

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **Switchgear and Duct Bank Infrastructure at Central Campus**

#### **Project No. 13-06**

November 30, 2012

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 Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals / Switchgear and Duct Bank Infrastructure at Central Campus, Project No. 13-06.

#### **Question #1:**

Do you have the Centerpoint Terms & Conditions package yet? (it will be next to impossible to bid the job without it because we will not know what duties we need to perform and what they will perform related to the connection of the new service to the switch gear, etc.)

#### **HCC Answer:**

Centerpoint has advised the following:

The electrical contractor pulls the primary cable between the Centerpoint meter cabinet and the switchgear and terminate it in the switchgear. Contractor is required only to pull the cable into the meter cabinet. Contractor is required to provide the stress cones and Centerpoint will install and terminate the cable inside the meter cabinet. Contractor is responsible for providing all empty conduits and concrete pads as shown on the drawings per Centerpoint standards.

#### **Question #2:**

There is a large concrete landscape box on the North side of the Science Building that has power and irrigation. The new duct bank path goes through the middle of this box. During the walkthrough there was some discussion on whether or not the box, power, irrigation and plants would need to be restored to original condition. What is the decision?

#### **HCC Answer:**

Contractor to restore to original condition.

#### **Question #3:**

Will the Contractor be able to use the campus police to help direct student pedestrian traffic around work areas?

#### **HCC Answer:**

Contractor will fence in Construction area. Students will be able to cross on un-fenced area. There should not be any need for Campus police to do this.

**Question #4:**

Can HCC confirm that the ATT/SBC duct bank between the sidewalk and the tree line on Austin Street South of the current Centerpoint poles is abandoned and not in use?

**HCC Answer:**

Unable to confirm, however, it is not in the roadway and should not be an issue or problem in completing the proposed work.

**Question #5:**

What date does the Spring semester end at HCC? Is there a gap between Spring semester end and Summer school?

**HCC Answer:**

Spring semester ends May 12, 2012.

Mid-term: May 13 - May 31

Summer classes begin June 3

**Question #6:**

Will the Contractor be able to work nights and/or weekends?

**HCC Answer:**

Yes, with prior coordination and approval with Central College.

**Question #7:**

Because the delivery time on the switchgear is so long, will there be an alternate bid item to expedite delivery.

**HCC Answer:**

Provide an "add alternate" price and show how much time will be saved.

**Question #8:**

Is it the Contractors responsibility to pull all permits?

**HCC Answer:**

Yes.