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ADDENDUM # 2

RFP # 7499364

TITLE: SUPPLY AND INSTALL EXTERIOR BRANDED SIGNAGE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Submission Deadline: Friday September 27, 2013 @ 11:00 AM (ET)

Notice to Vendors:

-Attached is updated information and questions received with responses. No further questions will be answered.

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Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted.

BID #7499364 ADDENDUM NO. 2

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 INTENT

A. This addendum form a part of the Bid Documents dated July 8, 2013. The Bidder shall ascertain, prior to submitting a bid, that all Addenda have been reviewed and shall acknowledge confirmation thereof in the Bid Form

B. It is intended that all work affected by the following provisions shall conform to the original specifications and drawings accompanying same. Before submitting the Bid, the Contractor shall assure himself that all changes and interpretations covered by the contents herein are thorough understood and fully accounted for in the contract price.

PART 2 - PROJECT MANUAL

2.1 No Revision to the Project Manual as part of this addendum.

PART 3 - DRAWINGS

3.1 PEDESTRIAN BUILDING SIGN DETAIL (6 OF 128)

A. Revise the note reading "At glass substrate provide 15" x 15" vinyl adhered to glass behind sign to match PMS 282 Blue" to read "At any and all glass substrates, the sign shall have a full aluminum backer with full coverage of industrial tape. 1/8" aluminum panel shall be bent with a clip along top edge and angle at bottom to accept and secure the sign as shown. In addition provide 15" x 15" vinyl adhered to glass inside, behind, and aligned with sign to match PMS 282 Blue and cover the industrial tape."

3.2 VEHICULAR BUILDING SIGN DETAIL (7 OF 128)

A. Revise the note associated with the sign support frame reading "2" x 1" ALUM. POST AND TOP HORIZONTAL SUPPORT" to read "2" x 1" x .125" ALUM. POST AND TOP HORIZONTAL SUPPORT"

PART 4 - SUBMITTED QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

A. As I read the bid documents for the "Exterior Branded Signage" bid, I am wondering if SECTION 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES from the RIVIP BIDDER CERTIFICATION COVER FORM is to be submitted along with our bid.

Per Specification Section 00210 Supplement Instructions to Bidders Article 4 – Bidder Certification Form "5.1 Bids shall be submitted on the forms included with the Bidding Documents, covered by a properly completed RI Division of Purchases certification form generated by the RI Division of Purchases website. All bidders must pre-register online to obtain this form. There is no fee for registration."

B. *Emergency Response Number and Pedestrian Signs – Glass Mount. Verify specification that the back has fully fitted aluminum back with full coverage VHB tape. Advise color of vinyl backup material.*

At any and all glass substrates, the sign is to have a full aluminum backer with full coverage of industrial tape. The aluminum panel should be bent with the clip at top and angle at bottom to allow for removal of finished sign. In addition provide 15" x 15" vinyl adhered to glass inside, behind, and aligned with sign to match PMS 282 Blue and cover the industrial tape.

C. *Vehicular Sign – Carothers Library – Pg. 29 of 128. Sign is one-sided, advise if finished back is required. Advise color of back panel.*

Per Vehicular Building Sign detail 7 of 128, finished back will be in place due to the requirement of "1/8" THICK ALUM. PLATE BOTH SIDES…" This plate will be the finished back. Color of the backing plate to be black to match the sign frame when exposed.

D. *Sign Removal – Pg. 2 of 128 – Item A. Upon field review the following questions arise; Emergency Response Numbers*

1. *Emergency Response Numbers, are we to remove the existing numerals for CLBS, Pharmacy, Hillside, Wiley & Garrahy Halls?*

   No, the University of Rhode Island Facilities Services will remove these building mounted numbers.

2. *The following buildings have (2)-Site Signs per building, Chaffey, Hope, Wiley & Garrahy. The spec calls for the removal of (1) sign per location – Advise.*

   The removal of these signs should be included in the bid price. There are other facilities on campus that do not have any signs. It is the intent of the project to have the Contractor remove and dispose of all existing yard mounted signs.

3. *Existing Signs – Wall Mounted (i.e.) IEP House. Are these to be removed also?*

   No, the University of Rhode Island Facilities Services will remove these building mounted identifiers.

4. *Vehicular Signage Removal. Upon inspection, 80% of the signage to be removed has landscape plantings around the sign posts. The signs cannot be removed without damage to the planting. Advise instructions and restoration to these areas.*

   In landscaped areas no plant replacement will be required. Re-grade to conform to existing grades and mulch. In lawn areas loam and seed.

