



Addendum No.: 7

Date Of Addendum: January 12, 2021

CT DAS | Construction Services | Office of Legal Affairs, Policy, and Procurement

Northern CI Fire Alarm Replacement
287 Bilton Street
Somers, CT
BI – JA – 491

Original Bid Due Date / Time:

January 20, 2021

1:00 PM

Previous Addendums: Addendum #6 dated 1/8/21, Addendum #5 dated 1/7/21, Addendum #4 dated 1/5/21, Addendum #3 dated 12/28/20, Addendum #2 dated 12/15/20, Addendum #1 dated 12/4/20

TO: Prospective Bid Proposers:

This Addendum forms part of the “Contract Documents” and modifies or clarifies the original “Contract Documents” for this Project dated 9/30/2020. Prospective Bid Proposers **shall** acknowledge receipt of the total number the Addenda issued for this Project on the space provided on Section 00 41 00 Bid Proposal Form.

Failure to acknowledge receipt of the total number the Addenda issued for this Project on the space provided on Section 00 41 00 Bid Proposal Form shall subject Bid Proposers to disqualification.

The following clarifications are applicable to drawings and specifications for the project referenced above.

Item 1: RFI Responses

Below is the response to RFI questions received from Banton Construction Company on 1/7/2021:

1. **Question:** Drawing FA-01.0 general note 2 states we are to contract the current fire vendor for the facility. Please advise what firm this is and a contact information?

Answer: Convergent, Peter Warren (860) 281-4114

2. **Question:** Please advise if alternate fire alarm vendors other than the current facility service provider & can supply the Edwards equipment required for the Project would be acceptable?
3. **Answer: Yes, but need follow all specification requirements and be established in CT.**
4. **Question:** Drawing FA1.11 key notes 2 and 3 for example indicate Red Paint... please confirm is this on Junction Boxes and Covers only or will entire raceway system be required painted Red?
5. **Answer: Key notes 2 & 3 apply to new raceways, back boxes, J-boxes and existing enclosure covers.**
6. **Question:** Regarding Phasing, please confirm the intent of phasing in the Pods. Are we only allowed 1 at a time or can East and West Pod 1 be done concurrently for example?
7. **Answer: DOC - Only 1 pod at a time unless that can't be done because Two Pods share 1 panel.**
8. **Question:** Please confirm ceiling height at the Pods in the core area?



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9. **Answer: Pods are 17' AFF, basketball court is 23' AFF.**
10. **Question:** Please confirm there is adequate access for a man lift in the Pod core?
11. **Answer: DOC - Yes, there is. Vendor will need to verify the size and type needed.**
12. **Question:** Please confirm is a Project Sign required for this Project?
13. **Answer: See Division 01 35 26 Specification.**
14. **Question:** Please confirm how many CO's will be assigned to this Project?
15. **Answer: DOC - That will be determined during the pre-construction meeting and the areas working in. Minimum will be 2.**
16. **Question:** Please confirm if Pods will be vacant during the course of the work in each Pod?
17. **Answer: DOC - Currently 4 of the 6 Pods are vacant. This is subject to change. The Pods that currently have inmates will not be vacant during the work. The inmates will be secured in their cells.**
18. **Question:** Please advise if Pods are being vacated for work to progress, will there be down time when inmates are being relocated and cause delay to the schedule?
19. **Answer: DOC - Pods will not be vacated during the work. Inmates will be secured in their cells. If work is to be done in a cell, then that cell will be vacated for that duration. Proper planning of work areas will be key in preventing delays.**
20. **Question:** Please confirm who is responsible for elevator mechanic to access shafts and coordinate for elevator connections, and additionally if we are responsible can a contact be provided for the service provider?
21. **Answer: Contractor is responsible, Elevator Service Provider, Otis Elevator.**
22. **Question:** Regarding Addendum #4 question on the fire pump, can it be confirmed if there is a fire pump and what the points needing to be monitored would be, this will have a cost impact and will make the bids more complete if this information could be clarified. Please advise.
23. **Answer: DOC – No fire pump at that facility.**
24. **Question:** Please advise is there storage area that contractor will be able to utilize for the Fire Alarm equipment and tools such as carts and ladders, or do we need to bring these items in and out of the facility every day?



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25. **Answer: DOC - Yes, there will be. The DOC will designate a staging area inside the facility.**
26. **Question:** Please clarify the security check procedures for employees and tools/equipment entering/exiting the facility?
27. **Answer: DOC - For employees it will be the same procedure done as the pre-bid walkthrough. For tools there will need to be a complete tool inventory sheet of all tools and equipment provided by the contractor.**
28. **Question:** On review of the phasing, Full Testing, As-Built condition requirements that are specified to be included in the submittal for Fire Alarm System, and the constraints of working with security requirements in this type of facility, we feel 180 days is not enough time to complete the Project. We would suggest a 10 month schedule at minimum. Please advise if the schedule can be extended?
29. **Answer: No change on contract. Contractor shall coordinate POD access with the DOC.**
30. **Question:** Please clarify the extent of the Specification 28 31 11 - 1.9 – 1.9.1 – D requirements?
31. **Answer: Section D requires the contractor perform functional testing and documentation of the existing Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP) to determine the level of integration with other systems such as security, door controls, intercoms, cameras, lighting, HVAC, fans, generator, etc. The 4-1-91 record drawings do not capture these possible interconnections. The purpose of this effort is to ensure the replacement Fire Alarm system maintains or exceed all existing functionality and auxiliary system control as identified in the testing.**
32. **Question:** Please confirm each “phase” will be Final Tested and accepted by Owner, and there will not be a full “final” test of the entire building once it is 100% complete?
33. **Answer: 100% System wide testing will be required, contractor to coordinate the test phasing with the State Fire Marshal (SFM).**
34. **Question:** Please confirm if the Owner is salvaging any of the existing to be removed Fire Alarm equipment, or if Contractor shall dispose?
35. **Answer DOC – Owner is Salvaging.**
36. **Question:** Please confirm location for dumpster onsite?
37. **Answer: DOC - Outside the fence in the front parking lot area.**



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All questions must be **emailed** (not **verbal** or by **phone**) to the consulting Architect/Engineer (Michael Hebert, Email: mhebert@a-zcorp.com) with copies sent to the DAS/CS Project Manager (Ashour Gevargisnia, Email: Ashour.Gevargisnia@ct.gov) and Construction Manager (NA, Email: NA)

End of Addendum 7

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