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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 1 to Invitation to Bid No. S50-N25345 – Furnish and Install a BLR FASTFIN System and Associated Equipment to a BELL 412EP Helicopter for the Houston Police Department

To: All Prospective Bidders:

This letter of Clarification is being issued for the following reasons:

- **To revise Section “B” Scope of Work/Technical Specifications and respond to questions posed by perspective bidders:**

- 1.) Remove Page No. 11 of 22 and replace with Page No. 11 of 22 marked, REVISED 3/19/2015.
- 2.) The following questions and City of Houston responses are hereby incorporated and made a part of the Invitation to Bid:

Question No. 1: Section B Part II, Paragraph 4.0: PERFORMANCE TIME / LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

4.1: States, 60 days to furnish and install a BLR FASTFIN after receipt of the City of Houston Purchase Order.

The manufacture of the BLR kit has a 30 day delivery lead time. Also, we were advised that City officials want the aircraft available for the upcoming hurricane season, June 1 – October 31. The start date of the installation is out of our control, since delivery of the aircraft to our facility is at the mercy of the HPD Flight Department.

Suggested statement: Completion of the installation of the BLR FASTFIN System (including strakes) and acceptance of the modification by the HPD Flight Department at modifiers facility shall be within 30 days of delivery of the aircraft? This would allow time for procurement of the kit and transporting the aircraft to the modifier.

Answer: As of March 19, 2015, The Houston Police Department and the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security have advised that the project needs to be completed within 60 calendar days, regardless of the upcoming Hurricane Season. Considering that the lead time (from the manufacturer) is thirty (30) days, it is understood that once the Purchase Order is issued, the Contractor will first be required to order the kit and wait until the kit is delivered by the manufacturer to begin the work. The Air Support Division will deliver the aircraft to the contractor's designated facility in approximately 30 days from the time the Purchase Order is

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issued and expect the work to be completed in 21 calendar days from the aircraft delivery date. The Air Support Division has scheduled and paid for outside Search and Rescue Training between the dates of May 18th and June 2nd, and will not be able to deliver the aircraft during this time period.

Question No. 2: Paragraph 6.0 SECURITY PROTOCOL: No link in document as indicated?

Answer: Not applicable. The work will be performed at the awarded contractor's off-site facility. See the attached revised Page No. 11 of 22.

Note: No further questions will be accepted after the publication of this Letter of Clarification.

When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s). It is the responsibility of the bidder/respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders/respondents shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this solicitation and resulting bid.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Letter of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

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2.1.5 *Larson St., Houston, TX 77061.* The aircraft will be delivered to the maintenance facility by HPD Air Support Personnel.

3.0 SPECIFIED EQUIPMENT OR EQUIVALENT:

3.1 Wherever in the specifications any materials or processes are indicated or specified by patent or proprietary name and/or by name of manufacturer, such specifications shall be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating descriptions of the performance, materials and/or processes desired and shall be deemed to be followed by the words, "or equivalent", if not so stated in the specifications herein.

3.2 The burden of proof shall rest with the bidder, in the course of a technical evaluation, to prove that the proposed item(s) are equivalent to the performance, materials, processes, or articles specified. DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE ITEM (S) BID IS (ARE) EQUIVALENT TO THOSE SPECIFIED SHALL REST SOLELY WITH THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT AND THE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT.

4.0 PERFORMANCE TIME / LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

4.1 The Contractor shall have **60 calendar days** to furnish and install a BLR FASTFIN system and associated equipment to a BELL 412EP helicopter in strict accordance with the scope of work/specifications after receipt of the City of Houston Purchase Order. The amount of liquidated damages payable by Contractor or Surety for each and every day of delay beyond Contract Time, are **\$800.00 per day.**

5.0 WARRANTY:

5.1 The Contractor shall warranty all parts, labor, materials and workmanship for **one-year** subsequent to certification, testing and acceptance of the equipment by the City of Houston.

6.0 SECURITY PROTOCOL: RESERVED:

7.0 CITY CONTRACTORS' PAY OR PLAY PROGRAM:

7.1 The purpose of this Executive Order 1-7 is to require certain contractors to offer to certain employees a minimal level of health benefits or to contribute a designated amount to be used to offset the costs of providing health care to uninsured people in the Houston/Harris County area. To that purpose, this Executive Order establishes the Pay or Play Program and procedures for the effectiveness and impact of the Program on contracting firms and the City of Houston.

8.0 ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:

8.1 The City, by written notice from the City Purchasing Agent to the Contractor, at any time during the term of this contract, may add or delete like or similar equipment, supplies, locations and/or services to the list of equipment, supplies, locations, and/or services to be provided. Any such written notice shall take effect on the date stated in the notice from the