



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Public Property

RFP Title: 444 IT Server Room

Opening Date: 02/27/23

Addendum #: 2

Issue Date: 02/24/23

The purpose of this addendum is to extend the bid opening date to March 13, 2023.

This addendum also serves to publish the pre-bid conference sign-in sheet and to provide answers to RFIs against the solicitation on the following pages.

Bidding RFI Response

Project: City of Providence – Capital Improvement Projects
IT Room Renovations (#2224)
444 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

Date: 2/23/2023

Requests for Information:

- **Question 1 – Specification Section 08 7100 Drawing Sheet A4.0**

Note 5, A4.0 applies to both hardware sets: Note 5 says to provide cylindrical cored doors for Owner's security vendor. The next sentence says contractor shall provide electrified door hardware as specified. Then the last sentence says Owner's security vendor ISI shall provide all final locking hardware, electric hinge and all access control. Both door hardware sets have locking hardware. Confirm who is to provide hardware. Neither of the specifications is for cylindrical locks.

SWA Response:

The contractor shall provide all door hardware in accordance with the specified hardware sets identified below the door schedule. This includes electrified mortise locks or exit devices, electrified hinges, door wiring harness, frame wiring harness, power supply, and electric power transfer. The Owner / ISI will provide the final SFIC cores, card readers, and all wiring required to tie in the installed elements.

- **Question 2 – Specification Section 08 7100 Drawing Sheet A4.0**

The double door spec has a pair of electrified panic devices with both devices electrified. Is this correct?

SWA Response:

The door hardware set for the double doors (and the panic devices within the hardware set) assume that the deduct alternate plan layout is accepted as the basis of design and that the direction of the door swing will be in the same direction as the path of travel.

- **Question 3 – Specification Section 08 7100 Drawing Sheet A4.0**

There is perimeter gasketing on both doors but seals at the bottom of the doors have not been addressed. The doors do not meet typical IT/ computer room sealing standards.

SWA Response:

The specified door gasketing is intended to limit air infiltration from the adjacent space; however, NFPA 101 does not specifically mandate gasketing for this application.

- **Question 4 – Specification Section 08 7100 Drawing Sheet A4.0**

Who is providing the power supplies which are called out in both specs but noted "coordinate with security"?

SWA Response:

The contractor shall provide the power supplies for the doors, but shall coordinate with the Owner's security vendor to ensure compatibility with the security devices and wiring devices provided by ISI.

- **Question 5 – Specification Section 08 7100 Drawing Sheet A4.0**
Confirm if fire rating required. Some of the hardware is specified fire rated, some is not. The door schedule has no fire rating listed.

SWA Response:

The door is not fire rated, and no fire rating is required.

- **Question 6 – Specification Section 08 7100 Drawing Sheet A4.0**
Confirm this is an ASSA ABLOY No Substitution project. Public projects typically allow for substitutions.

SWA Response:

The door hardware listed is a basis of design for bidding. Approved equals are allowed provided they meet the specified performance criteria and operational functionality of the basis-of-design hardware. See spec section 01 6000 for product requirements.

- **Question 7 – Specification Section 26 0000 Drawing Sheet E1.1**
Sheet E1.1 shows “existing electrical equipment cabinet” to be relocated. It was observed at the walk through that this is a UPS. What equipment does this UPS support, from where is it fed and what is the new location?

SWA Response:

The existing UPS cabinet with integral panel board is not currently being used for any equipment. (all breakers are “OFF”). This cabinet is an existing piece of equipment being relocated for future use. Cabinet to be relocated to existing IT Room on the opposite side of the wall adjacent to new panel “NP1”, unless otherwise instructed by the Owner.

- **Question 8 – Specification Section 26 0000 Drawing Sheet E1.1**
Due to the age of the Switchboard, new replacement breakers are unavailable. Will a reconditioned breaker be acceptable?

SWA Response:

The use of certified reconditioned breakers is an acceptable substitution to new breakers.

- **Question 9 – Specification Section 01 7000**
What is the date of substantial completion?

SWA Response:

Substantial completion is estimated to be 90 days (max) from the issuance of a purchase order. A formal schedule will be negotiated with the awarded bidder. It is understood that mechanical and electrical equipment lead times will be a factor in the project schedule.

PROJECT: 444 IT Server Room RFP

Date: 2/15/2023

Time: 2:30 PM

Non-mandatory pre-bid conference

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