

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MART)

PROJECT NO. 11.3.21 OFFICE RENOVATIONS PHASE-II

RFR ADDENDUM #1

NOVEMBER 23, 2021

REMINDER: Proposals are due November 30, 2021

QUESTION/ANSWER:

- Q.** Is there a confirmed delivery date for the RTU?
A. Delivery is currently listed by the manufacturer as: “End of December”.
- Q.** Is Owner access from Phase 1 to the restrooms via phase 2 (other than construction related personal required? It would require crossing a construction area.
A. Phase 2 is divided into two (2) parts. One (1), build the new restrooms while keeping existing ones accessible and operational; Two (2), demolish existing and perform work in that area. Work in transitional areas can be completed at the completion of the second phase component, as outlined in Drawing G001.2
- Q.** We note that temporary acoustical separation appears to have been installed in phase 1. Will acoustical separation be required? Current notes are to comply with NFPA only. Will the existing acoustical separation panels be left in place after phase 1 work?
A. Acoustical separation is not required
- Q.** Have the lights and tile for phase 1 been purchased with a known delivery date? We would expect that the lighting currently purchased for Phase 1 will be required for Phase 2 i.e., no substitutions have been accepted or Construction to match.
A. There are no requirements for the Phase 2 lighting to be the same manufacturer as Phase 1 lighting.
- Q.** Under current constraints there may be multiple licensed trades working in the power distribution system and fire alarm system. Are there existing directives with the Phase 1 contractor to coordinate the trades to ensure cooperation for inspections and final Certificate of Occupancies? Licensed trades would include sprinkler, plumbing, HVAC, and Electric/Fire Alarm.
A. Phase 2 will not start until Phase 1 is complete, so there should be no conflicting permits.

Q. Drawing M101. Please verify that all ductwork, appurtenances and RGD's associated with air in Phase 1 are by the Phase 1 contractor and that installation of said ductwork should be coordinated with the Phase 2 contractor without interruption of Phase 2 contractor's work.

A. Phase 2 will not start until Phase 1 is complete, so there should be no conflicting permits.

Q. Several sections of the Phase 2 bid forms refer to the Phase 1 contract – specifically items (A) in Attachment 11 and 14. Can we assume we can modify this language to refer to Phase 2 without voiding the proposal?

A. The language in Attachment 11 should read as follows:

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Please replace Attachment 11: Bid Form of the Request for Proposal with the Amended Attachment 11: Bid Form.

Attachment 14 – Please read the statement again, as it refers as to how you would work with the current Contractors from Phase 1 if work overlaps.

Q. Is a bid extension of 1 – 5 days being considered to improve response?

A. No

Q. There is no light fixture schedule on the plans?

A. Light fixture schedule located on drawing E501.

Q. All the products being used are unspecified. Are we to budget or will they be releasing more info?

A. Drawing A904.2, add the following notes:

PORC-2 shall be 12 by 24 porcelain floor tile laid in ashlar fashion.

PORC-3 shall be 12 by 24 porcelain wall tile laid in ashlar fashion.

Specification Section 081416. Add the following as item 2.6.C.6: Color shall match Masonite Architectural Aspiro Series/Marshfield – Algoma WD-1 Honey

Specification Section 096500. Add the following as Item 2.02.B.1.a: Color shall match Roppe 700 Series TP Steel Blue 177

Q. Please provide electrical specs. for RTU-5 and EF-1.

A. Mechanical Equipment Electrical Requirements are located on E501

Q. Which electrical panel is RTU-5 to be fed from?

A. Refer to panel schedule on drawing E501

- Q. Plans E501 & E502 appear to be missing information even with trying to download directly from Dropbox. E501 only shows luminaire schedule, E502 is blank. Please provide plans if more information should be included.
A. See Addendum #2 – Plan Information
- Q. What is the estimated project schedule?
A. Construction to commence after Notice to Proceed (See Procurement Schedule in Request for Proposal)
- Q. Are permit fees waived?
A. No
- Q. Does the project have Buy America requirements of any kind?
A. Yes. Please see Page 11 of the Request for Proposal Document
- Q. Does the project have any MBE or WBE contracting requirements for sub-trades?
A. The Federal Transit Administration encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprise businesses on Federal projects. (Please see page 8 of the Request for Proposal)
- Q. Does the project have any residency, women and/or minority workforce requirements?
A. No.
- Q. Is a payment and performance bond to be included in the bid price for electrical sub-bidders?
A. The General Contractor will be required to supply a Performance Bond. (See page 20 of Request for Response)
- Q. Given the recent volatility in commodities markets, how will any significant and unpredictable swings in material costs be addressed given this would be a Force Majeure issue that cannot reasonably be predicted in the wake of the pandemic.
A. Contractor is expected to communicate effectively and openly with Authority. Material delays can be – at times – alleviated with proposed alternates that meet the end goal of the item in question.
- Q. In the event of unexpected delays due to shortages following the pandemic, how will any cost impacts due to such delays be handled?
A. Bids should include pricing that allows for contractor to effectively execute the contract terms, increases in material costs post-bid are not grounds for a change order.

Q. Please confirm our understanding that all work and materials described in non-electrical specifications or shown on non-electrical drawings, without also being described in the electrical specifications is for coordination purposes only and shall not be part of the electrical contractor's bid for this project.

A. That is correct, unless specifically assigned to electrical contractor in documents.

Q. Please confirm that "or equal" products are understood to be acceptable for all products specified unless specifically stated otherwise within the applicable specification section.

A. Correct, provided they meet specified requirements.