



Department of Purchasing

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January 29, 2021

To All Interested Parties:

**Subject: Addendum #3
Replacement Boilers and Installation Services**

Please note the following response to questions received regarding the above Invitation for Bids. All available information has been provided.

Question: Will a Bid Bond and Payment & Performance Bond be required for this project

Answer: All bond requirements are waived as allowed by code for jobs greater than \$100,000 to no more than \$300,000. Should your bid require these bonds to be secured as you are bidding greater than \$300,000, please take necessary steps and secure the bonds in order to be in compliance with state law.

Question: Will your water treatment contractor be responsible for water treatment or will the Contractor? If the contractor is responsible, please advise on the water treatment contractor that SPS uses

Answer: Water treatment will be handled by the division's water treatment contractor, NALCO.

Question: Will Suffolk Public Schools accept a base bid using the boiler as specified and an Alternate bid using an alternate boiler manufacture?

Answer: No; we are not interested in an alternate boiler. We will accept any manufacturer that meets the specifications and meets the requirements found in the IFB and in the previous addendums.

Question: Do you have a scope of work on what Damuth Trane has included for the control scope of work that they will be providing

Answer: SPS does not have a scope of work from Damuth at this time. However, the boiler installed must be fully BACnet compatible at the time of installation as specified in the bid documents.

Question: Is it your intent to completed the project after heating season or during heating season?

Answer: SPS will determine a timeline once the bid is complete and the winning bidder can give us the necessary lead time for the boilers and needed materials. As of this writing, January is just about complete so it is likely that lead times will take us until early Spring. We will work with the low bidder to determine an exact timeline upon award.

TIME EXTENSION: Suffolk Public Schools will be extending this submission to allow for bidders to ensure that they can secure bonds if their bids are greater than \$300,000. The new submission date is February 4, 2021 on or before 2:00 PM. To coincide with this submission deadline, Suffolk Public Schools will also allow additional questions until 2:00 PM on February 1, 2021. No questions will be contemplated after that time.

CLARIFICATIONS:

Suffolk Public Schools is not interested in an alternate bid or a boiler that doesn't meet specifications found in the IFB. Suffolk Public Schools will accept a bid that meets the specifications found in the bid or in the previous addendums regardless of the manufacturer. It will be incumbent on the bidder to ensure and provide documentation that the submitted boiler is equivalent by way of their submission.

Bonds - Bonds are being waived by way of state code for this project for projects ranging from \$100,000 – \$300,000. However, if your bid is greater than \$300,000 you will be required to provide a bid bond with your bid per state code. Also, if \$300,000 or more is your bid, you will also need to secure payment and performance bonds. Please add your bond cost in if your base bid is \$300,000 or more.

Addendum 3 Acknowledged:

Date_____

Sent by:

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