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ADDENDUM No. 2

RE: Addendum to Request for Quotation (RFQ) RFQ S2021-21 Water Meter Test Bench 2021

Bid Due – December 30, 2021

Clarification only: This addendum will need to be returned with your bid response.

This Addendum is and does become a part of the above-mentioned Solicitation. The following questions were received from potential bidders, and the response are provided as shown.

- 1) All equipment is to be mounted on a Stainless-Steel Skid. Is this for the recirculation system only or the test bench as well?

Answer – The test bench pan should be stainless steel as to prevent corrosion.

- 2) What are the seismic requirements to be addressed within the skid layouts and/or with the test tanks on the scales?

Answer – All equipment should be anchored to the concrete.

- 3) What voltage power is available at this location? Is 480/3 available? Or 240/3?

Answer – Staff is looking into it; response will follow.

- 4) What water treatment requirements are being requested for the poly supply tank water?

Answer – The Authority would handle the water treatment requirement for the Poly supply tank.

- 5) Is this pump return line with control relay new with no existing units in place?

Answer – There is no recirculating tank in place and no pump return line.

- 6) What types of meters are to be tested? Can the Authority provide a list of types of meters and sizes that are expected to be tested?

Answer – We presently are testing Positive displacement meters from Neptune, Badger, Sensus and Rockwell. Our goal is to be able to test Badger E-series meters and Neptune Mach meters as well as 3” fire hydrant meters.

- 7) The MARS Test Bench System does include the software license as a part of the purchase price. Given this, would this remove MARS from consideration?

Answer – We do not expect to pay any annual fees for the software, and if there are any fees, they would be used as a decision factor on the overall longevity cost of the system.



8) Do you want reports from the software to be pulled from the bench thru this connection?

Answer – The system is expected to be able to store historical data regarding the meter such as, Address, account number and export the data to excel.

9) Are test results to be prepared to speak to the Courts in the event of a billing dispute?

Answer – The expectations would be that we would use these reports in billing disputes as to the accuracy of our water meters.

10) Please clarify your expectation of “installation”, including, but not limited to:

Answer:

Removal of existing equipment? Old equipment would be removed by Authority staff.

Uncrating the new test bench? Authority staff would uncrate the new test bench.

Placing the equipment in position? Authority staff would place new test bench in position

Connection to the proposed recirculation system / closed-loop system, including the pump(s)? Authority staff would connect the new test bench.

11) Are licenses and/or permits required? For example, would the Authority provide an electrician to finalize the connection(s) to the system?

Answer – Our in-house Electrician would handle the final connection.

12) What type of water supply is available? Would said supply be located near the anticipated location of the test bench and recirculation system?

Answer – There is a 2” domestic water line next to the existing test bench.

13) Are there drains located within the proximity of the test bench? Would the location of the piping to the drains cause a trip hazard?

Answer – There is a catch basin drain next to the existing test bench and there are not tripping hazard.

14) What size(s) is/are the drains?

Answer – The catch basin has a 6” drain line.

15) Does the 5-year warranty include electrical components within the computing system or does it just cover electrical components for the test bench?

Answer – The 5-year warranty for the electrical equipment, hardware, software and components.

16) What type of customizable reports would the Authority like to have generated from the software?

Answer – The Authority would like to have it export to Excel and store historical data for the meter and graphing functions.

17) How many meters are expected to be tested over a period of time? For example, per week, per month or per year?

Answer – Approximately 2,500 meter per year.

18) Would the test bench manufacturer need to provide “Certification” for trained District personnel and for AWWA meter testing compliance?

Answer – Manufacture will need to train personnel on the system.

19) Can the Authority clarify “Warranty”? Is “Warranty” specific to hardware, software, labor, parts?

Answer – 5-year warranty for the electrical equipment, hardware, software and components.

20) Please provide the current total sales tax percentage that applies?

Answer – Sales tax in Chula Vista, California is 8.75%

21) Will the Authority provide a CAD drawing of the proposed floorspace? If we are permitted the extension with a pre-site survey team, we can create our own?

Answer – We can schedule an onsite visit to see the floor space.

22) We formally request an extension for the bid. In order to provide a Response that contains all the requirements outlined and to ensure that all costs are properly covered?

Answer – Quotes Due Date has been extended to **Thursday, January 13, 2022.**

This addendum consists of three (3) page(s). All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. All questions concerning the bid specification or Scope of Work must be submitted in writing either by mail, facsimile, or e-mail, and received no later than the date noted in the above referenced RFQ.

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