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ADDENDUM 3

To: All Interested Proposers

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Subject: RFP # 08-168, (RFP) Installation of Shut-Off Valves at the 2nd and 6th floor of the Detention Facility

The Purchasing Department received the listed questions related to the above referenced proposal:

- 1. We are requesting the valve diagrams of your water main risers for the 2nd and 6th floor.**
Drawings may be reviewed at the office of the facility maintenance section and the contractor may take written notes. However, for security reasons, copies of drawings containing floor plans will not be provided.
- 2. What are the times to work on this project?**
The work required to complete the installation may be conducted within the following time periods:
Monday through Friday, 07:00 - 16:00 (7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.)
Monday through Friday, 19:00 - 02:00 (7:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.)
- 3. Who is supposed to de-activate the fire alarm?**
If required, facility maintenance technicians will provide protective covers for smoke detectors located within the work area. The fire alarm system will not be deactivated.
- 4. Are flux fumes going to be a problem?**
Excessive fumes may trigger smoke detectors located near the work areas. Temporarily, these detectors may be covered with protective covers.

- 5. Who is responsible for shut down of the hot and cold water supply?**
Facility maintenance technicians will shut down the hot and cold water supply.
- 6. Who is responsible for air purging and restoring of service?**
Facility maintenance technicians will be responsible for purging of air and restoring of water services.
- 7. Who is responsible for shut down of the pump and hot water systems?**
Facility maintenance technicians will be responsible for purging of air and restoring of service.
- 8. Who is responsible for re-insulating pipes?**
The contractor shall re-insulate pipes in order to restore original conditions.
- 9. Who is responsible for re-painting of pipes?**
The contractor shall re-paint pipes in order to restore original conditions.
- 10. Who is responsible for valve labeling?**
The contractor shall re-label pipes in order to restore original conditions.
- 11. Who is responsible for the repair of stuck flush valves or any other water that gets affected?**
Facility maintenance technicians will be responsible for the repair of stuck flush valves and other problems not cause directly by the upgrade work.
- 12. Cell phone communication will be a must to deliver materials and to work in different areas at once. Is there a problem with the use of cell phones? If yes, how will we be able to communicate?**
Cell phone may not be used inside the Detention Facility. The contractor may use the telephones within the maintenance office for project related local phone calls.
- 13. Can preparation work on various uncut water risers be done during regular working days and hours?**
Yes, this type of work may be completed during regular daytime hours, Monday through Friday.
- 14. How long does it take to drain the hot and cold water systems?**
It take approximately 1-1/2 Hours to drain the water.
- 15. Do contractor employees have to stand by for draining or restoring of water service each time?**
Contractor employees do not need to be present during the draining of the system. However, contractor employees must be present during restoring of services in order to make sure that the new installed valves and pipes do not leak. Should any leaks be detected during the restoring process, the contractor shall start repairs without delay in order to minimize damage to County property.

16. How many valves of each on each floor?

2 nd Floor			
Southeast	Northeast	Between L and M	Between N and C
1 each, 2.5", Cold		1 each, 3", Cold	1 each, 3", Cold
1 each, 2", Hot	1 each, 2", Hot	1 each, 2", Hot	1 each, 2", Hot
Blank	Blank	Blank	Remove 2 each 3" Gate Valves

Next to Supply	Southwest	Northwest	Next to 278	Next to 277
1 each, 3", Cold	1 each, 2.5", Cold	1 each, 2.5", Cold	1 each, 3", Cold	1 each, 3", Cold
1 each, 2", Hot	1 each, 2", Hot	1 each, 2", Hot	Blank	Blank

6 th Floor	
24 each, 2" Valves	

A total of 31 each, 2" ball valves, 3 each 2.5" ball valves, and 5 each, 3" ball valves will be required.

17. Can the materials and working equipment be left secured on site inside a plumbing shaft?

No, tools and materials may not be left inside a plumbing shaft. Tools and material may only be stored inside the basement boiler room. All tools must be accounted for at all times.

18. What is the completion date?

The contractor shall contact all suppliers of parts, equipment, goods and services required for this project in order to secure accurate delivery schedules. Based on these schedules, the contractor shall submit an accurate time schedule for the project; including the following information:

- The scheduled arrival of equipment, parts and material.
- Time required for the completion of the entire project.
- Start and completion dates for the project.

19. What are your payment terms?

The project may be divided into two or three stages. After completion of each stage, the contractor may submit an invoice requesting partial payment for the delivered materials and satisfactory completed work. After the vendor submits an invoice for payment, the County of El Paso will pay the remaining balance.

20. Does the system need to be chlorinated or tested?

Unless required by Federal, State or Local codes, rules and regulations, chlorination is not required.

Testing is required to ensure that the new valves are operating without any leaks, faults, and deficiencies.

21. Does it matter which floor gets done first?

No, it doesn't matter.

22. What is the wage scale?

The wage scale does not pertain to this RFP

23. Is there a percentage retained after completion?

No, payments will not be withheld for materials delivered or satisfactory completed work.

24. Who is supposed to de-activate fire alarm?

In-house maintenance will deactivate the alarm.

25. Are flux fumes going to be a problem?

No problem, we can have the extractors on if we need to.