University Information Technology Services (UITS)

Request for Proposals for Structured Cabling and Equipment Installation Services

ADDENDUM # 1
RFP L202004

Please mark all proposal submission Envelopes with the following information

Sealed RFP # L202004
Due on November 4, 2019 no later than 2:00 PM, MST
RFP #L202004 Pre-Bid Meeting
October 21, 2019 at 1:00pm

Vendors present:
1. Sturgeon Electric
2. Commonwealth Electric
3. Desert Datacom, Inc.
4. Arizona Communication Experts
5. CTS
6. Technology Services, LLC
7. Integrated Network Services, Inc.
8. Solutions i3
9. AZCOM Systems
10. Cable Solutions
11. Kortman

Request for Clarification

Q1. Can we submit invoices that are not itemized? Our company currently sends in an invoice with an abstract.

If your invoice does not itemize out the work per task then an abstract must be included that does itemize the charges based on tasks. Both the invoice and the abstract must list the UITS work order number. All submitted invoices must contain a unique invoice number.

Q2. You have identified the need to provide a warranty certification for copper, is a warranty certification needed for fiber optic as well?

Copper warranty is mandatory. Where applicable, fiber warranty is preferred.

Q3. Please provide a definition for RFP Task #11?

We are seeking a standard price for contractors to install a wireless access point onto an existing cable. For building renovation projects, we remove wireless access points prior to construction. We are seeking a standard price for contractors to reinstall the access point(s) once construction is completed. No cabling will be needed as the access point is installed onto the existing cable.

Q4. Are there any restrictions on types of fiber optic fusion splicers?

Contractors are to use fiber optic fusion splicers suitable for the fiber optic cable identified in our spec and compatible with any termination connectors that may be utilized. There is not a hard spec on the type of splicer; our requirement is that the splices meet our testing requirements.

Q5. What if there isn’t an existing pathway? Should we install on our own? How would pricing work?

If pathway is not outlined on the scope of work and a complete new pathway is required for the install, contractors are to contact the UITS Project Manager prior to installing new pathway.
The Project Manager will work with contractor on approval and price changes to the project scope. Note that J-hooks from nearest existing pathway to drop location along with outlet cut-in rings are to be included in the unit pricing for station cabling Tasks 1-9.

Q6. Can you confirm that this RFP is for the University of Arizona campus proper (Tucson, Arizona campus) only and how do we price outdoor installations/projects?

The intent of this RFP is to cover the Tucson campus proper as well as other locations within the Southern Arizona region. Unit pricing is applicable to the Tucson Arizona Main Campus. If we use unit pricing for off campus buildings, we will seek a quote for applicable charges for travel and out of town work based on the project scope.

Q7. Is the set up charge described in the fiber optic splicing task #17/17a applicable to the fiber optic termination task #15?

We have amended Task 15 to - Task 15/15A in order to include setup charges:

Task 15/15a: Submit pricing for optical fiber cable termination. Cables to be terminated will be multi-mode and/or singlemode, ranging in size from small to large strand counts. Cables may be armored and/or non- armored, loose tube or tight buffered. Contractor shall supply all consumable miscellaneous materials for splice on connector. UITS will provide LIU’s and coupler panels where required. Contractor shall install labeling on cables and have work inspected prior to final testing. Pricing shall be provided as a set up charge, plus a cost per strand terminated at a given location.

Additional items covered by UITS in pre-bid meeting:

1) Note that we are asking for only cat6 and cat6a unit pricing. For existing buildings with cat5e and under wiring; contractors are to use cat6 cable and terminate on an orange cat6 jack using existing IDF termination fields, unless otherwise noted by UITS Project Manager.

2) For cable labeling:
   - When establishing a new termination field for cat6 or cat6a use current spec labeling.
   - When using an existing termination field use the labeling scheme that is in place on that field.

3) Contractor employees are to wear a safety vest with their company name/logos and include a unique identifier number for each technician.

4) Contractors are set out safety cones and/or use caution tape in work areas along with monitoring the work area for hazards.

5) Upon completion of daily work on smaller jobs Contractors are to submit a photo of:
   - Both the station cabling faceplate and telecom room termination.
   - Any firestop and/or sleeves.
   - Work with the assigned UITS Project Manager for how to submit photos. Acceptable means such as uploading to a shared drive, text message, and email are available.

6) Asbestos – Contractors are not to perform any abatement and should contact the assigned Project Manager if they have questions regarding asbestos within an area.

7) Note that the UITS warehouse is located off campus (3740 E. 34th Street, Tucson). When developing unit pricing for wireless access point install Task 11, Task 12, and Task 13, Contractors must include labor to/from UITS warehouse as part of the unit pricing.

END OF ADDENDUM