



Clarke County
School District

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Date: May 13, 2024
TO: All Prospective Proposers
FROM: John Gilbreath

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM NO.4 - RFP# 24-0522 Design & Installation Services for the Public Safety Radio Signal BDA System for the following schools; Clarke Middle, Cedar Shoals

All respondents are hereby advised of the following amendment to the RFQ# 24-0522, document which is made an integral part of the bid document for the subject contract, prepared by the Clarke County School District. A link to the addendum #4 documents is located on the SPLOST Bid Page.

<https://www.clarke.k12.ga.us/site/default.aspx?PageID=2469>

Respondents shall be required to acknowledge receipt of this addendum in their proposal response. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this addendum by the respondent may result in the rejection of their proposal.

The addendum becomes a part of the original document and modifies as noted below:

Answers to Questions: See pages 2-4.

1)The documents reference bonding: There is no specific requirement in the specification for Performance and Payment Bonds. Please Clarify.	If price for the work is over \$50,000, then performance and payment bonds will be required for the work per section E in the proposal form.
2) This project is to be tax exempt, who will be issuing the tax exemption certificate?	Contractor will have to pay sales tax.
3) Will this project be certified payroll?	No
4) The spec mentions freight is to be included in the quote, should it be a line item?	No, include freight/shipping in total price.
5) What are the work hours for these two schools as one school is still under construction and the other is an existing building.	During the school year while occupied work hours are after 4:00pm and on weekends.
6) Can these two schools be worked on at the same time or one after the other.	Can be worked on at the same time.
7) When is the construction for this system estimated to start?	Board approval is June 13, notice to proceed June 17, 2024.
8) Who will be responsible for Painting and Patching?	Proposal price should include painting or patching if required.
9) Who is the fire alarm contractor for these buildings and the manufacture used in each building as there will need to be monitoring points from the BDA system to the FA.	Firelite system being installed at both schools. CCSD will coordinate successful proposer with appropriate fire alarm installer.
10) The FA provider will also need to be onsite once the system is done for the CO at some point.	CCSD to coordinate with FA installer.
11) Who will be responsible for the coordination?	CCSD to coordinate with FA installer.
12) Will there be an area to lock up materials at the schools?	No
13) Will there be safety training required?	No
14) Will we be able to use the bathroom facilities at the schools?	After hours only.
15) Will we be able to use the dumpster at the schools?	Yes
16) The specification calls for the system to be in conduit. As a cost savings option will be armored plenum coax be acceptable? This cable meets the survivability requirements and saves labor costs.	Armour plenum cable is acceptable.
17) Is 2-hour coax required on the riser coax runs?	No
18) Is a dedicated Annunciator Panel required at each Fiber Remote unit?	No
19) On the fiber DAS, can the Dedicated DAS annunciator Panel which monitors all amplifiers on 1 panel suffice in lieu of having 1 dedicated panel at each remote location?	Yes
20) Will the BDA contractor need to provide a doc box for the system at each school?	Yes
21) Will Clarke County provide the power source for the BDA at the schools?	No, BDA installer to contract with electrician to provide necessary power.
22) Who will be responsible for installing the required Weather head on the roof for the mounting of the donor antennas?	BDA installer
P17 Requests 3 Proposals be submitted in a sealed envelope.	Provide proposals in 3 ring binder. Binders to be in sealed box/package.
Then it says All Proposals should be submitted as following: (Bullet Point #5) Submittals are to be bound in a three ring loose leaf binder. – Do you want all 3 Proposal copies in a single 3 ring binder inside the sealed envelope or in separate 3 ring binders all inside the sealed envelope? These are going to be large binders if you include the information from p39 – 47 including the 24x36” plans. Or are these submittals p38-47 supposed to be post-bid award?	Plans/submittals/drawings are due after the bid/award.
P18 Can you provide the times and dates that are available for installation? We would prefer to install during summer or winter break.	Installation dependent on Fire marshal's requirements. Tentative installation time frame

