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RFP # 6367 Addenda # 1

Subject 800 MHz Trunked Subscriber Radio

A pre-bid meeting was held for RFP 6367 on November 7th. At that forum, several questions on the RFP and clarifications were requested. Over the course of the next week, vendors had additional questions and clarification requests that were made. The following documents the clarifications made.

1. Section 5.2.3 indicates that mobile installation should be performed in no less than 15 calendar days. If a vendor can propose a more economic approach based on what the vendor knows about the County's needs and dynamics, the proposal should indicate this.
2. Section 4.2.3 indicates configurations for dash mount, remote mount and universal mount mobile radios. We do not yet know how many will need to be installed in specific ways, which is one of the reasons why we are requesting a per unit pricing.
3. Since the project involves migration from a current analog system to the new digital system, vendors have inquired about removal of radios at the time of installation. If the new radios work on the current analog system, the old radios may be removed at the time of installation if programming issues can be worked out.
4. When will the proposal bonds be returned to the vendor? Bid bonds are 5% of cost of the project. Must be submitted with proposal package. It is retained by County until the award is issued to contract and that contractor has an executed contract. The RFP does not ask for bid bonds but does ask for payment bonds (page 2). These are for 100% of the total payment and will be returned once subcontractors have been paid and a punchlist is completed.
5. A vendor asked for clarification of what "file" means. This is an internal process which simply involves the County taking proposals and contracts to the County Clerk, who is the maintainer of public records.
6. The 5 watt portable speaker audio output should actually be .5 audio watt output. 10 watt for mobile is also not necessary and the proposal should include indications of your standard output levels.
7. Signal strength indicator allows user to see relative strength.

8. Voice announcement is a feature that is used by Monroe in their fire service. If a vendor's radios provide this feature, it should be indicated in the vendor's proposal.
9. "Intrinsic configuration" is mentioned in the RFP; this should have stated "intrinsically safe".
10. Headsets are indicated that they should have a 12 foot cord. This is a request only; vendors should indicate the length that is their standard. If more than one option is available, vendor should indicate the one that is closest to 12 feet in their proposal.
11. Mobile power level – a range of 25 to 40 was included in the RFP. 35 watts appears to be standard.
12. GPS capability – this feature is requested as an option. At this point, Consortium members are aware that manufacturers are beginning to design radios with this feature. Our intent is to be aware of whether responders are designing radios with this feature.
13. The RFP indicates a ten year life for the radios. Our intent is to ensure that the radios have a useful life of ten years. This may differ from a manufacturer's perspective, which may begin the date the product is made.
14. Dual programming is a feature that vendors must indicate. There is a strong desire to interface with Washtenaw County's current analog system (which will be maintained after public safety migrates from it) and U-M's analog system. If a vendor has dual programming on some radio models but not all, it should be indicated in Class A, Class B, and Class C in the proposal. Vendors should also indicate if a model is dual programmable, but for only one type at a time. For most radios we are looking for a feature that allows both digital and analog systems to be programmed into the radio at the same time.
15. Drawings and manuals are requested of vendors. Electronic copies would suffice.
16. 9.1.5 – 24/7 maintenance on control stations is requested.
17. 4.2 – class A, B, and C related to displays. In section 4.2.3 Class A refers to an alphanumeric display. 4.2.3 is a misprint; no display is required for the Class A radio.
18. Vendors are encouraged to add additional features on price sheets. These sheets are based on our understanding of radio features from vendor models and it is likely that some features from some radio models were not included.
19. Programming of the current analog system is not something the proposal asks for vendors to respond to.
20. Disposal of current assets (radios, control stations, etc.) will be the responsibility of the various police, fire, and EMS agencies who currently own those assets.
21. The timeline indicated in the final page of the RFP is a working document that is intended to convey the general guidelines of the project. Once a vendor is selected, we will work with the vendor on specifying the roll-out schedule for end user equipment. Once that schedule is finalized, we will hold the vendor accountable to meeting timelines. We do expect finalization and sign off of this to occur at least fifteen days prior to beginning installation.
22. Section 5 of the RFP indicates that site drawings must be submitted for each control station. This should include a sketch of where the antennae system is going for each control station and does not need to include other building outline specifics.
23. Control station antennas do not necessarily need to be installed on towers. Each site will need to be evaluated independently and installation approved for appearance by the local department.

24. The vendors who have supplied the majority of the headsets to fire departments have been SetCom, Motorola, and David Clark.
25. Grounding should meet the R-56 standard.
26. The facility that will be used for installation of mobiles has not been finalized. It is likely that police radios will be installed at this to-be-determined site, while fire trucks may need to be done at their stations and EMS trucks be done at HVA. The tentative site is available for viewing if the vendor desires.
27. The RFP (4.2.5) asks for remote control units for control stations. We do not know if they will be used at this time but we wanted to know if the vendor had this feature as an option.

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