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Department of Administration / Division of Purchases
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**Solicitation Information
January 28, 2016**

ADDENDUM # 2

RFQ# 7550173

TITLE: ELECTRICAL UPGRADES, RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

Submission Deadline: Wednesday February 3, 2016 at 11:30 AM (Local Time)

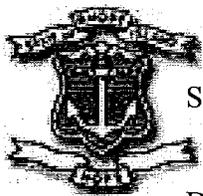
Notice to Vendors:

Attached include

- **Updated Instruction to Bidders which takes precedent**

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



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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**DIVISION OF PURCHASES
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES (PWS)**

Compliance with Instructions to Bidders

These Instructions to Bidders contain terms and conditions that will govern the preparation and submission of a bid proposal and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

Bidders must comply with each and every requirement of these Instructions to Bidders. Any failure to comply with any requirement may result in the determination of a nonresponsive bid proposal and/or the rejection of the bid proposal.

Priority of Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions in these Instructions to Bidders *supersede* any and all inconsistent or conflicting terms and conditions in any other provision of any other document in this solicitation or in the bid proposal and govern this solicitation, the bid proposal, and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

Offer to Contract

Bid proposals constitute an offer to contract with the State of Rhode Island through the Department of Administration Division of Purchases on the terms and conditions contained in the solicitation, the laws of the State of Rhode Island, including all procurement statutes and regulations (available at www.purchasing.ri.gov), and applicable federal and local law, all of which are incorporated into this solicitation and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation by this reference.

Addenda

Responses to questions from bidders, interpretations of plans and specifications, changes prior to the bid proposal submission deadline, approvals of any substitutions, and supplemental instructions and terms will be posted as addenda on the Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov, and all addenda become incorporated into this solicitation upon posting. Bidders are responsible for checking the website to determine the issuance of any addenda. No addenda will be posted within the 5-day period preceding the bid proposal submission deadline except for an addendum withdrawing the solicitation or extending the bid proposal submission deadline.

Inspection

The bidder is responsible for carefully reviewing all of the requirements of this solicitation, inspecting the project location, including checking and/or verifying site conditions, any limitations, and other details, prior to preparing and submitting its bid proposal. Claims for additional costs or time resulting from the bidder's failure to inspect and/or verify will not be considered.

Prebid Conference

At the discretion of the State Purchasing Agent, a prebid conference - mandatory or nonmandatory - may be held. Bidders must attend a mandatory prebid conference and are encouraged to attend a nonmandatory prebid conference. The bidder's representative must register with the Division of Purchases at a mandatory prebid conference and identify the bidder he or she represents.

Costs

The bidder is responsible for all costs and expenses to develop and submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation.

Preparation of Bid Proposal

Bid proposals must be made on the Request for Quote included in the solicitation. The bidder must complete the Unit Price and Total columns for each item listed and include specifications (including specifications where the solicitation requires a particular brand) in a legible manner, printed electronically, typed, or handwritten in ink. Items in catalogs must be clearly marked and pages tabbed. In the event of any contradictory terms, handwritten terms prevail over printed or typed terms, and words prevail over figures. Signatures must be in ink. No additional provisions, conditions, or limitations may be made by the bidder, and any erasures and/or corrections must be initialed in ink by the person signing on behalf of the bidder.

This solicitation contains a Bid Preparation Checklist to assist the bidder in preparing a bid proposal for submission.

Submission of Bid Proposal

Each bid proposal (a complete package, with the signed Bidder Certification Cover Form, signed Request for Quote, Bid Surety, IRS Form W-9, and public copy CD-R media disk) must be submitted in a *separate sealed envelope* with the bidder's name and address and the specific "Solicitation Number," "Solicitation Title," and the "Submission Deadline" marked in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

The bid proposal must be delivered to the Division of Purchases (via mail, messenger service, or personal delivery by the bidder) by the date and time specified for the bid proposal submission deadline. Bidders should mail bid proposals sufficiently in advance of the bid proposal submission deadline to ensure timely delivery to the Division of Purchases or, when delivering a bid proposal in person or by messenger, should allow additional time for parking and clearance through security checkpoints. Bid proposals must be addressed to:

Rhode Island Department of Administration
Division of Purchases
One Capitol Hill, Second Floor
Providence, RI 02908-5855

Bid proposals that are not received by the Division of Purchases by the bid proposal submission deadline for whatever reason will be deemed late and will not be considered. The submission time will be determined by the time clock in the Division of Purchases. Postmarks will not be considered proof of timely submission.

