

ADDENDUM NO. 1

April 5, 2022

RE: **Bid #029.22.B3, Hydraulic Elevator Modernization, Patuxent Valley Middle School**

FROM: **Purchasing Office
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TO: **APPROVED PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS**

This addendum forms a part of the Contract Documents and modifies the Original Bidding Documents as noted below. Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided on the Bid Price Sheet/Form of Proposal. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder to disqualification. This Addendum consists of two (2) pages.

CHANGES TO BID DATE & TIME:

No Changes

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. **QUESTION:** Can Smartrise elevator controllers be added to approved controller list?
ANSWER: The list includes "approved equal" to allow for other vendors that are able to meet the specifications.
2. **QUESTION:** What % is the bid bond requirement?
ANSWER: 5%
3. **QUESTION:** Can the schedule be pushed back to align with industry standard submittal, review, and material lead times? Realistically if everything goes perfect material wouldn't arrive until your substantial completion date.
ANSWER: The schedule is based upon the completion date by the start of the 2022/2023 school year.
4. **QUESTION:** Please confirm that we are able to work (3) 13 hour shifts per week.
ANSWER: Confirmed during Summer Break
5. **QUESTION:** Is full time on-site supervision required from the prime contractor or will it be acceptable for the elevator contractor's foreman to act as the supervisor when only elevator-specific work is taking place?
ANSWER: It is acceptable for Forman to act as Supervisor
6. **QUESTION:** Please confirm that this project will not be subject to prevailing wage law requirements if the final total contract sum is below \$250,000.
ANSWER: This project is not a prevailing wage project.

7. **QUESTION:** Please confirm that this project is not subject to Buy American Steel Act.
ANSWER: The contractor shall comply with the Buy American Steel Act, see AIA document A201-2007, General Conditions of Contract for Construction, Section 13.8 Buy American Steel
8. **QUESTION:** Will the contractor be given access to the bathrooms on-site?
ANSWER: Yes
9. **QUESTION:** Will the contractor be given a storage/laydown area on-site?
ANSWER: Yes
10. **QUESTION:** Please confirm that the contractor will not be responsible for asbestos abatement in affected areas as applicable.
ANSWER: Confirmed, HCPSS is responsible for Asbestos Abatement.
11. **QUESTION:** There is an add alternate price for the plunger and cylinder replacement on the bid form. Please confirm that in the event of a wellhole collapse this will be addressed via change order. A wellhole collapse is rare and is typically viewed as an unforeseen circumstance.
ANSWER: Confirmed, wellhole collapse will be considered a change order.
12. **QUESTION:** During the pre-bid meeting it was stated that award may be as late as May 12th. Elevator equipment lead times often exceed 10 weeks and therefore the June 21st start date may not be attainable. Please advise if the contractor will be given adequate time for manufacturer equipment lead times once awarded.
ANSWER: If project cannot be completed during summer break 2022, then work will be completed during summer break 2023 without any additional cost to the HCPSS.

END OF ADDENDUM