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**Solicitation Information
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ADDENDUM # 1

RFP # 7549172

TITLE: Procurement of Electricity, University of Rhode Island

Submission Deadline: Friday December 19, 2014 at 1:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Notice to Vendors:

In order to submit a proposal, respondents must properly register with the State of Rhode Island. For information of registering, please see the Division's website at www.purchasing.ri.gov and under the heading "Vendor Registration Information".

In accordance with R. I. Gen. Laws § 7-1.2-1401 no foreign corporation has the right to transact business in Rhode Island until it has procured a certificate of authority so to do from the Secretary of State (401/222-3040) www.sos.ri.gov. However, this is a requirement only for successful bidder (s).

-Attached includes

- **Questions received with responses, no further questions will be answered**
- **Account information**

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

Questions for RFP # 7549172

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1. In reference to section 9.0 of Submission Requirements - MBE. We are noticing on your website that there are no known power suppliers on your list of certified vendors. Therefore, the 10% goal of the dollar value for the “direct supply” of electricity cannot be achieved. Since the purchase is for the “procurement of electricity”, are you issuing a waiver for this requirement? How will this be handled?
 - A. *The MBE Compliance Office has reviewed the information relative to this solicitation and has determined that there is limited opportunity for MBE participation. Therefore, The MBE Compliance office has made a determination that the MBE participation requirement for this solicitation should be set at zero percent (0%).*

2. In reference to the additional load for the Chemistry building on the Kingston campus, we will be able to build that load into our pricing model. However, for the Butterfield and LGBTQ facilities we are unable to determine what campuses they are on. We also cannot tell if they are going to be new accounts/meters. Without that information we will not be able to include that load into our pricing. Will this be an issue if we do not include load for these 2 locations into our price?
 - A. *All three buildings are located on the Kingston Campus. Butterfield and LGBTQ should be relatively small incremental loads. Butterfield is an expansion of an existing facility. LGBTQ will be an additional meter.*

3. Will all accounts be awarded to one supplier? Or, is it the University’s intent to potentially award the small accounts to one supplier and large accounts to another?
 - A. *The intent is to maximize the benefit to the University. If that means awarding the large account to one supplier and the small accounts to another then the answer would be yes.*

4. Will the University be accepting additional terms (up to 36 months shown in Section 5.0 of RFP) or just those shown on the Supplier bid form (3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12; 8, 9 month)?
 - A. Section 5.0 should be updated as follows to reflect the same products as the supplier bid form.
 - B. **FOR ALL PROCUREMENT GROUPS:**
Anticipated Start Date 1 (MRD): 1/1/2014
TERMS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 11 & 12-months
TAX STATUS: Exempt

Anticipated Start Date 2 (MRD): 4/1/2014
TERMS: 8 & 9-months
TAX STATUS: Exempt
 - C. For indicative pricing to be submitted with this bid, only the terms indicated above should be submitted. The University may consider additional products during the refresh process as indicated in section 5.1.

5. Should the University exercise its termination right in section (p) of the Terms and Conditions, will the Seller be entitled to a "Liquidation Value" as detailed in Section (12) of the contract?
 - A. *No Liquidation Value will be associated with signing just the base terms. The base terms will remain in place and become active if and when a Transaction Confirmation (TC) is executed. If no TC is ever executed, the 30 day termination notice can be issued at any time with no liquidation value.*