At the bid proposal submission deadline, bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in public.

Charges

Bid proposals shall include only materials, parts, and labor in the Unit Price and Total. Travel, mileage, or other miscellaneous charges shall not be included in the Unit Price or Total.

Bidder Certification Cover Form

The bidder must download, complete, sign, and submit the Bidder Certification Cover Form for this solicitation as the first document with each bid proposal. The Bidder Certification Cover Form is downloadable with the solicitation from the Division of Purchases website by logging in as a RIVIP vendor and clicking on the applicable "Bid Number."

Public Copy

Bid proposals submitted in response to this solicitation are public records pursuant to the Rhode Island "Access to Public Records Act," R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-2-1 *et seq.* Each bid proposal must include a "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. The public copy must be submitted in .pdf (portable document file) format on a **read-only** CD-R media disk. The disk must include **all of the documents** submitted in response to the solicitation concatenated or merged into one file.

The public copy disk must be separately enclosed in a protective cover clearly marked "Public Copy" and include the following information: (1) Solicitation Title; (2) name of bidder and RIVIP vendor ID number; (3) Solicitation Number; and (4) bid proposal submission deadline.

The .pdf file must be named in the following manner:

SolicitationNumber_Bid Proposal Submission Deadline_BidderName_VendorID.pdf

The bid proposal submission deadline must appear as mm-dd-yyyy. The bidder name must appear as one word, with no spaces or punctuation. Underscores must separate the fields.

Example: 7543210_11-08-2013_OceanStateCompanyInc_9867.pdf

The public copy of each bid proposal will be posted on the Division of Purchases website. Bidders may redact in the public copy any trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is of a privileged or confidential nature pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act.

*For Rhode Island Department of Transportation highway and bridge projects, in addition to the Quest Lite compatible electronic copy and one hard copy, the bidder must also include a duplicate original of the Quest Lite compatible electronic copy on a **read-only** CD-R media disk as the "public copy."*

Contractors Registration

The bidder must have and maintain a valid certificate of registration issued by the Contractors' Registration Board throughout the term of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation and ensure that its subcontractors, unless exempt from registration, also obtain and maintain valid certificates of registration.

Subcontractors

The bidder must demonstrate that it is able to perform a substantial portion of the work using its own workforce. Any bidder that does not maintain a permanent workforce and/or proposes to perform a disproportionate amount of the work through one or more subcontractors will be considered unqualified. The successful bidder must establish to the satisfaction of the State Purchasing Agent the reliability and responsibility of any subcontractors proposed to perform any work pursuant to this solicitation.

Taxes

The State of Rhode Island is exempt from federal excise taxes and state and municipal sales and use taxes. The bidder shall not include such taxes in any prices in the bid proposal.

Bid Surety

Bidders must furnish, with their bid proposals, either a bid bond from a surety licensed to conduct business in the State of Rhode Island or a certified check payable to the State of Rhode Island in the amount of five (5%) percent of the bid proposal. (*Bidders for Rhode Island Department of Transportation highway and bridge projects must furnish, with their bid proposals, a bid bond from a surety licensed to conduct business in the State of Rhode Island. Certified checks are not permitted for these projects.*) An attorney-in-fact who executes a bond on behalf of the surety must provide a certified current copy of the power of attorney. A successful bidder who fails to submit the additional documentation required by the tentative letter of award and/or fails to commence and pursue the work in accordance with the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation may forfeit, at the discretion of the State Purchasing Agent, the full amount of the bid surety as liquidated damages. The State will retain the bid surety of all bidders until the earliest of: (i) the issuance of the Purchase Order; (ii) the 61st day following the bid proposal submission deadline; or (iii) the rejection of all bid proposals.