5. *Will the University provide a dumpster for the Disposal of the Signage and Concrete? If not, we will need a staging area for the dumpster.*

   It is the responsibility of the awarded Contractor to supply a dumpster. An area will be designated by the University as a base of operations where the dumpster can be stationed.

6. *Will there be a staging area provided for the storage of topsoil?*

   An area will be designated by the University as a base of operations where the topsoil can be stationed.

7. *Can a Small Tractor be used for the removal of the existing Vehicular Signage and the transport of the Topsoil?*

   The Contractor is responsible for the means and methods of the work and any restoration of disturbed landscape.

8. *Advise procedures and clearance by Dig Safe and who will provide location drawings and stake-out the sign locations prior to installation.*

   It is the responsibility of the awarded Contractor to work with Dig Safe as well as the University's Utilities Department to coordinate marking of utilities in work areas.

E. *Vehicular Sign Specification Drawing - pg. 7 of 128.*

1. *Advise Spec and wall thickness for 2" x 1" aluminum tube.*

   Per specification section 101400 paragraph 2.3.A - Provide 2" x 1" x .125" aluminum tube.

2. *Structurally, the sign posts need the bottom cross-member 2" x 1" to be added and for proper attachment of the panels to the frame. It will provide a closed bottom for the sign without the qualifier. – Advise.*

   The drawings require a 1/8" thick aluminum backing plate on both sides of the sign frame. These backing plates along with the continuous aluminum retainer along the bottom are to be constructed to reinforce and keep the sign support frame square. The intent is that the aluminum retainer is on every sign. Its shape is different than the tube to order brace the solid surface material and allow for qualifiers to be added in the future.

3. *Support Post Sleeve – Advise specification and details for Sleeve – and attachment to the sign posts.*

   The aluminum sign frame shall slide into an aluminum rectangle tube sleeve of at least 1/8" wall thickness and of appropriate size for installation and grout to hold the sign in place. Sleeve should be even with the top of the concrete. Contractor has the option of imbedding a solid aluminum bar into the footing while leaving 18" exposed and sliding the aluminum sign frame over the bar securing it with counter sunk screws.

F. *Provide Substitution Form so we can submit Alternative for the silk-screened copy.*

   There is not a standard Substitution Form any form that includes "the name of material or equipment for which it is be substituted and a complete description of the proposed substitution including drawings, performance and test date, and other information necessary for an evaluation" will suffice.

1. *Digital printing with UV Inks and clear coated finish.*

   This method is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified surface screened method, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples. Vinyl applied graphics are not acceptable.

2. *Paint mask with clear coated finish.*

This method is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified surface screened method, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples. Vinyl applied graphics are not acceptable.

G. *Foundations. Can we reduce the foundation to 24" deep with a post length of 21" into the concrete footing?*

Yes

H. *Advise Alternate detail for Concrete Foundation chamfered edge (i.e.) 6" PVC or have the concrete drop 4" below grade to accommodate the hidden SS bolt that holds the post to the sleeve insert.*

No white PVC should be seen above grade. Concrete foundations can be cast in situ or within a sonotube type form.

I. *9. Qualifier Bar – Alternate Material.*

1. *Size 3 ½" x 40" x 1" Engraved copy into solid surface? Material is specified.*

The size intended is 3" x 38" x 1" (exposed - an additional ½" is up in the continuous aluminum retainer along the bottom) and is specified to be a solid surfacing material such as Corian.

2. *Alternate: 3 ½" x 40" x 1" double faced aluminum pan with silk-screened or digitally printed material or paint-mask copy that matches the design intent of the Pedestrian Qualifier.*

An aluminum double faced panel with white background and black copy in enamel is acceptable. Contractor shall work with the Owner to develop an acceptable attachment. Qualifier Bar is intended to be within the sign posts whereas the Vehicular sign is intended to go over the sign posts.

J. *Document 00450 – Bidders Qualification Form – Item 5 Financing (i.e.) Financial Statement. Is the financial statement to be scanned and added to the disk? Document to be "posted" as public record? OR can the financial statement be provided to the State and to The University upon award of contract along with the Performance and Payment Bonds?*

Per Specification Section 00450 "This Bidder's Qualification Form is included as an integral part of the Bid documents, for use in evaluating the qualifications of Contractors, but is not part of the Bid submission itself. When a pre-award meeting is scheduled, the apparent low bidder may be asked to submit this form…"

K. *Section 101400 Section 2.6 Aluminum Finishes requires "Baked-Enamel Finish". This contradicts Drawing 6 and Drawing 7 which require "painted enamel finish". Would Akzo Nobel Base Coat be an acceptable alternative?*

Specification section 101400 errantly referenced "Baked-Enamel Finish" when a painted enamel finish would be acceptable. Akzo Nobel Base Coat is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified material, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples.

