



BT-254.123 – PORT AUTHORITY BUS TERMINAL – SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS

Updated: 3/20/17

QUESTION NUMBER	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.1	We are requesting a bid postpone due to the extensive scope of work for this project.	The bidder's request for an extension was addressed in Addendum No. 1.
1.2	Is there a MBE/WBE requirement for the electrical portion?	For MBE/WBE requirements, the bidder is directed to the clause entitled "Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Program (MBW/WBE)" on pages 6 through 11 of the Contract Booklet.
1.3	For the electrical portion, are we required to get hazardous contaminated waste transportation insurance?	The bidder is directed to the first paragraph and A.2 of the clause entitled "Insurance Procured by the Contractor" on page 71 of the Contract Booklet.
1.4	For the electrical portion, are we required to get (B) Environmental Liability Insurance and (C) Lead Abatement Liability Insurance?	The bidder is directed to B of the clause entitled "Insurance Procured by the Contractor" on pages 71 of the Contract Booklet. The bidder's question was further addressed in Addendum No. 1.
1.5	Are (B) and (C) under item 56 a duplicate?	The bidder's question was addressed in Addendum No. 1.

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2	All the existing speaker strobes already installed have an octagon electrical box currently installed. To the best of my knowledge the SIEMENS speaker strobes require a deep 1900 4"x4"X2.5" box. Will we need to replacing them all?	For speaker strobe notification appliance, the bidder is directed to the "Fire Alarm Equipment Schedule" on Contract Drawing E0104. The bidder's question will be further addressed by Addendum.
3	The Siemens XLS is available in two types of network configuration; 1. Single-node (one main processor / control panel with remote data gathering panels); 2. Peer-to-peer, multinode (every panel contains a processor and control). The Siemens model SSD (LCD annunciator) is not compatible with network configuration #2 (peer-to-peer). Please confirm every Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP) shown in the Contract Drawing is to contain a processor and control, thus creating a peer-to-peer network. Confirmation of the preceding request will require the 41st street annunciator to be reconfigured to conform to peer-to-peer network configuration requirements.	The bidder is directed to 2.03.A.2 of Specification Section 16722 on pages 256 thru 260 of the Contract Booklet.
4	We just received the bid plans and spec's this morning. We are very interested in bidding however we are looking to get a little more time. Can request a bid extension for us?	The bidder's request for an extension was addressed in Addendum No. 1.
5.1	Is this a completely Noded system consisting of PMI-3 boards in each of the fire alarm control panels or is each panel a DGP and reports to one master headend panel?	The bidder is directed to 2.03.A.2 of Specification Section 16722 on pages 256 thru 260 of the Contract Booklet.
5.2	If this is a completely Noded system then the proposed SSD-C annunciator will not be compatible with the new system. It would require to have a Global PMI and a CAB 1 panel along with the correct type and amount of wires required.?	The bidder's question will be addressed by Addendum.

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5.3	The riser drawings showing the internals of the control panels are missing required control cards and show some incorrect control cards. The actual card type and quantities can be derived properly once it is determined if the system is fully Noded or 1 main panel with DGP panels attached to them.	The bidder is directed to Fire Alarm Note 3 on Contract Drawing E0102 and to Contract Drawing E0106.
5.4	If the system is Noded, would the engineer consider the utilization of the SNU modules to communicate for the loading of the program, otherwise the program will need to be loaded manually at each panel, in the system, thereby causing significant cost additions in labor for the program load on both the initial and subsequent loading?	The bidder is directed to 2.03.A.2.e and 2.03.A.2.1.(9) of Specification Section 16722 on pages 256 and 259 respectively of the Contract Booklet.
5.5	The Box shown on drawing E0508 shows an existing MXL remote annunciator, The new SSD-C annunciator , an STI heater an Air Conditioning unit and 3 network pipes already run. None of this material exists at this time except for the enclosure itself?	The bidder is directed to Contract Drawing E0508.
5.6	On the list of panels referenced on several drawings including E0106 there is no reference to Panel #4? Is there to be a seperate bid for a Panel #4 as part of this project, or is this simply a numerical anomaly?	The bidder is directed to the Fire Alarm Network Block Diagram on Contract Drawing E0106.
5.7	All of the panels are labeled as fire alarm control panels, and as such we are not aware which of the 12 panels should contains the microphone(s) for one way voice announcements.	The bidder is directed to Contract Drawing E0601.
5.8	If all labor on the project is done by either the fire alarm contractor, elevator contractor or electrical contractor, what is perceived to be the participation of the WBE/MBE?	The bidder is directed to the clause entitled "Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Program (MBE/WBE)" on pages 6 through 11 of the Contract Booklet, in particular the first and second paragraphs on page 7.
5.9	Please point us to the section of the contract relevant to the proposed time frame to completion. We did not notice a specific time frame in the documents?	The bidder is directed to the first paragraph of the clause entitled "Time for Completion and Damages for Delay" on page 45 of the Contract Booklet.
6	Please point us to the section of the contract relevant to the potential start date. We did not notice a specific time frame in the documents? This has to do with the potential new modules from Siemens with on board isolation technology which cannot be quoted at this time.	The bidder is directed to the clause entitled "Acceptance or Rejection of Proposal" on page 5 of the Contract Booklet.

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7	The existing EST speaker strobes show that the units are to be replaced. We have carried new backboxes with the Siemens units to mount on the existing octagon box. We wished to confirm this item.	For speaker strobe notification appliance, the bidder is directed to the "Fire Alarm Equipment Schedule" on Contract Drawing E0104. The bidder's question will be further addressed by Addendum.
8	The newly installed existing ATS has not been turned on. Does it work? Who is responsible to commission this switch and all of its associated wiring and controls.	The bidder is directed to Field Testing of Wiring Note 1 on Contract Drawing E0102 and to Note 4 on Contract Drawing E0108.
9	The power to the existing Vesda units come from the same breaker panels as the power for the fire alarm panels. Were these panels ever commissioned and tested? If not who is responsible to do so?	The bidder is directed to Field Testing of Wiring Note 1 on Contract Drawing E0102 and to Note 4 on Contract Drawing E0108.
10	Will this system require to be filed with the City of New York and tested by the FDNY or is it being kept within the Port Authorities jurisdiction.	The bidder is directed to "Sequence of Work Notes" on Contract Drawing G0006 and to 2.07.B of Specification Section 16722 on page 278 of the Contract Booklet.