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ADDENDUM #1

I-BEAM NH - Phase 2 USNH Regional Education Network Project (ARRA)

(3 Pages, 1Poster)

Bid Number: 7854-0001

Due Date & Time: 11/20/2009 at 2:00 p.m.

October 28, 2009

This addendum does hereby become a part of the request for bid, and in case of conflict, it supersedes original specifications and/or drawings. If a mandatory site inspection or meeting is required, bids from Firms that did not attend will not be considered.

The Firm shall be responsible for issuing information contained herein to sub-contractors and suppliers to ensure that his/her bid covers all work required by the request for bid including this addendum.

The number of this addendum must be entered in the appropriate space provided on the Bid Form.

All addenda are published on the web at <http://www.unh.edu/purchasing/bid-docs.html>. It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer to check the web site prior to the solicitation due date to verify you have reviewed all addenda and other required documentation.

Addendum Items:

1. Clarification- Prevailing Wage: This project is subject to conditions imposed by the Davis-Bacon Act under the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. Information can be accessed via the web at: www.wagehour.dol.gov. The attached U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division poster must be posted at the job sites.
2. USNH has provided the RFP document in MS Word Format, accessible at <http://www.unh.edu/purchasing/bid-docs.html>.
3. The following times have been scheduled for vendors to visit the facilities to view entrance and exit points. Vendors interested in viewing the facilities should attend. Individual site visits will not be scheduled.

Dartmouth fiber site visits (2) – 10 Vox Lane, Hanover, NH

1ST: Wednesday, 10/28/2009 at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

2ND: **Friday, 11/06/2009 at 10:00 a.m.-11:00a.m.**

Note: Interested parties will be required to confirm their attendance for the 11/06/2009 visit by emailing

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Directions to 10 Vox Lane Hanover, NH:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~maps/campus/close-ups/se.html>

KSC and PSU site visits are in the process of being scheduled, information will be posted on the USNH Purchasing web site

<http://www.unh.edu/purchasing/bid-docs.html> when available.

4. The following questions have been presented by prospective proposers. The answer to each immediately follows the question.
- Q1. USNH specifies LEAF fiber for the new build. For NTIA BTOP applications, networks will be deployed as an open access network to reach unserved/underserved areas in NH. With these parameters, not all networks being interconnected or deployed use LEAF. Would standard SMF-28 or SMF-28E be able to be utilized?
- A1. LEAF or equivalent (dispersion optimized for 1550nm) will be required for all long haul segments because we will be operating DWDM at up to 100Gbit/s channels in the 1550nm range. For laterals we intend to run CWDM with much less stringent dispersion requirements. We look to the bidders to make recommendations in this area.
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- Q2. USNH mentions use of ADSS. Has USNH had discussions with the local power companies in the networks geographic area regarding attachment within the power space?
- A2. The relevant section in the RFP (Section 2.2.7.1) has been revised as follows.
- 2.2.7.1 Material - The successful respondent will supply all the cable for the build. ***Cable will be 144 core, loose tube fiber. ADSS type can be recommended by the bidder if planning to build in the power space.*** The Contractor will be responsible to perform an on reel test of the fiber cable. All other material associated with the build is to be ordered, received, stored, staged and deployed by the Contractor and/or his agents. The Contractor shall provide hardware/material service warranties. USNH will approve all proposed hardware and materials.
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- Q3. Would USNH consider owning the new build portion of the fiber network or set up an entity to own and operate the open access network?
- A3. This will be settled in final contract negotiations.
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- Q4. It is our understanding that a stimulus application must reflect a vendor's cost to provide the service requested. If a vendor submits their cost for this RFP and agrees to provide the 20% match, how will the vendor be compensated for the match?
- A4. We look to the bidders for creative suggestions. We have heard one example suggestion that a bidder "buy back" some of the fibers in the build – assuming that would be of value to the bidder.
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- Q5. Sections 1.2.1 & 3.3.2: The bid suggests purchasing fiber on a 20 to 30 IRU but Appendix A does not specify a period. For evaluation and comparison purposes, which term should be used?
- A5. Consider a 20 year IRU with option to extend for two additional 10-year periods (total 40 year)
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- Q6. Section 1.2.2 Maintenance responsibilities, terms & conditions: Can USNH provide more specific details on these requirements?
- A6. We look to the bidders to make recommendations in this area. However, the ongoing costs must include all rights-of-way-associated costs such as pole attachments, conduit rental, etc.; also ongoing costs for 24/7 restoral services, and some reasonable coverage for future pole relocations.
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- Q7. Section 3.3.4 Itemized Responses: A la carte responses – In which Tab should the responses to this section be included – description and pricing?
- A7. Tab 4; use Pricing Form Appendix A where possible. Include any additional necessary pricing matrices under this same tab
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- Q8. Section 4.1.3.2 Addenda: Will USNH provide a specific form to acknowledge the receipt of issued addenda?
- A8. Each firm shall acknowledge receipt of each individual Addendums (by #) on their own letterhead under Tab2 of the response.
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- Q9. Sections 4.3.1 & 4.3.2 Response format: 4.3.1 states that all sections of the bid must be responded to, but 4.3.2 provides a required response format that does not include all sections. Is it necessary to respond to all sections of the RFP (i.e. Sections 1, 4 – 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, and 5)?
- A9. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to be familiar with all sections of the bid in order to prepare a comprehensive response for their firm.
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- Q10. Is the specification correct in Section 2.2.7.15.6 for the inner duct?
- A10. Change inner duct spec from 1.5” to 1.25” in Section 2.2.7.15.6.
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- Q11. Is there a diagram of the desired fiber entrances and exits for the Dartmouth location?
- A11. Yes. We can provide a diagram upon request. However, please refer to Item 3, this addendum, for information regarding an additional scheduled Dartmouth fiber site visit.

Maryann Puchlopek

Maryann Puchlopek, Purchasing Manager

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FOR LABORERS AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL OR FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

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You must be paid not less than the wage rate listed in the Davis-Bacon Wage Decision posted with this Notice for the work you perform.

OVERTIME

You must be paid not less than one and one-half times your basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a work week. There are few exceptions.

ENFORCEMENT

Contract payments can be withheld to ensure workers receive wages and overtime pay due, and liquidated damages may apply if overtime pay requirements are not met. Davis-Bacon contract clauses allow contract termination and debarment of contractors from future federal contracts for up to three years. A contractor who falsifies certified payroll records or induces wage kickbacks may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution, fines and/or imprisonment.

APPRENTICES

Apprentice rates apply only to apprentices properly registered under approved Federal or State apprenticeship programs.

PROPER PAY

If you do not receive proper pay, or require further information on the applicable wages, contact the Contracting Officer listed below:

or contact the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.



For additional information:

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