	CMS and Cedar Shoals during winter break December 2024.
Starting on page 39 it looks like this was copied from another proposal request.	
P39 Part 1 1.1A “The system will support only the Fire Department radio system and no others.” – This is not possible with the counties current P25 system. All ACC radio will be supported including Fire, Law Enforcement, Government Services, Airport and UGA, except some legacy low band frequencies (BOE, Old Police, & Housing Authority). Can we assume this section does not apply?	Section does not apply.
1.2.A 6 . Says 2012 IFC but elsewhere 2018 IFC is stated. State of Georgia minimum is 2018 IFC. Can we assume 2018 IFC or whatever the AHJ specifies?	2018 IFC
P40 1.3 3 g: definitions references to DAQ 5 includes some bonding information that would not apply to DAQ. Can this be ignored? (The DAQ requirement on p46 3.4C 1 only requires DAQ of 3.0 or better so I would think it doesn’t matter.)	This section does not apply.
P40 1.4 Are you requesting that we fully engineer the system with drawings prior to award and give the county fully engineered plan sets at bid? This is typically not performed until after bid award. We can do a predictive budgetary plan.	No, submittals/drawings due after contract awarded and before installation.
P40 1.4 B 2: requests 24x36” floor plans – do you want those in the 3 ring binders?	No, submittals/drawings due after contract awarded and before installation.
P41 1.4 C 2: What do you want for Operation and Maintenance Data?	Information required for owner to maintain and operate the system, see page 42 Item C.F. Can be a digital format.
P41 1.4 F: Do you want the full operations manuals printed and included in the 3-ring binders to be submitted?	No.
P42 1.4 G Requires records of field tests – we will need a complete day to test each site, when can we schedule these tests? (Also same as above – other than spot readings and a donor antenna signal test, full grid tests are typically performed after bid award or one company is hired to perform a full grid test and the results are shared with all bidders.)	Field test to be conducted after the system has been installed.
P42 1.6 References the Charlotte Radio Shop – This is the City of Charlotte’s radio shop and they don’t support Athens Clarke County. ACC Radio Shop does not keep a list of preferred manufacturers. Can we ignore this section?	Proposed manufacturer to be identified as part of proposal.
P42 II 2.1 B – Will the schools provide a dedicated 20 ampere branch circuit for each BDA amplifier location? If not, do the existing electrical panels have space available for the extra capacity and will we need to provide our own electrician to run the new required circuits?	BDA installer to contract with electrician to run necessary power for amplifiers.
P43 2.1C 1 –Do you really want all cable in conduit? Typically, this is a standard for new construction if used at all. This will greatly increase your costs. What is Section 16 110 “Conduit and Fittings”?	Armour plenum cable is acceptable.
NFPA 1225 18.12.3.2 Mechanical protection references Article 820 of NFPA 70 which states in 820.24 Mechanical Execution of Work ...”Coaxial cables installed exposed on the surface of ceiling and sidewalls shall be supported by the building structure in such a manner that the cables will not be damaged by normal building use...”	
P43 C.1.2.a This standard was rarely enforced and is typically no longer required. 2Hr cable costs \$50-\$100 more per foot than regular plenum rated cable. Current code states Buildings with automatic sprinkler systems no longer require fire resistance ratings. NFPA 1225 18.12.3.3	2 hr cable not required.

Will you defer to sub-section d for all of section C – Performance alternative approved by the authority having jurisdiction – ACC Fire?	Yes per local AHJ.
P43 2.1 C 4 – What is IP rating of 2 GHz? Is this a typo? Are you looking for a certification/sweep test on the cable?	Ignore this section. Outdated spec.
P44 2.2 D Reject Filters – Do you want these Nextel filters?	Yes.
P44 2.3 A – Will the school system provide fire alarm relays and hookup? This is typically performed by the Fire Alarm company. How do we coordinate and quote this? Do you know if the current alarm systems can be expanded to support the additional relays and alarms? Who is the current fire alarm company for each site?	Fire alarm vendor to supply these through coordination with CCSD.
P45 3.1 C 3 – Do you have a roofing contractor that has warrantied the roof and what coordination needs to be done here for each building?	Proposal to include price for roof penetration by certified roofing subcontractor to maintain warranty.
P46 3.5 This whole section looks like a copy from other documents online and I want to verify that you indeed want a maintenance contract included for 5 years 24/7 2-hour response time.	Provide maintenance contract and testing as a separate line item in the proposal.
A. – Currently ACC does not “authorize” any company. Should this specify “qualified company” or can we ignore this section?	Identify intended manufacturer in proposal.
B. 1. – If you want this do we include the whole 5 years in the quotes or is this a separate yearly contract to be listed separately?	Provide maintenance contract and testing as a separate line item in the proposal.
Is there a need for asbestos abatement or special consideration for drilling and pulling cable at Cedar Shoals? Can we include a stipulation regarding asbestos?	No
Is the New ROTC Building included in the current scope of work for the BDA? If so, do you have a timeline of when the work is expected to be completed.	Yes. March 2025.
Is there available underground conduit between the main building and the gym for the awarded vendor to use, and if so, can you provide us the plans for the conduit?	Assume there is a raceway for bidding purposes. BDA installer will have to provide own pull string in empty conduit.
The responsibility of connecting the equipment to the FACP panel is that of the fire alarm company that services the school, can you confirm that the installers’ part ends at the demarcation point for the fire alarm company? Can the fire alarm company information be provided?	CCSD to coordinate with fire alarm vendor and successful BDA installer.

End Addendum #4