



Questions and Answers # 2
Sprinkler and Fire Suppression System Services
TU-2441

11/19/24

Procurement
 8000 York Road
 Towson, MD 21252-0001

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Below are questions and responses to aforementioned solicitation. Any response resulting in a revision to the solicitation will be included in an Addendum.

Questions:

Q1. Is there a budget allocated for this project? I was able to find a bid results for sprinkler from 2018 (TU-1876), is that the most recent awarded contract and which company was awarded?

A1. The University will not be releasing budget information at this time. TU-1876 is the current contract for Sprinkler Systems Inspection Services Testing and Repairs, which was awarded to BFPE International, Inc.

Q2. For the submission package, are we creating the forms for the following exhibits, or are there forms that can be found for Exhibits B, K, R, and S?

A2. No, refer to solicitation TU-2441 "Table of Contents." All required exhibits are included in the solicitation posted to the TU bid board. TU-2441 – Bid Worksheet (excel spreadsheet) is also posted to the TU bid Board.

Q3. Is testing of Kidde systems required to be done by the Kidde distributor/representative or can be completed by a qualified technician?

A3. Kidde system can be completed by a qualified technician. Refer to TU-2441 Addendum No.1. clarification, C6 & C8.

Q4. Who is the incumbent contractor and what was the value of the previous contract?

A4. The incumbent is BFPE International, Inc.. Please refer to TU-1876 Bid Tab, attached to this "Question and Answer No. 2," for previous award values.

Q5. Is the customer providing a second person to be at the fire alarm panel during sprinkler inspections or are contractors expected to provide a second person?

A5. Refer to TU-2441 Addendum No.1 clarification C10.

Q6. During sprinkler testing should the signals be validated at the workstations as well?

A6. Yes.

Q7. Are any escorts required for the any testing or onsite work?

A7. No. Key Personnel must pass a background check. Refer to TU-2441 section IV, Part IV.B. Background Check Documents, which states, "Only approved Key Personnel shall work at TU under contract. "

Q8. For activities that require more than one technician, may the contractor add additional technicians with client approval?

A8. Yes, refer to solicitation TU-2441, section IV. Part IX. A.2.a. and solicitation TU-2441, section IV. Part X.B.1.a.

Q9. When was the most recent five-year testing completed?

A9. 2020 and 2024.

Q10. Are there any NICET requirements for sprinkler technicians on site?

A10. No.

Q11. The solicitation states "In addition to the semi-annual inspections work, the Contractor shall be responsible for the recharging and servicing of those units due to system activation." Please confirm that recharging of FM 200 system, if activated, would require a separate price quote.

A11. Pricing for recharging of the FM 200 shall be billed in accordance with solicitation TU-2441, section IV. Part VIII.

Q12. Are ultra sonic non-invasive methods of testing acceptable for the five-year sprinkler testing to minimize disruptions to the facility?

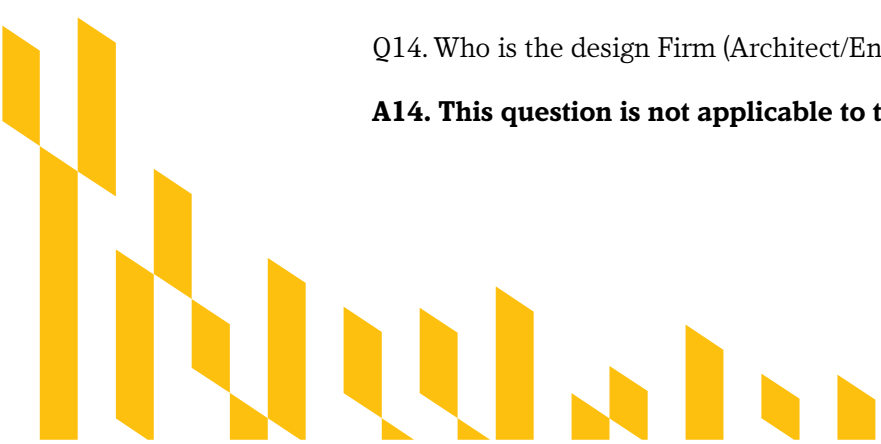
A12. Yes.

Q13. Are bids still due on 11/21/2024 at 2 PM?

A13. Please refer to TU-2441, Addendum No.1 clarification C1., for amended Bid Due date.

Q14. Who is the design Firm (Architect/Engineer) for the project?

A14. This question is not applicable to this solicitation.



Q15. Can you clarify what you're looking for in regards to the requested "Kidde Training Certification" in Section III - B. 11. Kidde-approved training certification, Contractor shall submit a current copy.

A15. Refer to TU-2441 Addendum No.1, clarification # C6. & C8.

Q16. While inspecting tamper switches and flow switches, signals are sent to the panel. Is the sprinkler contractor responsible to have two people (one at the device and one at the panel). Or will one sprinkler tech (this contract) and one fire alarm tech (different contract) be working together?

A16. Refer to TU-2441 Addendum No.1, clarification C10.

Q17. Are annual inspections and fire pump inspections to occur when classes are not in session?

A17. Yes.

Q18. How many water mist system are there on campus?

A18. One. Refer to TU-2441 Addendum No.1, clarification C2., for location.

Q19. How many fire pumps are on campus?

A19. 14 in Total. Refer to TU-2441 Addendum No.1, clarification C2., for locations.

Issued by: Wendy Childs
Wendy Childs, Procurement Officer Representative

Attachments:

TU-1876 Bid Tab





TABULATION OF BIDS

PROJECT NO.: TU-1876
PROJECT NAME: Sprinkler Systems Inspection Services, Testing & Repairs
BID OPENING DATE AND TIME: 5/18/18 @ 2:00 PM
PROCUREMENT OFFICER: Barbara Hufnagel

BIDDER	BASE BID	ALT. #1	Recorder
Fireline	\$ 139,800	\$ 9,600	VAN
BFPE International	\$ 24,900	\$ 3,600	VAN
Fire & Life Safety America (FLSA)	\$ 97,623	\$ 3,234	VAN
S.A. Comunale Co	\$ 39,953	\$ 12	VAN
Judd Fire Protection LLC	\$ 168,980	\$ 3,960	VAN
National Fire Protection LLC	\$ 192,460	\$ 1,560	VAN
VSC Fire & Security	\$ 294,557	\$ 10,880	VAN
Advanced Fire Protection Systems	\$ 115,850	\$ 6,000	VAN
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