

## **RFP 022-006-BOE Relocatable Classrooms**

### **Question & Answer Set #1**

1. There is a modular building currently on site with piers, please verify teardown schedule, confirm you are removing old footings, filling, compacting, and leveling. Will it be compacted to 3,000 psf? Will it be level?

A: We are looking for a April 2022 tear down if all permits and vendors needed can coordinate pending funding approval

2. Once removal is complete will you Verify soil condition are suitable? Foundation plans for site specific unit are drawn and sealed based on soil conditions.

A: I have reached out to our DPW to source their materials testing company and will be talking to them about this item. For the bid you should presume that the soil has a bearing capacity of 2 tons/SF.

3. Sealed foundation plans, once building order is confirmed, can take up to 6 weeks, please confirm this is acceptable.

A: The completion date in the RFO is November 1, 2022. If this impacts that date it should be noted in the bid.

4. Foundation plan for ramps and decks is incorrect, piers must be added to the ramp and steps closest to the building. Building can't support additional weight.

A: Aluminum stairs and railings as well as ABS pads are acceptable.

5. In the past, classroom buildings in Westport have been installed on ABS pads, do you have permission from the town for this option with this building on this site?

A: ABS pads are acceptable. If the bid is based on this please state that in the bid.

6. When will the site be ready for a visit to determine elevations and such? Foundation pricing may change once site work is complete.

A: The site is very flat so it can be visited at this time. Grades will essentially be what they are today.

7. Utilities clarification please.

A: I am awaiting all the specifications back from Eversource Field Engineering Design Dept. and Elite Electrical on the power installation. I have been told it should be this Friday from Eversource for their Plan. Electrical service, fire alarm and data will be brought to the building by the Owner.

8. Fire alarm clarification, owner or contractor is responsible for fire alarm connections? Notes on Floor plan for Fire alarm "to be installed by manufacturer with alarm in relocatable classrooms interconnected with school system so alarm in buildings will act together". Vs RFP page 4 1. Owner responsible for installation of fore alarms from existing building to the relocatable classroom.

A: The Owner will be responsible for the installation of the Fire Alarm System, but the modular building contractor must install all required conduits in the modular building.

9. You are calling out for RTU's instead of wall hung, is wall hung acceptable?

A: Wall Hung units are what we had on the last 2 classroom unit we leased and they would be best for us in this application. I would ask that this be noted by the Architect of record.

10. Various parts of the drawing are not correct or not in compliance with code; as an example, roof line, railings, do we have permission to amend and price in compliance.

A: Not sure what is not in compliance, but all work must meet the current codes and regulations.

11. The gate will not open enough to deliver 14' wide units, who will remove and reinstall gate?

A: I have our fencing company (Orange Fence) Upgrading gates and fences in such a manner that the needed clearance will be available. What is the needed opening you require?

12. Insulation R21 exterior walls 2'x4'. This insulation does not fit, is alternate insulation meeting code acceptable?

A: Insulation must meet code. Alternate methods are acceptable if they meet code. R-20 in the studs or R-13+ R -3.8 ci.

13. You are asking for 90-day price hold, will you honor a 30-day price hold.

A: The 90-day price hold was chosen given the BOE must secure town approvals for funding and zoning. These approvals will likely take more than 30 days to secure. That being said, bidders are encouraged to submit a bid and note the 30-day price lock as an alternative. The district reserves the right to consider any alternative that might be in the best interest of the district. I suggest you consider quoting a price escalator at 60 and 90 days if feasible (yes, the market remains uncertain)

14. Will you issue a purchase order, if so can we obtain a copy?

A: A copy of a purchase order will be sent to the awarded vendor once all local approvals are received

15. Will you extend the bid due date past February 24<sup>th</sup>?

A: I acknowledge that a 2-week deadline is not the preferred RFP window. We need to have the modular installed by November 1, 2022. Given the marketplace lead time we had to back into a 2-week RFP float. Should you be interested and if the November 1 date cannot be met I invite you to submit an alternate date for consideration.