

ADDENDUM # 3

**Structured Cabling Material Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ)
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

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Previous Addenda:

1. Refer to Addendum #1 – Issued on 10/9/20:
 - A. Addendum 1 contained information regarding the virtual Pre-Proposal Conference, and the Virtual Proposal opening, as well as the response to Pre-Proposal RFI #1.

2. Refer to Addendum #2 – Issued on 10/20/20
 - A. Addendum 2 contained:
 1. Responses to RFI #2 through RFI #16
 2. Pre-Proposal Meeting Minutes
 3. Pre-Proposal Meeting Sign-In Sheet
 4. Revised Pricing Worksheet (Excel Format)

RFI Responses:

Pre-Proposal RFI #17: Want to ask for one last clarification on the RFP. My assumption is that UARK only would like the proposals to be the same level and/or better than the current technology they have in place? Nothing inferior to current technology.

Response: Please refer to the previous response to Pre-Proposal RFI #3 in Addendum #2:

There is no Manufacturer or brand specified in the Request for Proposal. All products proposed by the Manufacturers should be ANSI/TIA-568 compliant and UL listed for the intended purpose.

Refer to Proposal Evaluation Criteria #3 on page 5 of the Request for Proposal: The products proposed by each Manufacturer will be evaluated by the Selection Committee for quality and compatibility with existing systems.

Pre-Proposal RFI #18: Manufacturers of voice and data cabling and equipment historically have not sold items direct to customers and rely on distributors to inventory and sell their product. We are not aware of a single supplier which would be able to provide all requested materials nor have the operating and sales structure to facilitate direct purchases. Would you consider a direct quote from a distributor for the IDFQ?

Response: Please refer to the previous response to Pre-Proposal RFI #1 in Addendum #1:

This request for proposals is expecting manufacturers to respond with pricing for material to be supplied as outlined in the RFP. Part of the proposal response from the manufacturers should be to provide a detailed list of Manufacturer Authorized installation contractors within a 250-mile radius of the campus (as outlined on page 4 of the RFP).

Also, please refer to the previous response to Pre-Proposal RFI #7 in Addendum #2:

Refer to Section 00100 – Notice for Proposals of the Request for Proposal document: The University of Arkansas is requesting proposals from qualified equipment Manufacturers. Responses from distributors do not meet this requirement of the RFP, and will therefore not be allowed.

Pre-Proposal RFI #19: Confirm FOB of Shipping Point and we are allowed to pass on freight charges.

Response: Please refer to the previous response to Pre-Proposal RFI #14 in Addendum #2:

Refer to page 13 of Request for Proposal, Section 00400 – Contract Information, Ownership and Responsibility paragraph: Delete the paragraph in its entirety and replace with the following:

“The Manufacturer shall be responsible for all arrangements and costs associated with equipment including insurance, until delivery to the project site (FOB Destination). Place of delivery shall be the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. Equipment title shall pass to the Owner upon delivery acceptance. Manufacturer shall notify the Owner forty-eight hours prior to delivery.”

Pre-Proposal RFI #20: As a distributor, we can honor the contract pricing to contractors working on University projects. Will the contractors provide purchase orders on their own system and financial liability? Will the University owner furnish materials for all projects and MAC work?

Response: No, the University will not be furnishing all materials for all projects. The agreed upon product pricing shall be honored by the manufacturer to authorized contractors or distributors who will then provide the material for use on a University project.

Also, please refer to the previous response to Pre-Proposal RFI #1 in Addendum #1:

This request for proposals is expecting manufacturers to respond with pricing for material to be supplied as outlined in the RFP. Part of the proposal response from the manufacturers should be to provide a detailed list of Manufacturer Authorized installation contractors within a 250-mile radius of the campus (as outlined on page 4 of the RFP).

Pre-Proposal RFI #21: The materials requested are dependent on volatile commodities that are prone to fluctuate. Would the distributor be given the right to submit an increase with thirty (30) days written notice?

Response: Refer to paragraph titled "Cancellation" that appears page 9 of the Request for Proposal document.

