## CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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## ADDENDUM #2 INVITATION FOR BID #21-39

## SERVICING, REPAIRING AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE ALARM SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

## THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW:

- Q1. What is the annual value of the current contract?
  - A1. \$80,000
- Q2. Please provide copies of sprinkler inspection reports for all the referenced locations.
  - A2. These reports are not currently available.
- Q3. Please provide number of extinguishers at each location.
- A3. Successful contractor is required to go to each site and inspect all extinguishers as part of this contract. The number of extinguishers varies at each site. Contractor is required to service all extinguishers at any site.
- Q4. Page 40 Section B: Please confirm that repair/replacement of all parts/materials is billable using the provided labor rate.
  - A4. Yes, provided prevailing wage rates apply to repair/replacement of all parts/materials.
- Q5. Page 41 Section C: Gauges frequency is stated as Weekly/Monthly. Please clarify if this weekly and monthly visual inspection will be done by your staff or do you need us to carry cost for a fitter to be at each location weekly and monthly.
  - A5. Monthly only.
- Q6. Page 43 1.02 Quality Assurance Qualification of Workmen: In this section is noted that "Contract will be awarded to a contractor whose primary business is electrical system maintenance". There is no electrical involved in sprinkler testing. Can you please clarify on this and also confirm that this is a fire sprinkler and extinguisher bid only and Fire Alarm Panel and its associated devices are excluded.
- A6. The section should have read: "Fire Sprinkler/Extinguisher Maintenance" wherever it says, "electrical system maintenance."
- Q7. If there are any Fire Pumps at these locations. Will the annual full flow testing be done on over-time?
- A7. All full flow testing will only be done on overtime if the building cannot accommodate any daytime work. In the case of a school, the testing would occur during a school vacation period.

- Q8. Is Full Trip Testing on the dry system which is done every (3) years per NFPA, due at any of these locations for the duration of this contract? If so, please let us know which locations we need to carry cost for.
- A8. Oak Hill School (1930's building attic), Jackson Homestead (under the deck only), Memorial Spaulding (one crawl space), Zervas School (rear entrance) and North High (loading dock).
- Q9. Page 11 Itemized Bid Form #21-39: Is the Preventative Maintenance Total price provided here for YR1 only? Or if the City of Newton chooses to renew for YR2 and YR3 this same price will be carried over for each of those years?
  - A9. The price would be the same for each additional year that the contract is extended.

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged.

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA ON YOUR BID FORM. FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA COULD RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID AS NONRESPONSIVE.

Thank you.

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