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ADDENDUM #1
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #25-06

NETWORK CORE SYSTEM UPGRADE

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: ANSWERS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Q1. This email today is to request an extension for submission of response to this RFP for the City's Network Core System Upgrade.

A1. No extension will be granted.

Q2. Can you provide more detail on the specific existing network core components that will be replaced or upgraded?

A2. We are replacing HP 5900 series switch in several locations.

Q3. What version and current model of Comware switches

A3. HPE Comware version 7.

Q4. Current network design from L2 and L3 perspective

A4. Single mode ring and spoke topology.

Q5. Current types of fiber in use (Single Mode and Multi Mode)

A5. Single mode between buildings.

Q6. Does the environment allow to build parallel network to allow migration plan to the new infrastructure. (e.g available rack space, power)

A6. Not to the best of knowledge.

Q7. Could you provide more details on your expectations for the 8-hour training session?

A7. We want our network administrators to become fluent in the Aruba OS environment with the ability to modify VLAN structure and apply layer 3 IP routing on top of that.

Q8. How would you like us to approach the security review of your current network during the implementation phase? Are there specific areas of concern you would like us to focus on?

A8. We are only looking for best recommendations while configuring the new switch with our many VLANs.

Q9. Would you prefer a formal security assessment report with recommendations, or are you looking for more ongoing, consultative feedback throughout the project?

A9. We are looking for ongoing consultative feedback.

Q10. What are your expectations for post-implementation support? Should we include a specific number of hours for follow-up support or ongoing maintenance in our proposal?

A10. Other than the 5 year hardware replacement listed in the RFP we are not currently requesting follow up support or maintenance.

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain unchanged.

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BID FORM. FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA COULD
RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID AS NONRESPONSIVE.**

Thank you.

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