

**Questions & Answers for Bid 26-001****Q&A Due 07-09-25****Bid Due 07-29-25**

Q1. Section 2.1 Specifications and Scope of Work - Will we be required to inspect and ascertain the condition of the existing system and that all intercoms are working, or will OPS certify this?

A1. OPS will certify.

Q2. Section 2.2 Workhours - Will we have access to classrooms and other spaces during the published workhours for commissioning of the system and final operational checks?

A2. Yes, but this will take coordination with the school for some areas.

Q3. Section 2.4 Project Commencement, Completion dates and Liquidated Damages - Please define the standard you will use to determine "substantial completion".

A3. In construction, substantial completion signifies the point where a project is sufficiently finished for the owner to use it for its intended purpose, even if some minor items remain to be completed. It's a crucial milestone where the contractor has fulfilled their core obligations and the owner can start utilizing the space. This stage triggers the transfer of certain responsibilities, such as security and maintenance, from the contractor to the owner.

Q4. Section 2.5 Asbestos - Does the district have a standard sign in form for use as required in this section? If yes, will the form be provided to the contractor at each work location or will we be required to provide our own version?

A4. OPS will provide the necessary form, and existing asbestos information will be provided to the Contractor.

Q5. Section 2.8 Equipment and Installation requirements - Will contractors be able to walk the sites prior to the bid due date to ascertain equipment requirements, i.e., Cat6 cable lengths, possible obstructions to cable runs, current equipment locations, IDF closet configurations, etc.?

A5. No walk-throughs due to the number of buildings; approximate cable lengths are supplied in the job description.

Q6. Section 4.6 - Bid Submittal - The Bid Invitation information in Section 1.0 indicates an authorized email address for bid submittal but the text of Section 4.6 requires hard copy with original signatures submission. Is email submission permitted or does section 4.6 supersede the information in Section 1.0?

A6. Email or paper copies will both be accepted.

- Q7.** Section 5.2 - Contractor's Responsibilities - Will the District pre-designate acceptable locations for the required portable restroom at each site or will this be on a case by case basis with the facility personnel?
- A7.** **If portable restrooms are required, OPS will work with the Contractor to select appropriate locations.**
- Q8.** Section 5.14 - Employee Classification - Does the district have a template to be used for the required affidavit?
- A8.** **OPS will accept a form which meets industry standards.**
- Q9.** Are you all allowing for substitutions for this project?
- A9.** **Due to the specific needs of the project, products have been specified appropriately in the bid documents. No substitutions will be allowed unless specifically noted.**