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**Questions/Responses No. 1 to the  
Request for Proposals (RFP) K17-0038-25  
JECC Data Conduit Installation**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following questions for the above referenced RFP were received by e-mail and are answered and posted for all prospective Offerors. The statements and interpretations contained in the following responses to questions are not binding on the Maryland Judiciary unless the RFP is expressly amended. Nothing in the Maryland Judiciary's response to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the Maryland Judiciary of any statement or interpretation on the part of the Offeror asking the question.

1. Question: Are permits and inspections needed for this procurement? It is not in an easement and will not have any cabling in it.

Response: A building permit is not required. A grading permit is required. Proposals must include all necessary trade permits for all interior and exterior work. Trade permits are required. The contractor shall assume all responsibility for permitting including procurement, inspection and close out. All costs from fines or penalties levied as a result of work that is not properly permitted is the sole responsibility of the contractor.

2. Question: During the walkout it was mentioned that the building is being leased and not a government owned facility. With this being the case a right of entry will need to be signed off on. Will the courts department secure the agreement or will it be left to the award winning company to secure?

Response: This will be provided by the AOC.

3. Question: Directional Drilling was mentioned as an alternative. If so the specification sheet will need to be amended as it is not possible to place gravel, sand, and warning tape by method of directional drilling.

Response: Prospective Offerors may submit a detailed materials and installation specification for direct drilled alternates. The direct bore option should take into consideration the existing access to the site in terms of equipment and staging. Any significant site alterations required to place a direct bore conduit should be considered in the price alternate. Direct bore conduit shall have a 12 ga. Bare Copper conductor in each conduit to allow for utility locators to trace them and shall have pull strings and hand holes as currently specified.

4. Question: Please clarify “reusable fill” – is the material taken from the excavated area is it permissible to use the same to backfill other than rock and foreign debris?

Response: It is permissible to use excavated material to backfill the trench.

5. Question: Do you have a part number for the vault that is in the spec available or is it up to the vendor’s discretion?

Response: The basis of design is Carson specification grade model 2436, grey. Any equal model will be acceptable.

6. Question: Will there be a staging area for the vendor to use during the course of the project to store equipment and material? I.E. - Lift for the pipe work inside the warehouse, vaults, pipe, etc.?

Response: Due to the limited parking available on site, there is no staging area for materials. Space for parking the lift overnight will be provided.

7. Question: What is the total length required for the perforated drain pipe from each vault and depth?

Response: Depth should be from 6” below the hand hole to provide minimum ¼”/foot drainage to daylight. Frost depth is required for stable placement of the hand hole. Depth of the drain will be from 6” below this to daylight.

8. Question: In the specification sheet the perforated drain does not call for gravel, a filter sock or filter paper to be placed around it. Please clarify what is needed.

Response: See detail 1 on A1.13.of Exhibit A

9. Question: During the walk through of the warehouse area it was noticed that there was insulation on the ceiling. It is known if this insulation contains Asbestos or will it need to be tested by the award winning company or by the Courts?

Response: There is no asbestos present in these buildings (constructed after 1989).

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