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**SUBJECT:** Letter of Clarification 3

**REFERENCE:** Request for Proposal No.: **S46-T23040** for

**DIFFERENTIAL ABSORPTION LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING (DIAL) SYSTEM  
PROVIDER RFP**

**TO:** All Prospective Proposers:

**This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reasons:**

- **The following questions and City of Houston responses are hereby incorporated and made a part of the Request for Proposal:**

1. **Vendor Question:** Please can you confirm that we don't have to return the M/WBE forms, attachments A, B, C, D?

**COH Response:** The City of Houston has exempted the has exempted the prospective DIAL System Providers from requirements for M/WBE participation for this RFP thus Attachments A, B, C and D of this section will not have to be completed.

2. **Vendor Question:** How do we add to the pricing form, extra fixed price items, which are independent of the units of items 1, 2, and 3?

**COH Response:** Prospective DIAL System Providers should add all necessary fixed price items that are independent of the units of items 1, 2 and 3, and include a complete, concise description of each additional fixed price item. If additional information is required, please include it in your pricing assumptions.

3. **Vendor Question:** How will the unit prices be used at this stage, as price is not a part of the evaluation criteria?

**COH Response:** Although, cost was not indicated as an evaluation criteria for this RFP, the City of Houston intends to negotiate the final price for the services requested in this RFP with the highest ranked respondent..

4. **Vendor Question:** Where should 'underlying assumptions' be included on the pricing form?

**COH Response:** Any pricing assumptions can be included following the pricing exhibit.

5. **Vendor Question:** The Pay or Play program forms are not applicable to employees of NPL Management Ltd as they are given free Health Care, financed by a National Insurance System in the UK. How should we fill in these forms?

**COH Response:** Please provide an official statement detailing the Healthcare coverage provided in the UK and sign and return the Pay or Play Acknowledgment forms.

When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the bid documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. It is the responsibility of the bidders to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this bid.

If you have any questions or if further clarification is needed regarding this Invitation for Bid, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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