Divestiture of Investments in Iran Requirement

No bidder engaged in investment activities in Iran as described in R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-2(b) may submit a bid proposal to, or renew a contract with, the Division of Purchases. Each bidder submitting a bid proposal or entering into a renewal of a contract is required to certify that the bidder does not appear on the list maintained by the General Treasurer pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-3.

Domestic Steel

Any steel products required by the plans and specifications in this solicitation must be formed, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated, or otherwise processed from steel made in the United States.

Withdrawal

A bidder may withdraw its bid proposal at any time prior to the bid proposal submission deadline. Bid proposals are irrevocable for a period of 60 days following the bid proposal submission deadline.

Reservation of Rights

The Division of Purchases reserves the right, at any time, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to: (i) revoke, suspend, or terminate this solicitation; (ii) accept or reject any and all bid proposals, in whole or in part; (iii) waive any technical defects, irregularities, or omissions in any bid proposals; and/or (iv) terminate any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation, with or without cause.

Award

The State Purchasing Agent, in his or her sole discretion, will award the contract pursuant to this solicitation to the responsive and responsible bidder who submits the lowest responsive and responsible bid proposal. The State Purchasing Agent may determine, in his or her sole discretion, the low bid proposal on the basis of the amount of the Base Bid Price plus the alternates selected in accordance with the Request for Quote. The successful bidder will receive a tentative letter of award from the Division of Purchases with instructions for the bidder to submit further documentation. A binding contract, to the extent of available funds, between the State of Rhode Island and the successful bidder will be formed by the issuance, *and only by the issuance*, of a Purchase Order from the Division of Purchases. The successful bidder shall be authorized to commence work only upon the issuance of the Purchase Order and, in addition, an authorization from the user agency. The issuance of the Purchase Order and the continuation of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation is contingent upon the availability of funds.

Prevailing Wages

The successful bidder and its subcontractors must pay their workers at the applicable prevailing wage rates (adjusted every July 1) for the various trades on a weekly basis, pay their workers one and one-half times the applicable prevailing wage rates for each hour worked in excess of 8 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week, and submit certified weekly payroll forms on a monthly basis to the user agency. Prevailing wage posters and rate schedules, available at the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training website at www.dlt.ri.gov, must be posted at the project site.

Occupational Safety

The successful bidder must ensure (if the total contract price is at least \$100,000) that all employees at the project site possess a card issued by the United States Department of Labor certifying successful completion of an OSHA ten (10) hour construction safety program.

Hazardous Substances

The successful bidder must submit a chemical identification list to the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training upon receipt of a Purchase Order from the Division of Purchases prior to performance of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation and make available to all employees a list of any hazardous substances that may present a risk of exposure.

Substitutions

Any proposal in response to a request for substitutions in the solicitation must include the detailed information necessary for a comprehensive evaluation, including (without limitation) the name of the material or equipment of the proposed substitution and a complete description of the proposed substitution, with drawings and performance and test data. Products specified in this solicitation establish a standard of quality, performance, dimension, function, and appearance. Proposed substitutions must meet the standard and will not be considered without the prior written approval of the Division of Purchases. All substitution approvals will be posted, as addenda to the solicitation on the Division of Purchases website.

Licenses

The successful bidder and anyone performing any services on the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation must possess all of the licenses required by any federal, state, or local law to perform such work.

Insurance

The successful bidder must submit a certificate of insurance that references the solicitation number and names the State of Rhode Island as "certificate holder" and as "additional insured" upon the issuance of the tentative letter of award, on an annual basis during the term of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation, and from time to time upon request. The certificate of insurance must state that 20 days' advance notice of cancellation (referencing the solicitation number) will be sent to: Rhode Island Department of Administration, Division of Purchases, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5855, fax # 401-574-8387, and provide evidence of the following specific types and amounts of insurance:

<u>Type of Insurance</u>	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>
Comprehensive General Liability	
Bodily injury	\$1 Million each occurrence \$1 Million annual aggregate
Property damage	\$500,000 each occurrence \$500,000 annual aggregate
Independent contractors Contractual (including construction "hold harmless" and other types of Contracts or agreements in effect for insured operations) Completed operations Personal injury (with employee exclusion deleted)	
Automobile Liability	
Combined Single Limit	\$1 Million each occurrence
Bodily injury, property damage, including nonowned and/or hired vehicles and equipment	
Workers Compensation	
Coverage B	\$100,000
Environmental Impairment ("pollution control")	\$1 Million or 5% of contract amount, whichever is greater

The State Purchasing Agent reserves the right to accept alternate forms and plans of insurance and/or to require additional or more extensive coverage.

