



**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
INVITATION FOR BID ON SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

IFB No. IFB No. 21-29 Electronic Message Boards at 6 Schools

DATE: March 29, 2021

RE: **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

To All Bidders:

Included are modifications, clarifications and/or corrections for the Project Manual and are hereby made a part of the contract documents. Please attach this addendum to the Project Manual(s) in your possession. Please note the receipt of this addendum on the bid form. Bidders shall review changes to all portions of this work as changes to one portion may affect the work of another.

If you plan to hand deliver your IFB submission on the due date, please note you must check in on the 2nd floor prior to coming to the bid opening. Please allow time for this as late submission will not be accepted.

Refer all questions relative to the business aspect, Instructions to Bidders, Special Conditions, and questions concerning the technical aspect of the documents to the Director of Purchasing by email at purchasingdeptstaff@rps205.com.

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: Dane Youngblood
Director of Purchasing



ADDENDUM NO. 1

Date: March 23, 2021

Project No.: IFB No. 21-29

Project: **21-29 Electronic Message Boards at Six (6) Schools
Rockford Public Schools 205
Rockford, Illinois**

Subject: Minutes from the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting held at Brookview, Bloom, Ellis, Welsh, Washington and Riverdahl Elementary Schools

From: Rockford Public Schools
501 7th St.
Rockford, Illinois 61104-1221

To: All Bidders / Project Document Holders

Please reproduce this Addendum as needed and attach to the Bid Documents. Take any changes into consideration in preparing your Bid.

Bidders shall indicate receipt of this and all Addenda in the space provided on the Bid Form. Failure to do so may be sufficient cause to reject the bid.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Deuth Fritts, Rockford Public Schools

This Addendum consists of:
Pre-Bid Conference Opening Statement – 1 page
Pre-Bid Meeting Sign-In Sheet – 1 page
Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes – 4 pages
Drawings – 9 pages (reissue 11x17 sized drawing set)

NOTE: Wherein this Addendum conflicts with the original Project Manual and Drawings, this Addendum shall govern.

Introductions:

Jennifer Deuth Fritts, Capital Project Architect, Rockford Public Schools

1. General items:

- A. Pre-bid Conference Opening Statement was read as required by Purchasing; see attached.
- B. Electronic Message Boards at six schools; general scope reviewed; site visits and building walk-throughs to each location were made during the Pre-Bid:
 - i. Brookview Elementary School, 1750 Madron Rd, Rockford, IL 61107
 - ii. Bloom Elementary School., 2912 Brendenwood Rd, Rockford, IL 61107
 - iii. Welsh Elementary School, 2100 Huffman Blvd, Rockford, IL 61103
 - iv. Ellis Arts Academy, 222 S Central Ave, Rockford, IL 61102
 - v. Washington Elementary School, 1421 West St, Rockford, IL 61102
 - vi. Riverdahl Elementary School, 3520 Kishwaukee St, Rockford, IL 61109
- C. From Bid Form – review of dates:

Bids Due	April 6, 2021
Start Submittals after Board Approval	April 13, 2021
Final Completion	June 30, 2021

This project must be complete in this fiscal year by June 30, 2021.
- D. RFI's due March 29, 2021 (by 12:00 PM CDST) for addendum to be posted on March 31, 2021 if necessary.
 - i. Please review the Bid Documents, Section 016000 – Product Requirements, Part 1 – General, 1.2 Definitions (page 121). Additionally, the Request for Substitution/Equivalent Review Form (in the Bid Documents) will be used to assist with a request for an Owner-Approved Equal review.
- E. Bid shall be based on specifications unless changes are noted in an addendum.
- F. Submit bid questions via email to Dane Youngblood PurchasingDeptStaff@rps205.com including items discussed at Pre-bid.
- G. Owner's electricians will install rigid pipe connections from the underground pipe (line bores) to the junction boxes at the building entry points. Sign Contractor to provide line bores for power and/or fiber as indicated. Sign Contractor to provide tie-ins at the junction boxes. Owner will provide junction boxes at building entry points for power and/or fiber.
- H. Treat interior construction penetrations as fire rated.
- I. Building Permits will be handled by Owner (RPS).

