

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PROJECT # 07-20

STRUCTURED CABLING SERVICES

Date: April 20, 2006

To: All Prospective Respondents

From: Houston Community College System, Procurement Operations

Subject: Informational Letter # 2 – Request for Proposals (RFP) for Structured Cabling Services, (Project # 07-20)

The following written questions regarding subject RFP were received in the Procurement Office prior to the deadline for submitting written inquiries.

Question # 1:

Is the cabling contractor to provide the equipment enclosures (cabinets)? If so, what are the specifications for the equipment enclosures (cabinets) as they are different from the relay racks the contract is to install. This related to RFP Section 2.1.1 and 2.2.1.

HCCS Answer:

Yes, the enclosures are included in section 2.1.1 of the Specifications (Attachment No. 4) as a requirement of the selected contractor. Each proposer shall note a type and unit cost and carry allowance for the quantities shown on the drawings.

Question # 2:

Secion 3.2.2 of the RFP states that Fiber duct may be required in MER spaces. Since there are no drawings of proposed fiber duct and quantities, how should we proceed with a price for this item?

HCCS Answer:

Proposers are to make the assumption that horizontal fiber duct will be required for pathway from racks to enclosures. Denote quantity and type proposed in your response documents to this solicitation.

Question # 3:

Section 4.2 – Voice Communications Backbone Subsystem is in conflict with the drawings. The drawing shows a 100 pair category 3 cable from the demarc area to each MER and IDF. It shows these cables terminating on wall mount 110 blocks. Section 4.2 states that 25 pair category 3 cables will originate in the Demarc and terminate on rack mounted patch panels. Can we get clarification on the Voice Communications Backbone Subsystem?

HCCS Answer:

In this case, the drawing configuration shall take precedence and should be priced in lieu of the specification description.

Question # 4:

Section 4.3 – Data Communications Backbone Subsystem is vague in describing the system. The drawings show that each IDF is served by (1) 12-strand multimode fiber from the MER. Is this the correct configuration?

HCCS Answer:

In this case, the drawing configuration shall take precedence and should be priced accordingly.