

CONSOLIDATED SI RESPONSES TO BIDDER QUESTIONS/ RFP Solicitation:

SI Project Number: 2466904

Renovate 4E NMAL Office Suite

RFI	BIDDER QUESTION	SI RESPONSE	DATE: 8/29/25
1	Please confirm if any specification sections for divisions 02 through 28 will be provided.	No complete book specification will be provided as Specs/Notes are provided on the drawings and other bid documents. Information has been added to the Spec including Divisions 02, 08, 21, and 28.	
2	Please confirm the what the current fire alarm system is in the building.	The building currently has a Notifier NFS-3030 Addressable emergency voice communication Fire Alarm Control Panel. This panel can be found in the fire command center located on the first floor exterior of the building between east and west towers.	
3	Please confirm if any permits are required to be obtained by the contractor.	No permits are required.	
4	Reference: Drawing E902SS, Electrical Spec Section 2.1-O, X-Ray – Section 2.1-O of the Electrical Spec calls for floor penetrations to be X-Ray before core drills. Please clarify, can GPR be used in-lieu of X-Ray for floor examination?	Ultrasound and GPR are acceptable substitutes for X-ray upon approval by the base building Structural Engineer. Reference Division One Appendix B Boston Properties Rules for Construction Projects in Operational Buildings III. Structural B. Core Drilling.	
5	Reference: Drawing E902SS, Electrical Spec Section 2.4-L, Ground Jumpers – Section 2.4-L of the Electrical Specs calls for bond jumpers between computer equipment and raised floor. Please clarify, where does this spec apply to this project?	The referenced specification section 2.4-L on sheet E902SS does not apply. Bonding jumpers are not included on this project.	
6	Reference: Drawing E903SS Electrical Spec Section 2.9-G, Time Switch – Section 2.9-g of the Electrical Spec calls for a timer switch to be used in select areas. These switches are not shown on the lighting plans. Please clarify, are these switches required for this project?	Two switches located in Storage 4014E are to be timer switches as specified in E-903SS.	
7	Reference: Drawing E501DT, Detail 4Light Control System Diagram, Control Receptacles – The Light Control Diagram, detail 4 on drawing E501DT, shows controlled receptacles. The receptacle plan does not show any controlled receptacles. Please clarify if controlled receptacles are required for this project	Controlled receptacles are not required on this project.	
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10	Reference: Drawing E903SS Electrical Spec Section 2.9-G Question: Time Switch – Section 2.9-g of the Electrical Spec calls for a timer switch to be used in select areas. These switches are not shown on the lighting plans. Please clarify, are these switches required for this project?	Reference RFI #6 response.	
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12	Reference: Signage Question: Is there any scope involving signage for either salvage and return to owner and/or provide new signage for this project?	There is no signage scope for the contractor.	
13	Reference: Drawings Pg. A903SH Question: Can the government provide a hardware schedule for new and existing to remain doors?	Door hardware spec sections have been added to the Spec. Product Data has also been added to the Appendix. Reference attached updated Spec.	
14	Reference: Mechanical Question: Is there any scope involving the perimeter WSHP units for controls or any new work?	There is no anticipated work involving the perimeter WSHP units other that what is shown on the drawings.	
15	Reference: General – Hazardous Materials Question: Are we to provide a hazmat survey in our base bid price?	No HAZMAT survey is required.	
16	Reference: Hazardous Materials Question: Are there any hazardous materials expected to be encountered during the course of construction?	No HAZMAT is anticipated.	
17	Reference: Electrical Question: Are there any existing floor poke through box's that will need to be blanked off?	Electrical existing drawings do not indicate if there are any existing poke thru floor boxes. Any existing floor receptacles can remain.	
18	Reference: Working Hours Question: Will any work need to be completed during off-hours and/or weekends?	No off-hours work is anticipated. Reference Division 1 for hours of work.	
19	Reference: Sprinkler Question: Is the existing sprinkler piping that we are tying into 4" or 6"?	Existing sprinkler main serving this floor is 2.5" fed from the plan west stairwell. Plan west stairwell has a 6" sprinkler riser.	
20	Reference: Specs Pg. 7 & 8 – Commissioning Question: Please confirm the government is providing their own 3 rd party commissioning and the GC is to only provide start-up and testing?	No third party commissioning is planned.	

