

**Addendum No. 1 to IFB 25-51**



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Department of Procurement and Contracting Services**  
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To: Prospective Bidders of IFB 25-51  
Security Monitoring and Maintenance for Schools and City Buildings

Date: 2/26/2025

Re: Notice: DCAMM Category now: "Electronic Security Systems" and/or "Alarm Systems"  
Q&A  
Attachment: Revised Bid Package with DCAMM categories updated.

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**This addendum updates the technical specifications. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification. Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including this form in your bid package.**

**NAME OF COMPANY / INDIVIDUAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **NOTICE: DCAMM Category now “Electronic Security Systems” and/or “Alarm Systems”:**

The bid document via this addendum is being revised to allow for the DCAMM categories of **Electronic Security Systems and/or Alarm Systems** to meet the requirements of this bid.

Please provide your DCAMM Certification and Update Statement for either “Electronic Security Systems” and/or “Alarm Systems” with your bid submission.

### **Questions and Answers:**

- Q1. Are all three City Hall intrusion alarm systems connected to the master panel?
- A1. Yes.
- Q2. Is the City planning to standardize all buildings to the same system?
- A2. Not at this time. Please see Scope of Work, Section A. Equipment, item 6: “The Contractor will be required to use the current systems at each location or upgrade the equipment at no cost to the City.”
- Q3. Are phone lines the primary communication system at East Somerville Community School?
- A3. Yes. In some buildings, including City Hall, East Somerville Community School, Edgerly School, and Capuano Education Center, there are dead zones that make cellular systems impractical. The Contractor will coordinate with DPW and Verizon to service any phone lines, if needed.
- Q4. Would the City be open to revising the scope of work to disconnect phone lines from alarm panels to upgrade the communication method?
- A4. The City will not be making any changes to the scope of work to allow for disconnecting phone lines from alarm panels as part of this bid.

In the event of an emergency that causes internet outages or cell outages the phone line communication of data works well. Phone line communication also works during power outages or if satellite communication knocks out. The City will review the method of communication over the next contract year or so to see what the most sustainable source of communication is. However, this is a project that will take a team and time to develop.

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