



U N I V E R S I T Y O F
SOUTH CAROLINA

Amendment NO. 2

TO: ALL VENDORS

FROM: William (Dennis) Gallman

SUBJECT: USC-IFB-3182-DG/Furnish, Deliver and Install Siren System for USC
Allendale and Lancaster Campuses

DATE: August 10, 2017

This Amendment No. 2 modifies the IFB only in the manner and to the extent as stated herein.

Item One: Change Bid Opening Date
From: 08/15/2017 @11:00 AM EST
To: 08/22/2017 @ 11:00AM EST

Item Two Change Award Posting Date:
From: 08/17/2017
To: 08/24/ 2017

Item Three: Clarifications to questions PRESENTED by various vendors

1. Question: What is the preferred method of communication between the control points and the siren/speaker sites? Radio, IP, Cellular, WiFi

Answer: Hybrid Text to speak, but radio to have live capability

2. Question: If Radio/RF – what type of radio system will be used? VHF, UHF, 700/800,P25, digital, trunked?

Answer: We have our own frequency that is utilized

3. Question: What frequency will be used?

Answer: Will find out. There are frequencies available at both campuses.

4. Question: Will each campus be a separate system or will they be tied together

Answer: Separate systems.

5. Question: Would you accept an IP system – customer would responsible to supply a network connection at each siren/speaker site?

Answer: Radio system for live voice. We will supply IP for digital signage boards

6. Question: Reference the RAVE system – Our Emergency Notification System can be activated with a CAP code sent from the RAVE console. Is this acceptable?

Answer. Yes if there is an automated integration. We would like to be able to segregate the message if possible at our larger campuses i.e. Send message to Gregory fitness center area, or the Founders building... At Columbia we have 5 speaker zones so we can send to specific areas. We would probably have two zone at both of these campuses. We want to activate from software system, or you can activate from rave...

7. Question: 2-Way Integration with RAVE system – Voice, Text, email and Facility-based notification – Desktop Notification, Mobile Application Push , Digital Signage Over-Ride, Social Media and Website Messages, Cable TV Override. Is this already done thru your RAVE system?

Answer: We don't have sirens, but we send out messages through rave, and digital boards through another system. We want them all to be integrated in the future.

8. Question: Integration with existing - In-Building Based Assets – Sirens – could you describe what these are? Fire Alarms? Other type of existing in building notification?

Answer: Fire alarms (We want to be able to send message through utilizing existing speaker system, using a text to speech module)

9. Question: Do you have a map of each campus showing what areas you want covered with Tone and Voice?

Answer: Amendment 2 incorporates the Maps. We want the whole campus covered with tone. Voice over majority of areas.

10. Question: Would you be interested in having warning lights for the deaf as part of the system? Strobe or LED?

Answer: Not essential

11. Question: How many control points per campus are you looking for?

Answer: We can activate from anywhere, but realize we can only do radio through the units with radios.

12. Question: Campus map, coverage. Is there someone that we can talk with at each campus to understand your coverage need. Example, gathering areas, special events normal activity? In this way we can design a system that meets your needs with the correct equipment, sized to your need.

Answer: Map incorporated as attachment 4 of the solicitation. (See question 18 for point of contacts)

13. Question: Single point of activation at your choice. Could you describe this?

Answer: Can activate from any computer and it will send message to all units and sirens

14. Question: Desktop Notification for push notification. Could you describe in detail how you want this to work?

Answer: Push button on computer system, or hardwired button from multiple locations and it will send message to the sirens and messaged boards

15. Question: Integrate with existing building based assets. Could you provide a list of these assets?

Answer: Fire alarm panels on hi rise building, digital signage boards

16. Question: The suggested sites for the speakers.... Have they been approved by your Engineering to hold the weight of these speaker and mounting systems?

Answer: Yes, Can mount on Hubbard hall roof at Lancaster. Will need smaller speaker system near tennis courts Mount on existing radio tower at Allendale. Will need smaller speaker system near Old campus building to have voice

17. Question: As a local communication provider and myself with 18 years' experience, we still need time to find out all these details before we can provide a price for product and services. With the short deadline requested of August 11th it is not reasonable to get reasonable response. Please consider a 30-45 day extension of your bid.

Answer: See new bid opening date on amendment 2

18. We will need contacts on both campuses to get an insight of what we are up against in install and equipment we will provide.

Answer: Here are the Point of Contacts:

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BIDDER SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADENDMENT NO. 2 IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH THEIR IFB RESPONSE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT IFB TO REJECTION.

Authorized Signature

Firm

Date



We need clear voice in the green area

Allendale : Need voice by both sections of campus. Use tower by science building and then near Old Campus Building.

USC Lancaster



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Lancaster Mount on hubbard hall and another system near Gregory fitness so tennis courts can hear voice.