

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PROJECT # 07-20

STRUCTURED CABLING SERVICES

Date: April 18, 2006

To: All Prospective Respondents

From: Houston Community College System, Procurement Operations

Subject: Informational Letter # 1 – Request for Proposals (RFP) for Structured Cabling Services, (Project # 07-20)

The following written questions regarding subject RFP were received in the Procurement Office prior to the deadline for submitting written inquiries.

Question # 1:

I have been trying to locate the prints for this project via some of the names that are listed in attachment 3, and I am being told that they do not have these prints. Do you know who actually has these prints so that we can get them ordered?

HCCS Answer:

The plans for this project are available at the following locations:

1. A&E – The Graphics Complex
Attn: Joleen
Phone: (713) 579-1234
Fax: (713) 966-8525
vault@aecomplex.com

These plans cover the following project facilities:

- Southwest Missouri City Academic Center, 45,000 SR New Building/Existing Campus, 8415-1/2 Sienna Springs Blvd, Missouri City, Tx
- Northeast Science & Technology, 46,800 SF New Building/Existing Campus, 555 Community College Drive, Houston, Tx
- Northeast Northline Campus, 120,000 SF New Building/New Campus, 4400 North Freeway, Houston, Tx
- Central Learning Hub, 120,000 SF New Building/Existing Campus, 1300 Holman Street, Houston, Tx

NOTE: T-Sheets may be ordered in partial sets either on-line or by phone.

2. Ridgeways, LTD
Attn: Don Hummel
2900 Smith, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77006
Phone: (713) 787-1208
dhummel@ridgeways.com

These plans cover the following project facilities:

- Southwest Stafford Learning Hub, 120,000 SF New Building/Existing Campus, 10141 Cash Road, Stafford, Tx
- Southwest Hayes Road, 65,000 SF Building Renovation, 2811 Hayes Road, Houston, Tx
- Southwest West Loop Campus, 70,000 SF Shell Space Buildout, 5601 West Loop South, Houston, Tx
- Northeast Learning Hub, 90,000 SF New Building/Existing Campus, 555 Community College Drive, Houston, Tx

NOTES:

1. *Mr. Hummel also has a job number to order the T-Sheets only for all four projects as one order.*
 2. *It is recommended that the entire sets be viewed at a plan room if partial sets are ordered. Wall and ceiling types, cable tray and other items that are on the architects plans are considered part of the documents.*
3. Plans, specifications and a CD were sent to each of the following plan rooms:
- Associated General Contractors, 3825 Dacoma Street, (713) 843-3700
 - F.W. Dodge Plan Room, 4101 Greenbriar, Suite 320, (713) 529-4895
 - Associated Builders & Contractors, 3910 Kirby # 131, (713) 523-6222
 - Association of Minority Contractors, 14418 Hiram Clark, (281) 835-5278
 - Alliance of Minority Contracts of Houston, 1616 West 22nd Street, (713) 802-4145
 - Houston Minority Development Center, 2900 Woodridge, (713) 644-0821
 - Hispanic Contractor's Association, 11 Parker Road, (713) 699-2732

Question # 2:

Please clarify the minority participation portion of the bid. It says in the package that minority participation and internship count 10% towards the weight of the bid, but yesterday at the bid meeting, it was said that we need a minimum of 35% minority participation.

HCCS Answer:

1. The small business participation goal for this project is 35% of the total amount of the proposal as specified in Paragraph 14, Instructions to Proposers. If awarded a contract, the selected contractor is expected to put forth its good faith effort to achieve the small business participation goal of 35% by subcontracting with small business firm(s).
2. As stated in the Instruction to Proposers, Paragraph 9, Selection Criteria, the weighted percentage to be applied to the Small Business/Internship factor is 10%.

In summary, the 10% weight is relative to the evaluation process and the 35% goal is relative to contract negotiations, award and administration/compliance. Please note that the solicitation documents call for 35% small business participation and not 35% minority participation.

Question # 3:

With so much information to review in regards to the prints and provide multiple pricing options (materials) is it possible to get an extension on the RFP due date?

HCCS Answer:

Yes, please refer to Solicitation Amendment # 2, Item # 2.

Question # 4:

In reviewing Attachment 2B, a column within the document request named "Markup" information, which AT&T does not provide. If this information is excluded from our bid submission, will our response still be considered?

HCCS Answer:

We are amending Attachment 2B to remove the "Markup" column. Please refer to Solicitation Amendment # 2, Item # 3.

Question # 5:

A question was brought up at the pre-proposal meeting that if we purchased all the cable once awarded the project and kept it in a bonded warehouse meeting HCCS approval, would we be able to get paid for the cable at that time?

HCCS Answer:

No, due to the sequence and duration of the CIP projects, materials for all the projects cannot be invoiced upon receipt. The rules for submission and approval of payment requests will need to be in compliance with the forms, affidavits, and lien waivers required by each General Contractor of Construction Manager at Risk contracted by the Houston Community College to complete their portion of the overall effort.

