be supplemented by registered engineers of other disciplines.

7. In Appendix D for RIC the RFP uses the same 32month period of work and the same FP design engineering & CA hours of 800 (6.25 hours per week), in the narrative for URI it call for 2 hours per week of FP CA hours, are the FP CA hours to come out of the 800 hours in Appendix D?
Response: It is not the intent of the RFP that the hours be spread evenly over the duration of the assignment. The bank of hours will be scheduled as necessary by all institutions as each decides is necessary to bring it facilities into conformance with the current code.

8. RIC has approximately 43 buildings on its campus there is no scope of work defined as specific buildings, square footage of buildings or percentage of base FP design to base a bid on for the Architect, Electrical engineer, Mechanical engineer or Structural engineer, is there a defined scope of work for this campus?
Response: The scope of work for RIC has not yet been defined.

9. RIC appendix D while having no defined scope of work provides for the same 32month time schedule, the same effective designated 800 hours for Fire protection design engineering and CA but the allowance for additional support

and reimbursable expenses are 20%-25% of the Appendix B values for what seems the same amount of work, please explain how this is arrived at?

Response: The scope of work for RIC has not yet been defined. Respondents to this RFP must complete all appropriate documents as published.

10. In Addendum #1, Appendix E for CCRI the RFP uses the same 32month period of work and the same FP design engineering & CA hours of 800 (6.25 hours per week), in the narrative for URI it call for 2 hours per week of FP CA hours, are the FP CA hours to come out of the 800 hours in Appendix D?

Response: It is not the intent of the RFP that the hours be spread evenly over the duration of the assignment. The bank of hours will be scheduled as necessary by all institutions as each decides is necessary to bring its facilities into conformance to the code.

11. CCRI has six campus' there is no scope of work defined as specific buildings, square footage of buildings or percentage of base FP design to base a bid, please explain the campus locations and a scope of work?

Response: The RFP has set up this work CCRI as an allowance as the detailed scope of work has not yet been defined.

12. Appendix E does not have any allocation for the Architect, Electrical engineer, Mechanical engineer or Structural engineer, is there intended work for these disciplines within a defined scope of work for the CCRI campuses?

The RFP has set up this work CCRI as an allowance in the disciplines listed as the detailed scope of work has not yet been defined.

13. CCRI Appendix E while having a no defined scope of work provides for the same 32month time schedule, the same effective designated 800 hours for Fire protection design engineering and CA but the allowance for additional support and reimbursable expenses are 20%-25% of the Appendix B values for what seems the same amount of work, please explain how this is arrived at?

Response: The scope of work for CCRI has not yet been defined. Respondents to this RFP must complete all appropriate documents as published.

14. While Fire Protection/ Fire Code/Life safety compliance appears to be the primary thrust of this RFP are we to additionally consider that work's impact on code compliance with building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes as they apply to the Fire protection work being performed?

Response: The primary responsibility of the firm selected is to assist the University in bring its facilities in conformance with the RI Fire Safety Code. As other code issues are discovered, and these issues can reasonably be addressed within the same project, they will be included in the work.

15. The State of Rhode Island Division of Design Professionals per Administrative Rules, 3.02 C, Indicates that

“Mechanical engineers, regardless of when registered, and those engineers registered prior to discipline specific, who have expertise in Fire Protection, shall be allowed to work in the area of fire protection design despite the addition of the Fire Protection discipline.”

Under the above condition will a Mechanical Professional Engineer be allowed to stamp the sprinkler drawings and an Electrical Professional Engineer to stamp the fire alarm drawings?

Response: The RFP requires that the fire protection analysis and planning be conducted and the final documents stamped by a fire protection engineer registered in the state of Rhode Island. The work of this engineer may be supplemented by registered engineers of other disciplines.