1. Questions from Bidders with comments or **responses from RPS representative**:

- A. Can armored fiber cable be used in lieu of running fiber through innerduct in concealed areas? **Yes.**
- B. Bloom:
 - i. There is existing wood 4x4 framing around the plant bed; should this framing be maintained / reinstalled? **No, please provide mulch bed as specified.**
 - ii. How should the fiber be run through the Art Room 10? **The existing ceiling in Art Room 10 is plaster; the building entry point will be at the southeast corner of the classroom. Provide raceway to conceal the fiber cable through the classroom along the southwest wall to the corridor wall; provide armored fiber cable run and secured above the corridor ceilings, as high as possible (close to roof decking). Owner to paint exposed raceway.**
- C. Brookview:
 - i. There are existing landscaping limestones, irises and other plants under the existing sign; should these be maintained / reinstalled? **No, please provide mulch bed as specified.**
 - ii. Is the IT closet "Hub" noted in the correct server location? **No, please use server rack in Faculty Lounge for LIU and fiber tie-in, next to exterior wall. Also, run line bore #1 for the electrical adjacent to the line bore #2 for fiber on the south side of the building.**
- D. Ellis:
 - i. Building entry point will be near door "B" away from concrete stoop.

- E. Riverdahl:
- i. See attached overall site plan.
 - ii. Provide raceway to conceal the fiber cable through the principal's office.
 - iii. Revision to site plan on sheet A106: Line Bore #1 to outside of Classroom 124 for electrical. Line Bore #2 to outside of Classroom 102 near door "B" along wing wall and edge of window frame, avoiding the concrete paved areas. See revised drawing. Provide raceway to conceal the fiber cable through the classroom along the north wall to the corridor wall and along north wall of Principal's office; armored fiber cable shall be run and secured above the corridor ceilings to the Principal's office. Owner to paint exposed raceway.
- F. Washington:
- i. Line Bore #1 to wrap around north side of auditorium (Lower Room 21) to building entry point.
 - ii. There is existing orange innerduct with fiber to IT next to Library. Can existing splice be utilized by sign contractor? **Response: No. Provide armored fiber cable in lieu of fiber / innerduct, follow path adjacent to existing innerduct to basement IT server location in Custodial room 16. Owner will mount junction boxes for power and fiber outside of Lower Room 21 on the north side of the building. Sign Contractor to provide bollard in asphalt parking area to protect the junction boxes, see detail. Run armored fiber cable above ceiling in Lower Room 21 through existing hole in wall, high along walls to plenum, over Corridor 0 to Custodial room 16.**
- G. Welsh:
- i. There is existing landscape brick around the plant bed; should these be maintained / reinstalled? **No, please provide mulch bed as specified.**
 - ii. Existing plates and concrete base may be reused. Size and condition of posts cannot be determined at time of bidding. **Provide new 4"x4"x120", 1/4" thick A36 galvanized steel posts. Refer to sheet A101 for the overall sign height and reuse the existing steel plates, anchor bolts and concrete pad. Ensure that the new aluminum skirt is supported with steel framing.**
 - iii. There is a pipe through the wall with a pull string in Vestibule Stair near door "J"; does this pipe go to the sign? Can it be used for the fiber? Can it be run through the basement up to the IT Closet, same path as other cables? **It is not known where the pipe runs. Junction box will be located near door "J" / stair in order to allow armored fiber cable route through basement to bottom of I.T. closet.**
- H. School hours: interior work generally should be planned around school hours. Elementary schools have in-person learning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 7:35 am to 2:00 pm and Wednesday from 7:35 am to 11:30 am. Exterior work shall be coordinated with project manager and schools.
- I. Can the sign contractor use a private utility location service of their own choice? **Sign contractor may choose to use another service for marking private utility locations on school sites other than GPRS. Provide utility location information or reports to Owner.**
2. Emailed RFI's (Questions from bidders / plan holders)
- A. Will all new power connections be provided to the exterior walls shown on the buildings for connection by sign vendor? **Response: No. Clarification: Owner's electricians will install rigid pipe connections from the underground pipe (line bores) to the junction boxes at the building entry points. Sign Contractors are to provide line bores for power and/or fiber as indicated in the bid documents and to provide tie-ins at the junction boxes. Owner will provide junction boxes at building entry points for power and fiber.**
 - B. Can we use armor fiber cable without conduit from the signs all the way to the IT rooms? **Response: Yes, also provide raceway to conceal fiber where exposed in principal's office and classroom 102 at Riverdahl, in Art Room at Bloom.**
 - C. A request to submit Optec for a substitution is denied. The display size will not work within the specified parameters.
3. Specification Clarifications:
- A. Page 5 (page 124 of 21-29ElecSignsBidPartOne.pdf), 2., C. 2. a. Communication, i. Base Bid (*there is no alternate bid*): Revision to specification: armored fiber shall be allowed in lieu of fiber runs in "1 inch