21	Reference: LEED Question: Are there any LEED requirements incorporated into the Scope of work for the GC to be aware of?	There are no LEED requirements.
22	Reference: Life Safety Plan Question: Is the GC to provide fire extinguishers, fire extinguisher brackets and or AED's?	GC is to provide these devices as indicated on the drawing referenced and product data.
23	Reference: Lighting Controls Question: What is the desired lighting control system that is to be installed?	Lutron Athena lighting controls shall be used to match 3rd level SI Capital Gallery.
24	Reference: Telecomm Question: Please confirm that we are to only provide the conduits, pathways, and pull strings for all the telecom work?	Confirmed. Fiber will be pulled by a separate SI vendor.
25	Reference: Award Question: What is the anticipated project award date, needed for procurement and resource planning?	30-Sep-25
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30	Specs don't have any section for doors/frames/hardware	Reference RFI #13 response.
31	Drawings don't elaborate on hardware sets listed in door schedule	Reference RFI #13 response.
32	Will existing doors require new hardware?	Yes, if the existing door number is in the door schedule, then that door shall receive new hardware. See hardware Spec Sections.
33	Please provide the current controls(BAS) contractor working in the building.	Albiero Energy
34	Please provide the company name and POC needed for alterations to the fire alarm system.	BFPE International
35	Will an electrical permit be required to perform the work on this project?	No electrical permit is required.
36	Drawing ED101-confirm that EX WSHP are existing-to- remain.	Confirmed. WSHP's are existing to remain.
37	Does the BAA apply to this project? Will lighting fixtures and controls be required to be made in America?	Yes, BAA applies
38	Poke-thru devices are shown throughout the project. For coordination purposes, is the SI the tenant on the floor below the workspace?	Yes.
39	Drawing E101 shows poke-thru devices for modular furniture connections. Are Power/Data poles acceptable in lieu of poke-thru devices?	No. Provide poke-thru devices only.
40	Drawing E-603 shows panel 4LA5B to be demolished. Will any of the existing loads in this panel require temporary power until they are recircuited to panel 4LA5, such as the LAN Rm Receptacle?	Temporary power is required. Security panels and network switch in LAN closet should not be disconnected from power and will require temporary power. Network switch is connected via UPS and Istar has a battery backup. The backup time is likely not sufficient to bridge power circuit transition from one panel to another.
41	Drawing TN501 A5 and A9 details Notes 2 calls out for the data/comm conduit to run to the nearest cable tray, but elsewhere in the IFC drawings it is stated to run data/comm conduits to NACC (nearest accessible ceiling cavity) Please confirm that data/comm shall be stubbed out to NACC.	Stubbed out to the Nearest accessible ceiling cavity (NACC) is fine as long as the cable is supported between the stub and the cable tray by j-hooks per A5/TN501DT detail note C.
42	Job Specs call for the replacement and consolidation of existing electrical panels. The IFC drawings show the demolition of 4LA5B and relocating the circuits to 4LA5. Please confirm that no existing panels are being replaced.	Correct, no existing panels shall be replaced.
43	Drawing E602 and E603 Note E states, " Provide full- height phase, neutral, and ground bus provisions for all available space" Where is this note applicable? No new panels are being provided.	This note does not apply.
44	The Schematic Lighting Control System Diagram shows an interface switched receptacles. Will any receptacles be required to operate with occupancy sensors attached to the lighting control system? Nothing is indicated on the power plans.	Reference response to RFI #7.
45	There are several references to the "LIGHTING CONTROL INTENT SCHEDULE". The drawings call out this schedule in order to determine the lighting control requirements for each space. The Lighting Control Intent Schedule does not appear to be in the bid documents. Please provide this schedule.	Reference sheet E-601SH included with Addendum 01. Reference Addendum 01 attached.
46	Please provide deck heights.	Deck height is 10'-3"
47	When do you expect to hear back on the award?	30-Sep-25
48	Will SPECIFICATIONS become available at a later date for the specific trades?	Reference response to RFI #1.
49	Do you plan to provide a written scope/checklist for the millwork?	No written scope or checklist will be provided for the millwork.