L. *Section 101400 Section 2.7 Graphics and Drawing 6 and Drawing 7 require "surface screened graphics. Clear satin anti-graffiti coating". Would painted graphics with clear satin anti-graffiti coating be an acceptable alternative?*

This method is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified surface screened method, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples. Vinyl applied graphics are not acceptable.

M. *Drawing 7. Specification requires "black letters engraved into white solid surface". What is the thickness of the solid surface? Note: solid surface materials like Corian and Meganite come in ½" and ¾" thicknesses.*

¾" thickness is acceptable provided both sides have a finished surface. Otherwise bonding two ½" back to back will be acceptable. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating the size of the continuous aluminum retainer to brace the qualifier material.

N. *Drawing 7. Specification requires "black letters engraved into white solid surface". What substrates are acceptable for the solid surface? Are any of the following acceptable:*

1. *King Colorcore HDPE, ½" or ¾" white/black/white, http://www.kingplastic.com/products/all-products/king-colorcore/*

   This material is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified product, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating the size of the continuous aluminum retainer to brace the qualifier material.

2. *Corian and Meganite, acrylic solid surface, in ½" or ¾" thick.*

   ¾" thickness is acceptable provided both sides have a finished surface. Otherwise bonding two ½" back to back will be acceptable. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating the size of the continuous aluminum retainer to brace the qualifier material.

3. *Closed-cell, expanded plastic, high-density poly vinyl chloride (PVC) sheet, ½", ¾", 1" thicknesses.*

   This material is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified product, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating the size of the continuous aluminum retainer to brace the qualifier material.

4. *High density urethane (HDU) sheet in 18 lb density and ¾" or 1" thick*

   This material is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified product, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating the size of the continuous aluminum retainer to brace the qualifier material.

5. *Extira. Treated wood composite panel. Available in ½", 5/8", ¾", 1", 1-1/4".*

   Not acceptable

O. *Drawing 7. 2" x 1" Aluminum sleeve post set into sleeve. Aluminum sleeve into concrete footings. What are the specifications for the sleeve? Is it internal to the 2"x1" or external? How far above grade does it extend?*

The aluminum sign frame shall slide into an aluminum rectangle tube sleeve of at least 1/8" wall thickness and of appropriate size for installation and grout to hold

the sign in place. Sleeve should be even with the top of the concrete. Contractor has the option of imbedding a solid aluminum bar into the footing while leaving 18" exposed and sliding the aluminum sign frame over the bar securing it with counter sunk screws.

P. *Can we substitute standard automotive grade Mathews paint in place of the enamel paint finish?*

Mathews is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified material, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples.

Q. *What is the white solid surface noted on the Vehicular sign? Can we use PVC?*

The size intended is 3" x 38" x 1" (exposed - an additional ½" is up in the continuous aluminum retainer along the bottom) and is specified to be a solid surfacing material such as Corian.

R. *Is painted copy acceptable in lieu of screened?*

This method is acceptable provided that the resulting quality and durability meets or exceeds the specified surface screened method, as determined by the Owner's evaluation of technical submittals, materials and samples. Vinyl applied graphics are not acceptable.

S. *Who is responsible to get permits, and/or if any are needed. If needed, please provide a contact that we can contact regarding permit costs.*

The University will obtain permits if required.

T. *What is thickness of the aluminum pans (thickness of aluminum, not depth of pan)?*

Per specification section 101400 paragraph 2.2.A.1 – Panel signs are to be fabricated from aluminum sheet 0.125 inch thick.

U. *Are the corners of the pans welded and ground smooth, or just bent over and not welded?*

Per specification section 101400 paragraph 2.2.A.3 – corners to be welded and ground smooth.

V. *Does the paint scheme on the front of the signs also return around the edges?*

Yes

W. *What is the wall thickness for 1" x 2" aluminum tubing (upright supports for Vehicular Building Sign)?*

Per specification section 101400 paragraph 2.3.A - Provide 2" x 1" x .125" aluminum tube.

END OF SECTION ADDENDUM NO. 2