

Below are answers to the questions asked for solicitation 36C25023Q0217 Fire Suppression System

1. Page 9 of 72, 18. Test Result Reporting/Recording

RFI: Are all current devices labeled with Building Reports barcodes? **All initiating devices are labeled, speakers are not.**

RFI: For new devices added to the system, will it be the awarded contractor's responsibility to add a barcode? **YES**

RFI: Will the awarded contractor be given access to the current Building Reports account? **YES**

RFI: Is the inspecting firm required to host the building reports portal or does the VA have their own portal? **The contractor is required to host the building reports portal.**

RFI: If the VA has its own portal, does the vendor have full rights to the site? If not, what rights does the vendor have? **N/A**

2. Page 50 of 72, Award Basis, Technical Adherence

RFI: Please confirm that the VA will be looking for documentation evidencing that the contractor can meet the requirements of fire alarm and suppression systems maintenance and inspections. The solicitation states electrical maintenance and power distribution.

A: Yes, the VA will be looking for documentation evidencing that the contractor can meet the requirements of fire alarm and suppression systems maintenance and inspections. The statement regarding electrical maintenance and power distribution was from a previous solicitation and will be amended.

3. Page 50 of 72, Award Basis, Past Experience

RFI: Please confirm that the contractor has past experience of providing services related to fire alarm and suppression systems maintenance and inspections. The solicitation states electrical maintenance and power distribution.

A: Confirmed: the contractor has past experience of providing services related to fire alarm and suppression systems maintenance and inspections. The statement regarding electrical maintenance and power distribution was for a previous solicitation and will be amended.

4. Page 50 of 72, Award Basis, Bid Date

RFI: Please confirm the bid date is as listed on the SF1449 (02-16-2023).

A: Yes, all quotes are to be submitted NLT 02/16/2023 @ 10:00AM EST.

5. Page 8 of 72, 17. Testing Procedures, b(1)

RFI: Is it expected all detectors are cleaned on every inspection? **Any devices showing over 20% dirty on report shall be cleaned during the inspection, currently 16 devices showing over 20% dirty, 0 devices 80% dirty or greater.**

6. Page 8 of 72, 17. Testing Procedures, b(2)

RFI: Are you asking we submit the obscuration rate on every detector during testing? **Yes, during annual inspection.**

RFI: If so, are you asking we use a field-measuring obscuration reader? **Yes**

7. RFI: What is the current software version of the Fire Alarm System? SDU V 05.45.00

8. RFI: What is the current software version of the Fireworks Workstation. 1.71

9. RFI: If there is an upgrade that requires new physical equipment, is it expected the vendor supply the equipment as part of an upgrade? No, any equipment will be purchased through separate maintenance fund in contract.

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Additional questions:

Who is their current vendor for fire protection? **Riverside Integrated Systems Inc.**

When the unit amount on Page 7 says "JB" instead of "EA", what does JB mean? **(JB = JOB)**

On Page 5, section 7a5, it calls out for the damper inspections on a 6-year cycle. **All dampers shall be inspected according to NFPA 105 requirements.**

On Page 7 item 11, it calls for yearly testing of the fusible links. Can we get clarity about how often this will need to be tested? **Fusible links shall be inspected annually for proper operation, per NFPA requirements.**