innerduct". Owner will provide junction boxes for both fiber and electric. Additionally, where indicated in the addendum and revised drawings (at exposed areas), provide surface raceway for fiber runs. Spec: Pan-Way, Electric Ivory, fittings & channel: RAFC10EI-X, LDPH10EI8-A, CFX10EI-X, TF10EI-X, OCFX10EI-X, DCF10EI-X, ICF10EI-X

4. Drawing Clarifications:

- A. Reissue set for clarifications: Sheets CS (Pipe Bollard detail), A101, A102, A103, A104, A105, A106, A107, A108; see Questions from "Emailed RFI's" A. and B. questions and responses.

End of Addendum No. 1

PRE-BID CONFERENCE OPENING STATEMENT

Welcome to the mandatory pre-bid conference for IFB No. 21-29 Electronic Message Boards at 6 Schools for the Rockford Public Schools.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input, comments, questions, clarifications and suggested changes relative to this solicitation. As a reminder, the only acceptable changes to the Bid/RFP are formal Addenda published by the RPS Purchasing department. Additionally, the Addendum may address other issues identified by the School District.

The goal of today's meeting is to increase your knowledge of the solicitation as it is written and provide an information mechanism in which you may advise the School District of any changes it should make. Consequently, any changes you wish the Rockford Public Schools to consider must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing department before the deadline as expressed in the solicitation.

We will try to answer as many of the questions as possible. If we cannot answer a question today, we will defer that answer to the published Addendum. Additionally, minutes from this pre-bid conference will be published in the Addendum.

- Bid Opening is scheduled for April 6, 2021 at 2:00 pm Rockford Board of Education, 6th floor Conference Room. Late bids will not be accepted. Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted.
- Board Approval April 13, 2021.
- Bid RFI Procedures - All written correspondence during the bid process **MUST** be sent to Dane Youngblood, Director of Purchasing, via email at PurchasingDeptStaff@rps205.com. Last RFI will be accepted until March 29, 2021 at 12 pm. Last addendum will be issued by March 31, 2021 at 4:30 pm.
- Addenda will be emailed to all attendees at the pre-bid conference, posted on the RPS website and Demand Star.
- PLEASE reference the **REQUIRED FORMS CHECK LIST** for all documents that **must** be submitted with your bid offer form. All forms must be properly completed, signed and submitted or your bid will be deemed non-responsive.

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 IFB No. 21-29 Electronic Message Boards
 At 6 Schools
 Pre-Bid Meeting Sign-In Sheet
 March 23, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

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PRE-BID MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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