Minority Business Enterprises

The Division of Purchases reserves the right to give additional consideration to bid proposals submitted by minority/women business enterprises certified by the Division of Purchases, Minority Business Office ("MBEs") provided that any such bid proposal is fully responsive to the terms and conditions of this solicitation, and the bid price is determined, in the discretion of the Division of Purchases, to be within a competitive range.

Any bidder who does not intend to perform all of the work with its own forces shall recruit and engage MBEs to perform at least 10% of the dollar value of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. To reach that goal, the bidder may allocate up to 60% of its costs for materials and supplies obtained from MBE dealers or 100% of its costs for materials and supplies obtained from MBE manufacturers.

The successful bidder must submit a plan to meet this requirement for approval by the Division of Purchases, Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office within the 21-day period following the tentative letter of award, identifying all MBEs, and must also demonstrate its good faith best efforts to meet these MBE goals. Information about this requirement and a directory of MBEs certified in Rhode Island is available at www.mbe.ri.gov or (401) 574-8670.

Equal Opportunity

The successful bidder must demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunity and submit an affirmative action plan for review by the Rhode Island Department of Administration State Equal Opportunity Office) within the 21-day period following the tentative letter of award. Information about this requirement is available at www.diversity.ri.gov/eo/eoophagehome.htm or (401) 222-3090.

Drug-Free Workplace

The successful bidder shall comply, and require that its employees comply, with the State of Rhode Island Drug Free Workplace policy and provide a certificate of compliance within the 21-day period following the tentative letter of award.

Sprinkler Impairment

The successful bidder must comply with the requirements of the State of Rhode Island's insurance carrier for sprinkler impairment and hot work, accessible at the Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

Foreign Corporations

No foreign corporation or limited liability company may transact business in the State of Rhode Island until it shall have obtained a Certificate of Authority from the Rhode Island Secretary of State, and no foreign limited partnership may transact business in the State of Rhode Island until it shall have obtained a Certificate of Registration from the Rhode Island Secretary of State. The successful bidder, if a corporation or limited liability company, will be required to provide a Good Standing Certificate, and if a limited partnership, will be required to provide a Letter of Legal Existence, issued by the Rhode Island Secretary of State within the 21-day period following the tentative letter of award.

Campaign Finance

The successful bidder who has contributed, within the 24 months preceding the contract award, an aggregate amount of more than \$250.00 within a calendar year to any Rhode Island general officer, candidate for general office, any member of the general assembly, or any Rhode Island political party, must file a "Vendor Affidavit" with the State of Rhode Island Board of Elections. Information about "Vendor Affidavits" and electronic filing is available at www.elections.ri.gov or Board of Elections, Campaign Finance, (401) 222-2056.

Binding Contract

A binding contract between the State of Rhode Island and the successful bidder will be formed by the issuance of a Purchase Order from the Division of Purchases, *and only by the issuance of a Purchase Order, and only to the extent of available funds.* The binding contract will incorporate and be subject to the terms and conditions of the solicitation, including the Invitation to Bid, the Instructions to Bidders, the Bid Preparation Checklist, the Request for Quote, the Bidder Certification Cover Form, the Agreement (if applicable to this solicitation), and also the Purchase Order. The successful bidder shall be authorized to commence work only upon the issuance of the Purchase Order and, in addition, an authorization from the user agency.

Compliance with Terms of Contract

Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms and conditions of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation may result in nonpayment, suspension or termination of the contract, suspension or debarment of the bidder, or any other necessary or appropriate remedy.