

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

2ME Multi-Definition Production Switcher

Project No. 11-14

December 7, 2010

To: All Prospective Respondents

From: Houston Community College, Procurement Operations

Subject: Informational Letter #1 – The following questions were received in Procurement Operations within the time period specified in the solicitation document Invitation for Bids (IFB) for a 2ME Multi-Definition Production Switcher (#11-14).

Question #1:

In regards to the request for a quote on the installation, there are no specifics mentioned in respect to the amount of distance there will be between the control panel and the chassis; and other sources or destinations. This prohibits one from knowing how much cable, and connectors, design, and installation hours will be required. Not to mention the CAD hours.

HCC Answer:

Installation should be capable of providing support for BNC termination for up to 25 inputs and outputs (50 total), high frequency digital coaxial cable for a limited number of sources that are deemed to be in need of replacement (no more than 10 at 15' each) and proper electrical attachments, if necessary.

Question #2:

The documents also do not mention what specific equipment is to be integrated in respect to specific sources (cameras, VTRs, DVD, BlueRay, Character Generator, Server Etc or specific destinations – VTR, Server, HDD, Displays, etc.)

HCC Answer:

Inputs and outputs are a combination of SD-SDI and SD Composite with the majority of these SD-SDI. This includes cameras, VTRs, CG, etc.

Question # 3:

What sync generator is on-site, what Multiviewer or monitors are on-site for, source confidence, program, preview, etc.

HCC Answer:

Sync generator will be Videotek VSG 204D, and there is no Multiviewer. We will use single monitors – Composite and SDI monitors.

Question # 4:

What is the distance from the switcher control surface to the switcher breakout box in the main equipment rack?

HCC Answer:

The distance is 40 feet. All sources and destinations, at present, terminate at the rack location.

Question # 5:

How many inputs and outputs will be connected to the new switcher?

HCC Answer:

16 Inputs and 16 Outputs.

Question # 6:

Is there a preference for type of cable or connectors to connect the new switcher to the existing production system?

HCC Answer:

Belden cable and Kings connectors.

Question # 7:

The RFP appears to be written around a Ross Video Vision2ME Multi-Def. Production Switcher and DRI is a Ross Reseller/System Integrator.

HCC Answer:

This is correct.

Question # 8:

Is the switcher being tied into an existing multi-format matrix switcher?

HCC Answer:

No

Question # 9:

The various options are very expensive and specific to exact hardware being interfaced.

HCC Answer:

Understood

Question # 10:

The way the RFP is written it is confusing in respect to what the switcher is capable of doing verses what HCC actually wants included, as part of the RFP configuration for purchase.

HCC Answer:

See answers to Question Nos. 1 – 9.

Question # 11:

For example, “the switcher shall have the capability, the switcher shall have the ability, or the switcher shall integrate with various devices” but no specifics, etc.

HCC Answer:

See answers to Question Nos. 1 – 9

Question # 12:

This leaves room for error in bidding; and subsequently causing ones bid to be higher or lower than others understanding of the RFP.

HCC Answer:

See answers to Question Nos. 1 – 9.