50	Is it correct that contractors are responsible for their own parking?	Correct. Reference Division 1.
51	Is it correct that there are only personnel elevators, no freight elevator? Are elevators available? What are the interior dimensions?	Reference the access plan provided in the Division 1 appendix.
52	I found the WAGE SCALES and restriction for US Products, but no restriction for US citizen.	Please clarify what the question is.
53	What if any business engagement goals are there for this project? (ex. minority, disabled, disadvantaged, etc.)	Not applicable.
54	Will this work be subject to any bonds?	Yes, bonds are applicable.
55	Is it correct that the project is taxable?	The project is NOT tax exempt.
56	Are there any quality level certification requirements? FSI is certified to label our work with AWI, AWI-QCP, and can perform under FSC-COC requirements.	There are no such requirements.
57	What is the current Access Control System?	Software House CCure9000.
58	What is the name of the current INTRUSION system?	Software House CCure9000, intrusion detection and access control are managed by the same software platform.
59	Will the current provider (ISTAR ULTRA I believe) be furnishing and installing their equipment?	No, there is an existing control panel in the telecom closet. New intrusion detection sensors and access control devices will be connected to the existing panel.
60	What type of cameras?	Refer to Product Data which has been added to Spec Appendix.
61	Is there no Low Voltage Cabling	Contractor shall provide all necessary wiring to establish connection between security field devices and head end. Please refer to cable legend at TY001CS and diagrams on TY601DG.
62	Is the ISTAR ULTRA existing to remain?	Yes, connect all new input modules, reader modules, and ACS IDS devices to this panel.
63	Please confirm that it is CAT6 and not CAT6A cabling required?	Provide CAT6A unless otherwise indicated.
64	This is a proprietary panel. Is that what you are staying with?	Yes, this is an extension of the existing security system.
65	Electrical Division typically take care of ALL PATHWAYS and CONDUIT. Will the Electrical Sub be responsible for conduit and pathways or is it the responsibility of the LOW VOLTAGE sub?	This appears to be a question from a sub to their General Contractor.
66	Please confirm that the Smithsonians IT Contractor is doing all Low Voltage Cabling or if this will be part of the bid?	Reference response to RFI #24.
67	Specs don't have any section for doors/frames/hardware	Reference response to RFI #30.
68	Drawings don't elaborate on hardware sets listed in door schedule	Reference response to RFI #31.
69	Will existing doors require new hardware?	Reference response to RFI #32.
70	The current bid schedule does not provide a section to accommodate Bid Options. Please modify the bid schedule to provide sections to report bid options, i.e. Install Glazing [A-406 EP]	Bid Schedule has been revised to include Bid Option to Delete Glazing for office sidelites and conference rooms. Division 1 Section 4 has been updated to reflect Bid Option. Reference attached updated Division 1 Spec.
71	What is the existing BAS system? Please provide contact information to the current BAS Contractor.	Reference RFI #33 response.
72	What is the existing Fire Alarm system? Please provide contact information to the current Fire Alarm Vendor.	Reference RFI #2 response.
73	What is the existing Electronic Security system? Please provide contact information to the current Electronic Security Vendor.	Reference RFI #58 and #59 responses.
74	Clarification: Spec Division 1 Appendix B	Clarification: Spec Division 1 Appendix B has been updated with current versions of Boston Properties Rules Riders. COVID 19 requirements have been removed. Reference attached updated Appendix.
75	Clarification: Director's Office shelf	Clarification: Drawings show a shelf to be located on the column in the Director's Office. This shelf can be deleted.
76	Clarification: Doors and Frames finish	Clarification: Doors and Frames shall be finished with semi-gloss PNT-1, UNO.
77	Clarification: Equipment Schedule	Clarification: Equipment Schedule has been updated.
78	Clarification: Product Data	Clarification: Product Data shown is for Basis of Design only; alternate EQUAL products may be acceptable.
79	Addendum 01	Reference Addendum 01 narrative and drawings for further clarifications. Attached.