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Return Acknowledgment To: **Issuing Department** Quote Title: **DW BDA/ERCES Assessment and System Design Services** Quote No: **Q26-11**	Date and Hour of Quote Due Date: **REVISED: July 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** ~~July 24, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.~~ ~~July 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.~~	

The following corrections, changes, additions, deletions, revisions, and/or clarifications are hereby made a part of the quote documents. In case of conflicts between this addendum and previously issued documents, this addendum shall take precedence.

Clarifications:
The RFQ due date is revised to Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

A second question period is open and questions can be submitted in writing until Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Please submit questions to bids@matsuk12.us

Attachments:
Questions and Answers (5 pages)

END OF ADDENDUM #2

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ADDENDUM #2

Information in this addendum takes precedence over original information. All other provisions of the document remain unchanged.

The following additions, corrections and changes are hereby made to the above-referenced Request for Quotation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. Q: If a firm performs assessment and system design services under RFQ Q26-11, will that firm, its subcontractors, or affiliated partners remain eligible to participate in any future installation, integration, material procurement, commissioning, or implementation procurements arising from the resulting assessment and design recommendations?

   A: Respondents, including an awarded respondent, will still be eligible to respond to requests for offers on and be awarded future related work.

2. Q: Can MSBSD confirm that the listed radio systems, frequencies, and jurisdiction-specific coverage requirements have been validated with the applicable system owners and Authorities Having Jurisdiction, and that respondents may rely upon this information when preparing design recommendations?

   A: This information was compiled from multiple AHJs, and includes information directly from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as well as information previously documented by the MSBSD and the MSBSD's own frequencies. It represents the MSBSD's best understanding of the requirements to be met. However, if the respondent is aware of inaccuracy in the information, the MSBSD would expect that the respondent ask specific clarifying questions to ensure accuracy of the work.

3. Q: Should respondents assume that all listed radio systems and frequency bands for each site are mandatory design criteria, or may assessment findings support recommendations that certain systems do not require enhancement at a specific facility?

   A: The frequencies listed for each site are mandatory design criteria as we must ensure that the identified frequencies work throughout the identified schools. If assessment findings for a specific location show that certain systems/frequencies do not require enhancement, as they meet the identified criteria without enhancement, that should be documented in the assessments with reasoning.

4. Q: Has MSBSD previously completed any ERCES assessments, radio coverage studies, donor signal studies, or preliminary design activities related to any of the listed facilities that can be provided to respondents?

   A: Some prior enhancement was completed at Colony High School, which necessitated prior assessment of conditions at that time. However, any assessment performed for that site under this scope should be accomplished using the current conditions rather than relying on any previous assessments.

5. Q: What are the steps needed to ask for an extension for the RFQ submission and is it eligible for extension?

A: The deadline for submission of responses to this RFQ has been extended to Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

6. Q: Item 4 in Attachment A "Scope of Services" indicates that the assessment and system design shall evaluate and support VHF and UHF radio coverage at all sites. However, we noticed that you list some 700/800 MHz frequencies for Cottonwood.
Question: Does the survey and assessment need to include these frequencies as well? At which locations?

A: If they are referring to the 700/800 MHZ site in the table on page 6, that is related to ALMR radio tower site, not an MSBSD School.

- ALMR is required at all of our listed sites. That is sated in Section 4, subsection A: Required Radio Systems we note item 2 as: VHF/ALMR (Alaska Land Mobile Radio System) – Required at all sites.
- All of our sites are Listed under Section 4, Subsection B.

7. Q: In Item 5, D you indicate that the assessments and designs shall be based on the stated Delivered Audio Quality (DAQ) performance targets.
Question: Will the AHJ provide the portable radios necessary to perform these tests at the various sites?

A: The MSBSD will collaborate with the contractor to coordinate any testing needs with appropriate AHJs.

8. Q: In item 11 you indicate that one of the qualifications for contractors is to have any required professional licenses, certifications, and credentials.
Question: Can you give some examples of what documents or certifications you would consider acceptable?

A: Provide the professional licenses, certifications, and credentials held by the proposed project personnel that are applicable to the scope of services. Examples may include Professional Engineer (PE) licensure, NICET IB-PSC certification, FCC GROL, RF engineering certifications, manufacturer ERCES/BDA/DAS certifications, or other equivalent qualifications relevant to public safety communications and ERCES system assessment and design.

SOME examples include, but are NOT LIMITED to the following.

- ERCES/Public Safety Communication: NICET In-Building Public Safety Communications (IB-PSC)
- NCEES - PE Electrical and Computer: Electronics, Controls, and Communications
- RF Engineering Certification
- BDA/DAS design certifications
- FCC General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL), FCC licensing experience
- NFPA Certification - Certified Fire Alarm ITM Specialist (CFAITMS) for Facility Managers
- NFPA Training
- ETA Distributed Antenna Systems Installer (DASI) - Public Safety certification
- ETA Distributed Antenna Systems Technician (DAST) - Public Safety
- ETA Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS)
- APCO Certifications/Trainings

9. Q: Can the contracted consultant and or a subsidiary company later implement the new system, if a decision to procure is made?

A: Respondents, including an awarded respondent, will still be eligible to respond to requests for offers on and be awarded future related work.

10. Q: If we are participating in this RFQ, are we restricted from any future bids for this project (installation, construction, permitting, etc.)?

    A: Respondents, including an awarded respondent, will still be eligible to respond to requests for offers on and be awarded future related work.