Pre-Proposal RFI #22: Can you clarify if this is a product or performance based installation warranty?

Response: The warranty requested is a product warranty.

Refer to paragraph titled "Warranty" that appears on page 11 of the Request for Proposal document and refer to the second paragraph of Unit Pricing of Uninstalled Part which appears on page 15 of the Request for Proposal document.

Pre-Proposal RFI #23: List prices are not typically provided for C/D commodity items including but not limited to cable, connectivity, racks and pathways nor are they submitted to the industry trade reference. List pricing would be subject to the supplier and an artificial number. Would the University allow a net price? This would allow an accurate true cost easily comparable across the multiple manufactures submitted.

Response: Refer to Revised Appendix 5 Pricing Worksheet issued as an Attachment to Addendum #2: The List Price column has been removed.

Pre-Proposal RFI #24: In the pricing worksheet under the Fiber Tab, lines 493 – 499, and 511 – 514 reference MPO modules (MPO-8 and MPO-12). Are the modules you are referring to MPO-MPO modules, or MPO to LC modules?

Response: They are intended to be MPO-LC modules. This was updated in the pricing worksheet that was issued as part of Addendum #2.

Pre-Proposal RFI #25: In the pricing worksheet under the Fiber Tab, lines 520-523 reference MPO patch compatible. Are you referring to a MPO – MPO trunk?

Response: Yes.

Pre-Proposal RFI #26: In the pricing worksheet under the Fiber Tab, lines 539-542 refer to female to female Wide Band Multi-Mode Trunks. Are these intended to be LC-LC with pulling eyes, and at what length?

Response: Yes, the cables should be LC-LC. They should not be provided with a pulling eye. They should be priced as 3' lengths. This was updated and issued in the pricing worksheet that was issued as part of Addendum #2.

Pre-Proposal RFI #27: In the pricing worksheet under the Fiber Tab, lines 544-547 refer to female to male Wide Band Multi-Mode Trunks. Are these intended to be MPO-MPO?

Response: Yes.

Pre-Proposal RFI #28: In the pricing worksheet under the Fiber Tab, line 550 refers to a MPO – LC Module. Are these intended to be Standard, Ultra, or High Density? Single Mode or Multi-Mode? If Multi-Mode, then should it be OM3 or OM4?

Response: Entries for all options mentioned above were added to the pricing worksheet issued as part of Addendum #2.

Pre-Proposal RFI #29: In the pricing worksheet under the Cat 6A tab, lines 28-32 refer to a Cat 6A Ceiling Connector Assembly. I believe the request is for a solid conductor cable assembly, double ended with RJ45 plugs. Riser and plenum offerings. Also non-terminated Cat 6A UTP cable and Cat 6A field terminate plugs. Can you confirm?

Response: This section is looking for a CAT 6A Ceiling Connector Assembly, which could also be referred to as a "CAT 6A Field-Terminated Plug".

Pre-Proposal RFI #30: In the pricing worksheet under the Cat 6 tab, lines 45-46 refer to a Cat 6 Ceiling Connector Assembly. I believe the request is for a solid conductor cable assembly, double ended with RJ45 plugs. Riser and plenum offerings. Also non-terminated Cat 6 UTP cable and Cat 6 field terminate plugs. Can you confirm?

Response: This section is looking for a CAT 6 Ceiling Connector Assembly, which could also be referred to as a "CAT 6 Field-Terminated Plug".

Pre-Proposal RFI #31: For the Form of the Proposal it states to provide 6 printed copies and one on a thumb drive. It goes further to state to use a D style notebooks as well. Do we need to do both for a total of 12 printed? Or should we turn everything in the binders?

Response: The information requested in the RFP shall be provided in (6) printed copies that are provided in D style 3-ring binders. Only (6) printed copies of the information are required to be provided in response to the RFP.

Attachments:

- Revised Pricing Worksheet
 - This is the pdf format of same document issued as part of Addendum #2.

End of Addendum # 3