

Addendum No. 1 to IFB 25-25



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To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding IFB 25-25 City Hall IT Data Center A/C System Replacement

From: Sonia Castro

Date: 10/30/2024

Re: **Due Date Extension, Non-Mandatory Bid Walk, Questions and Answers.**

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL: -----

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:

Addendum #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____

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Dear Bid holders,

This addendum #1 was issued to extend the due date, offer an additional but non-mandatory bid-walk, and provide answers to questions received during the initial bid walk and by email.

Due Date Extension:

The Due Date is Now November 7, 2024, 2pm

Additional Non-Mandatory Bid Walk

An additional but **non-mandatory bid-walk** is scheduled on-site for November 4, 2024, 11am

Location address: 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 – City Hall Bldg.

Questions and Answers

Questions received during the bid-walk and answers provided:

Q1. Are the existing units DX or water cooled?

A1. The existing DX units have remote condensers outside.

Q2. How will the room be cooled during the replacement project?

A2. There is no need to provide cooling during Liebert demolition and mini-split installation. This room no longer functions as a data center and there is very little heat gain created by the remaining IT gear located here.

Q3. Does the scope of the project include demolition of duct work, including above the drop ceiling?

A3. The visible plenum terminates 3” above the ceiling tile and there are no ducts beyond that. The contractor will demo the visible plenums when they demo the Lieberts. The Contractor will not be responsible for installing new ceiling tiles in place of the plenums.

Q4. Based on the model of the existing units, the scope of work calls for a decrease in capacity. Will 3 tons be sufficient to cool the space?

A4. This space was previously used as a data center but is no longer used for this purpose. 3-tons should be sufficient.

Q5. Is there a reason for only installing two (2) interior units?

A5. The thought was that a small unit (½-ton) would be installed in the small interior glassed-in office and the larger unit would be installed in the larger general office space to provide adequate cooling to the entire back-office area. **This is a given, but each indoor unit must have its own remote control.**

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6Q. Will an interior unit be installed in the glass-walled office space?

A6. Yes. See previous answer for question 5.

Q7. Will the Contractor be responsible for pouring a new concrete pad?

A7. No, the new exterior condensing unit will be placed on the existing concrete pad that is currently empty.

Q8. Who will be responsible for re-tiling the floor after the project is complete?

A1. DPW will re-tile the floor. The Contractor will not be responsible for re-tiling.

Questions received by email and answers provided:

Q1. Can we install the new system and then demo the existing equipment?

A1. Yes, but the refrigerant lines for the new mini-split will use the same cored-holes-to-outdoors that the existing Lieberts' lines do. Refer to A.2. above: There is no need to maintain cooling from the Lieberts while the new mini-split is being installed. Demo-ing the Lieberts first is thought to be more efficient and therefore cost advantageous to the City.

Q2. What the start and completion dates for this project?

A2. Desired start date is on or before 12/09/24. New split system should be fully installed and fully functional by December 20th.

Q3. Can we use the elevator to remove the existing equipment?

A3. No. Existing equipment can be removed at ground level via the building exit on School Street.

Q4. Can you confirm there is enough power in the existing electrical panel to support a 30-amp breaker?

A4. Yes.

Q5. Are there any separate drawings for this project?

A5. There are no drawings available of the IT office space as it's currently configured.

End of Addendum