11. Q: Is this project subject to Davis-Bacon?

    A: No, Davis-Bacon and Related Acts do not apply to the assessments in this scope.

12. Q: Section 14C: What criteria will be used to evaluate the character, integrity and judgment of the bidder?

    A: Prior to final selection and award, the MSBSD may seek additional information from and about the respondent which the MSBSD deems necessary to further evaluate responses. The MSBSD reserves the right to use this additional information to determine, in its sole judgement, whether the respondent is responsible based on the factors listed Section 14. These factors will be evaluated as they pertain to the contractor's ability to perform the work in accordance with the requirements set forth in the documents.

13. Q: Attachment I: Analytical Studies or Surveys is considered Low Risk according to the matrix. Does MSBSD agree that this RFQ falls under this category?

    A: The MSBSD considers this work to be Moderate Risk with additional Professional Liability coverage required. Respondents are strongly encouraged to consult with their insurance companies or brokers to determine if their insurance program complies with the MSBSD's insurance requirements.

14. Q: Please clarify the role of the AHJ and identify the AHJ who will accept the IFC Section 510 design.

    A: This RFQ is with MSBSD and we will accept the design for the requested system. MSBSD will consult with any local agencies as necessary.

15. Q: Page 5 - Please clarify: upon award, can the contractor coordinate directly with the AHJ, police agencies, or radio system owners? Please describe the communication protocols if not.

    A: Contractor must communicate with MSBSD regarding any questions, and MSBSD will coordinate for responses or collaboration.

16. Q: Period of performance – is the September 15th date for the two base sites? The schedule is aggressive for any additional sites

    A: September 15th is for the two base quote/bid sites.

17. Q: Regarding the period of performance, is the September 15th completion date for the two base sites? This may be an aggressive schedule for completing any additional sites.

    A: September 15th is for the two base quote/bid sites.

18. Q: Are architectural as-builts of the sites available?

    A: In lieu of providing large files of as-built drawings as part of the quote process, a pre-quote walkthrough has been scheduled (see question 28). Access to architectural as-builts will be provided to the successful contractor upon award.

19. Q: Given the note indicating Cottonwood 700/800 MHz signal levels may be insufficient for donor operation, does MSBSD anticipate alternative donor site strategies being considered as part of the design effort?

    A: That is indicates only for specific bands, but not all bands listed. This will vary by site and needs to be tested/verified.

20. Q: Does MSBSD require grid testing in accordance with IFC Section 510 acceptance-testing methodologies, or is a planning-level coverage assessment and predictive analysis sufficient for this phase?

    A: Testing must be in accordance with IFC Section 510 – Planning level and predictive analysis is not sufficient.

21. Q: Will MSBSD provide access to subscriber radios and authorization to operate on District radio systems during testing?

    A: The MSBSD will collaborate with the contractor to coordinate any testing needs with appropriate AHJs.

22. Q: Will coordination with ALMR system administrators be facilitated through MSBSD if additional technical data is required?

    A: All coordination is to be through MSBSD as noted in section 15:
    15. DISTRICT COORDINATION
    All questions, clarifications, and frequency information shall be coordinated through MSBSD only. Respondents shall not contact AHJs or radio system owners directly unless authorized by the MSBSD.

23. Q: Is assessment of existing fire alarm systems required to determine ERCES supervisory and annunciation interfaces?

    A: The RFQ Indicates interface requirement in the following section. An assessment of the existing fire alarm is not required; integration must include a supervisory alarm monitor and not an annunciation.
    Section 7-C. Interface requirements with building fire alarm or monitoring systems

24. Q: Will fire alarm documentation be provided for review?

    A: Fire Alarm Documentation will be provided to the awarded contractor.

25. Q: The RFQ permits evaluation of FirstNet-enabled or cellular-based responder communications for informational purposes. Does the new design need to work with all cellular carriers and if so can the MSBSD provide carrier list.

    A: This is not a design to support cellular carriers in MSBSD buildings, it is to support public-safety broadband and cellular-based responder communications, such as a FirstNet-enabled systems.

    As noted in 5. Scope of Work; E: Public-Safety Broadband and Cellular Assessment and Design – Design recommendations for public-safety broadband or cellular-based responder communications shall be conceptual only and shall not constitute final system design, procurement documents, installation requirements, or determination of code compliance.

Public-safety broadband or cellular-based responder communications shall not replace, reduce, or be used in lieu of required ERCES radio coverage under IFC Section 510.

26. Q: Will assessments be performed during normal school operations, summer occupancy, or both?

A: Assessments are to be conducted during school operating hours when the building is occupied to ensure accurate radio coverage assessment. The contractor may perform assessment testing to get draft or preliminary data, however the final assessment provided to MSBSD must be performed in an occupied building.

27. Q: Are there restrictions on testing dates, hours, or access to secured areas?

A: Testing must be done within dates for contract and meet requirements. Access to the building will be coordinated with MSBSD.

28. Q: Is a pre-bid site visit available or recommended for respondents prior to submitting quotations?

A: Yes, a site visit for the two base quote sites is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 8 am. We will meet at the front doors of Wasilla High School and will spend approximately one hour at each school.

29. Q: Will firms providing assessment and design services under this RFQ be eligible to participate in any future ERCES installation procurement resulting from this work?

A: Respondents, including an awarded respondent, will still be eligible to respond to requests for offers on and be awarded future related work.