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TO: All Bidders

FROM: City of Cambridge

DATE: November 16, 2016

RE: File No. 7443 – Provide Maintenance, Repair Services and 24/7 Monitoring for the Direct Digital Based Building Management Systems for Public Works including Fire Department, Library, Cambridge Public Schools and the Water Department- Addendum No. 1

This addendum is comprised of:

1. Questions and answers
2. Revised page 40 (attached). Please replace page 40 with the attached revised. This must be included when submitting your bid.

The following question was asked and answered:

Question: Requirement #2 asks the bidder to have a minimum of (5) certified Tridium AX technicians, and Requirement #3 asks their staff to have a minimum of five years' experience in BMS systems with BACnet controls. Thus, the specification permits all qualified Tridium AX and BACnet providers in this area, of which there are a handful, to competitively bid this project. Further, it eliminates the need to depend on any single proprietary manufacturer, because BACnet controllers from one manufacturer can be easily replaced with BACnet controllers from another when the front end software is Tridium AX. However, *requirement #5*, by virtue of asking the bidder to have licensed software for the repair and maintenance of three specific product lines (Johnson, Honeywell, and Reliable Controls) limits competition and permits only one company in the area to be able to bid this project. Essentially, any reference to Reliable Controls makes it proprietary. Please clarify if this is the intent? Permitting the bidders to have proficiency in the repair and maintenance of two of the three named product lines (Honeywell and Johnson) would open this bid up to the competition.

Answer: Please make the following changes:

Replace 1.04 #5 in the specifications with:

5. Product Line Software. Bidder will maintain throughout the duration of contract properly licensed copies of software tools for the repair and maintenance of product lines manufactured by Johnson Controls and Honeywell controls.

Replace Quality Requirement #5 with:

5. The Bidder will maintain licensed software for the repair and maintenance of product lines manufactured by Johnson Controls and Honeywell controls.

Replace Bid Submission Requirement #2 with:

2. Bidder shall submit documentation evidencing that it maintains currently licensed software for Johnson Controls and Honeywell controls.

All other details remain the same.

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