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ADDENDUM I
RFB #1358
WILLIAMSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Security Communications Infrastructure Improvements
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This Addendum I serves as an integral part of WCS-RFB #1358 Security Communications Infrastructure Improvements as certain terms, conditions or specifications have been enhanced or modified. Unless otherwise noted, all previous terms, conditions, and specifications shall remain the same. The bid opening date will remain the same, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

After the original document was sent out a few questions were asked and some more details about the project were obtained. In an effort to provide as much information as possible, please see the questions and answers below:

QUESTION: Walks: To ensure proper engineering and accurate bidding, will vendors be granted access to a site walk for each school?

ANSWER: We can and will coordinate walk-through of 3 sample schools that are representative of all. There are a total of 50 schools, and it is impractical to walk all 50 schools. Experienced radio service providers can extrapolate information from this RFP and the sample walk-throughs in order to provide calculated, competitive bids... The WCS Security Department has arranged a pre-bid tour of 3 sample schools. The tour will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday 11/11/2024 at Independence High School. Once the tour at Independence HS is complete, the tour will move on to Legacy Middle School and then to Winstead Elementary... Any and all bidders are welcome to attend this pre-bid tour. This will be the only opportunity to tour the WCS schools for this bid project... Bidders must check in with Nick Vacco, WCS Assistant Director of Safety & Security, at the front lobby of Independence HS to begin the tour at 9:30 a.m.

QUESTION: Repeater Installation Location: Has the location for repeater installation already been determined by WCS, or is the vendor expected to select the location? If so, how far must the repeater be from network access points?

ANSWER: The repeater location has already been determined. The new repeater will go in the same location as the current repeater. Has no effect on the access points.

QUESTION: Integration with Existing Equipment: Will the new repeaters work in conjunction with the existing repeaters, or are they intended to replace the old ones?

ANSWER: These will be working in conjunction with the current repeaters. Not to replace the old ones.

QUESTION: Distributed Antenna System (DAS): Can you confirm that the DAS needing to be compatible with the repeaters is RF-only?

ANSWER: Will not need the DAS for the UHF.

QUESTION: Liability for Delays: In the event of unforeseen issues arising from WCS, will vendors such as NashComm be held responsible for any resulting project delays?

ANSWER: Strike the original dates or completion days...The following amended dates shall apply...A WCS award Purchase Order will be issued by/before 12/12/24...The project must be 100% finished, completed, and fully operational by/before 9/20/25...WCS will not hinder the project; rather we will help to facilitate... For any work that is unfinished or incomplete or non-operational by the new, amended date of 9/20/25, then liquidated damage (deducts) of \$150 per consecutive calendar day shall apply beginning on 9/21/25.

QUESTION: Project Completion Criteria: What is the process or criteria for determining project completion?

ANSWER: The project must be 100% complete, finished and fully operational by/before 9/20/25.

QUESTION: Antenna Placement: Is the vendor responsible for determining the placement of the antenna(s)? Additionally, do any of the schools have existing towers where a tower climb might be required?

ANSWER: The antenna placement will be installed at the same location as the current antenna. No tower climbs required. Roof access and side of buildings.

QUESTION: Coverage: For Page 5, Item 8, what is considered 'superior in-building coverage' and what part of the surrounding campus needs to be covered?

ANSWER: Superior in building coverage: Clear audio transmitting and receiving. Campus coverage will need to cover the school property, including the exterior property lines.

QUESTION: Response Time Requirements: Page 4 mentions a two-hour response time, while Page 5 requires a one-hour response time. Could you clarify which timeframe applies and if this response is required 24/7? Is this timeline for post installation response and responding as such to normal or potential call outs for service?

ANSWER: The following amendment shall apply...Strike previous language about response time... The new and amended response time shall be 2.5 hours (post installation) Mon – Fri, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

QUESTION: Evaluation of Response Time: Is there a documented process or test period to evaluate if vendors meet the one-hour response time requirement?

ANSWER: See previous Q & A.

QUESTION: Current Repeater and Radio Inventory: Can WCS provide an inventory list of existing repeaters and radios in schools to verify compatibility?

ANSWER: We currently use Kenwood (various models), Hytera (various models), and Motorola turbo. The average number is around 50 radios per school. All models are currently programmed with existing repeater.

QUESTION: Channel Pair Sharing: Are schools sharing channel pairs, and does this align with FCC compliance? Please provide more detailed requirements or expectations to ensure FCC compliance is maintained throughout the project.

ANSWER: Project should be coordinated through the frequency coordinator through APCO and FCC.

QUESTION: Current Frequencies: Can WCS provide a list of current frequencies in use, along with confirmation of licensed output power and maximum ERP? Additionally, can a list of frequencies currently used at each school be provided?

ANSWER: Yes. Yes.

QUESTION: Role in FCC Licensing: Page 5, Items 12 & 13, suggest a potential contradiction. Item 12 implies that WCS will provide frequencies and facilitate registration through John Johnson, while item 13 places full responsibility on the vendor to coordinate and cover all fees for FCC licensing. Could you clarify WCS and the vendors role?

ANSWER: All bidders on this project must acquire the radio licensing through John Johnson and factor this cost into your respective bid submittals on the bid cover page... Item 12 and 13 mean that bidders are to acquire the frequency and related licensing only thru John Johnson and factor this into your respective bids... John Johnson is a designated outsourced FCC licensing coordinator on behalf of WCS and WCG/EMA.

QUESTION: Remote Management Setup: For Page 5, Item 5, is the requirement just for the capability of remote management, or is the vendor expected to set up the repeaters for remote management?

ANSWER: Yes, for both.

QUESTION: Channel Layout: Can you discuss the current channel layout and confirm whether all channels on all radios will operate on the new repeaters? Do all radios at all schools have the same channel list?

ANSWER: Yes. Yes.

QUESTION: Programming Templates: Will the programming layout remain the same as the current setup, or will new templates need to be designed?

ANSWER: We will be using the current layout but replacing one channel for the repeated channel.

QUESTION: If new frequencies need to be acquired and an FCC license renders the frequencies unusable for six weeks after submission, and certain equipment must be ordered with these frequencies, how will this affect the overall timeline for project implementation? – This needs to be reworded, but I want to make a statement that the timeline is unrealistic.

ANSWER: We will not need to acquire new frequencies. Frequencies are already established. They will need to be coordinated to each school.

QUESTION: Access and Timing: Are there any special time restrictions or requirements for accessing school sites during installation?

ANSWER: Access to the project-schools are granted, coordinated and managed by WCS Maintenance Department in coordination with WCS Security Department... This access is mainly Mon – Fri, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

QUESTION: Purchase Order Phasing: Will the Purchase Order (PO) expected in December cover all 50 locations, or will it be phased over time?

ANSWER: There will be one/single award PO issued by/before 12/12/24. The awarded vendor will work with WCS Maintenance and Security Departments to perform the work one school at a time and have the project 100% complete/finished by/before 9/20/25... Vendor to submit ONE corresponding invoice pursuant to the award PO after the project is 100% complete.