

Los Alamitos Unified School District
Bid No. 2526-10
Hydraulic Elevator Modernization at Oak Middle School

ADDENDUM #1 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1: Can the Bid Date be extended by at least 1 week? The current date leaves only three working days until the bid package is due (Friday is observed as the 4th of July holiday).

A1: Bid due date and time has been adjusted to Friday, July 10 at 3:00pm.

Q2: Should the bid package be emailed or hand-delivered? The documents mention both methods.

A2: Bid package must be submitted electronically to FMOT@losal.org , with contractor requesting a response confirming receipt.

Q3: Is a Bid Bond absolutely required? We need to allow our surety enough time to obtain the Bid Bond and three working days is not enough time.

A3: Yes, but as an alternative to bid bond, contractor can submit cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, along with the bid form.

Q4: The schedule shown on page 1 of the Bid Form cannot be guaranteed and past experience dictates it cannot be met. Reasons for this are the following:

- *Unfortunately, we cannot control vendor supply chain issues or their factory production schedules.*
- *We cannot control the schedules of the Fire Life Safety Company or the State Elevator Division. A final inspection cannot be scheduled with the State Elevator Division until all work by others is complete and a pre-test has been conducted with the Fire Life Safety Company. The inspection request must be submitted in writing and the date is assigned based on the State's schedule at that particular time.*

A4: The District has added 30 days to the schedule. The awarded contractor is expected to manage its suppliers and to timely coordinate all required approvals and inspections.

Q5. The 90-day contract time shown on page 1 of the Contract cannot be met for all of the reasons mentioned above. Also, we cannot agree to the liquidated damages (\$500.00/day) as shown.

A5: Liquidated damages are implemented only if agreed upon contract schedule slips due to unjustified contractor delays.

Q6. We require a deposit/down payment of 50% of the contract amount. This is standard Industry practice and required before any materials are ordered or work is scheduled.

A6: The District expects its contractors to have sufficient financial capabilities to perform public works contracts. The District will pay the awarded contractor upon product delivery and upon services rendered, not in advance.

Q7. *We will only provide our standard insurance policy, which does not include "Sexual Abuse/Molestation" coverage.*

A7: The District has removed the requirement for this specific coverage.