NOTE: Attached is a copy of the HCC Bond Program and Associated Projects Estimated Schedule to completion.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOND PROGRAM & ASSOCIATED PROJECTS
ESTIMATED SCHEDULE TO COMPLETION
(Revised 4/3/07)

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	2005												2006												2007												2008												2009											
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101	Drennan Campus Academic Center	1306 days	Wed 9/1/04	Wed 10/14/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
102	Facilities Programming for HCCS	173 days	Wed 9/1/04	Fri 4/29/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
103	Land Acquisition	438 days	Wed 9/1/04	Fri 5/5/06	[Progress bar]																																																											
104	Facilities Programming for HISD	111 days	Mon 7/17/06	Mon 12/18/06	[Progress bar]																																																											
105	HCCS/HISD Agreement Negotiation	65 days	Tue 12/19/06	Mon 3/19/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
106	Master Plan	75 days	Mon 7/10/06	Fri 10/20/06	[Progress bar]																																																											
107	A/E Contract Negotiations	80 days	Thu 3/10/05	Wed 6/29/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
108	Project Development	424 days	Mon 10/23/06	Thu 6/5/08	[Summary bar]																																																											
109	Schematic Design	87 days	Tue 3/20/07	Wed 7/18/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
110	Design Development	87 days	Mon 8/6/07	Tue 12/4/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
111	Infrastructure Design Dev.	60 days	Mon 10/23/06	Fri 1/12/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
112	Construction Documents	87 days	Wed 12/5/07	Thu 4/3/08	[Progress bar]																																																											
113	Obtain Construction Permit	45 days	Fri 4/4/08	Thu 6/5/08	[Progress bar]																																																											
114	Construction	304 days	Fri 6/6/08	Wed 8/5/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
115	Infrastructure	260 days	Fri 6/6/08	Thu 6/4/09	[Progress bar]																																																											
116	Building	304 days	Fri 6/6/08	Wed 8/5/09	[Progress bar]																																																											
117	Building Commissioning & Move-in	50 days	Thu 8/6/09	Wed 10/14/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
118	Felix Morales Renovation	1237 days	Wed 9/1/04	Thu 5/28/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
119	Facilities Programming	173 days	Wed 9/1/04	Fri 4/29/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
120	Revise Facilities Programming	105 days	Mon 11/13/06	Fri 4/6/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
121	A/E Contract Negotiations	80 days	Thu 3/10/05	Wed 6/29/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
122	Project Development	742 days	Thu 6/30/05	Fri 5/2/08	[Summary bar]																																																											
123	Schematic Design	82 days	Thu 6/30/05	Fri 10/21/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
124	Revised Schematic Design	50 days	Mon 4/23/07	Fri 6/29/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
125	Design Development	65 days	Mon 7/2/07	Fri 9/28/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
126	Construction Documents	65 days	Mon 10/1/07	Fri 12/28/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
127	Obtain Construction Permit	45 days	Mon 12/31/07	Fri 2/29/08	[Progress bar]																																																											
128	Bid and Award	45 days	Mon 3/3/08	Fri 5/2/08	[Progress bar]																																																											
129	Construction	195 days	Fri 6/27/08	Thu 3/26/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
130	Building Commissioning & Move-in	45 days	Fri 3/27/09	Thu 5/28/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
131	Workforce Center	855 days	Wed 8/2/06	Tue 11/10/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
132	Facilities Programming	174 days	Wed 8/2/06	Mon 4/2/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
133	Master Plan	30 days	Tue 4/3/07	Mon 5/14/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
134	A/E Contract Negotiations	30 days	Tue 4/3/07	Mon 5/14/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
135	Project Development	306 days	Tue 5/22/07	Tue 7/22/08	[Summary bar]																																																											
136	Schematic Design	87 days	Tue 5/22/07	Wed 9/19/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
137	Design Development	87 days	Thu 9/20/07	Fri 1/18/08	[Progress bar]																																																											
138	Infrastructure Design Dev.	30 days	Thu 9/20/07	Wed 10/31/07	[Progress bar]																																																											
139	Construction Documents	87 days	Mon 1/21/08	Tue 5/20/08	[Progress bar]																																																											
140	Obtain Construction Permit	45 days	Wed 5/21/08	Tue 7/22/08	[Progress bar]																																																											
141	Construction	285 days	Wed 7/30/08	Tue 9/1/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
142	Building Commissioning & Move-in	50 days	Wed 9/2/09	Tue 11/10/09	[Summary bar]																																																											
143	SOUTHWEST COLLEGE	1041 days	Wed 9/1/04	Wed 8/27/08	[Summary bar]																																																											
144	Stafford Learning Hub, Classrms, Parking	1041 days	Wed 9/1/04	Wed 8/27/08	[Summary bar]																																																											
145	Facilities Programming	173 days	Wed 9/1/04	Fri 4/29/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
146	Master Planning	130 days	Mon 11/1/04	Fri 4/29/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
147	A/E Contract Negotiations	80 days	Thu 3/10/05	Wed 6/29/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
148	Project Development	466 days	Thu 6/30/05	Thu 4/12/07	[Summary bar]																																																											
149	Schematic Design	104 days	Thu 6/30/05	Tue 11/22/05	[Progress bar]																																																											
150	Design Development	118 days	Wed 11/23/05	Fri 5/5/06	[Progress bar]																																																											

Project: Estimated Schedule to Complete
Date: Tue 4/3/07
File: RevSched040307

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Facilities Programming: Includes master planning and project programming.
Project Development: Includes preliminary & final design, contract documents and bid phases.
Construction: Includes construction and post construction project close-out phases.

