

# CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## ADDENDUM #1 INVITATION FOR BIDS #22-79

### INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS AT NEWTON COMMUNITY FARM

**THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

Q1. Would it be possible to physically visit the site this week to look at the interior structure?

Our concern is that the structure/barn is described as an historical building. This raises a concern about how the roof structure and foundation are built. For instance, are the roof rafters 16 inches on center or is the structure a post and beam structure with supporting purlins between post spans. Is the foundation a rock foundation or other type?

We would like to make a visit to gather this information to accurately prepare a bid for the Newton Community Farm.

Part of the Contractor's scope of work includes a structural certification which is standard for every solar installation. However, prior to that structural review, (which would be accomplished after the contract is awarded) the bid documents request (Bid Form Section 2: Structural Reinforcement \$XXX.) an amount to include for Structural Reinforcements. It is hard to make an accurate estimate without physically looking at the structure and consequently making an informed estimate for this line item without reviewing the actual structure first.

All other aspects of the IFB remain unchanged.

**A1. Bidders should enter \$0.00 cost for Structural Reinforcement in the Bid Form Section 2. This is based on the determination by the City's consultant that structural reinforcement is not needed. If it is determined after the bid award that structural reinforcement is necessary then that cost will be added to the project as a change order.**

Q2. Will there an Addendum issued for this project soon?

**A2. This Addendum No. 1 is the only and final addendum for this Invitation For Bids.**

Q3. Would you happen to know if there was list of attendees to the Pre-Bid Meeting held on April 28<sup>th</sup> that you could send to me at this time?

**A3. Certified Safe Electric, Inc. was the only bidder who attended the Pre-Bid meeting.**

Q4. Is there an estimated value for budget associated with this project?

**A4. Yes. There is a budget estimate for the project which will not be divulged for the purposes of the bid.**

Q5. Are there any start or end dates for the work on this project once it is awarded in the future?

**A5. The start date is targeted as August 13, 2022. This date is flexible. A start date should be indicated in bid documents. A project completion date of May 31, 2023 is a firm date.**

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged.

**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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Read". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nicholas Read  
*Chief Procurement Officer*