

Addendum #1 IFB 21-58



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Purchasing
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MAYOR

To: Healey Schoolyard, Soccer Field and ADA Path Construction
From: Andrea Caruth, Assistant Director of Purchasing
Date: March 24, 2021
Re: Update to Technical Specifications and Responses

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The Site Visit is Tomorrow March 25th at 2:30PM. Please have bidder representatives meet at the basketball and RSVP with Andrea Caruth at accaruth@somervillema.gov so we can respect occupancy restrictions.

This addendum addresses requests for information.

Please note the Technical Specifications were updated 3/24 at 11:28 AM to include missing sections from Division 26, Division 31, and Division 32. **Please review the following link before submitting your bid:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pJCzqKBUQbNCqHhUj8VHSft6QtG5ReHk/view?usp=sharing>
The permit was moved from the technical specification to the actual bid.

****Failure to acknowledge the addendum will result in bid disqualification.****

NAME OF COMPANY / INDIVIDUAL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE/FAX/EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:

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Question:

Section 2.3 of the Solicitation list (3) Minimum Quality Requirements that the contractor must answer Yes to or their bid will be disqualified. #2 states "Has the contractor successfully completed a minimum of three (3) similar Municipal Park projects within the past six (6) years?" Given the nature of the work, this requirement appears to be too restrictive and may eliminate otherwise qualified bidders.

Earthwork, utilities, retaining wall construction, landscaping, etc are not exclusive to "Park" projects. In addition would projects for other Government agencies other than municipalities qualify such as Federal and State Governments? Will relevant project other than "Municipal Park Projects" be considered?

Answer:

1) Our goal is to have a qualified contractor. However given the varied scope of tasks included in the Healey Schoolyard, I do not think the similar municipal projects need to be park projects, if the vendor can demonstrate experience with the same types of landscape features that we are including. Therefore, in this case I think it is fine to delete "Park" from that minimum requirement.

2) In that same regard, I think that other relevant public projects, other than "municipal projects" could qualify and I am open to consideration of state and federal projects - if they are appropriate.

Please see the attached updated Minimum Quality Requirements page.

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2.3 Minimum Quality Requirements

Quality requirements, or basic business requirements, are the minimum set of standards that an entity must meet and certify to be considered responsible and responsive. **Please complete the Quality Requirements form, below, and submit it with your completed bid.** The City of Somerville will disqualify any response that does not meet the minimum quality requirements. A "No" response to items 1 through 3, or a failure to respond to any of the following minimum standards, will result in disqualification of your bid.

QUALITY REQUIREMENTS		YES	NO
1.	Has the contractor been established in this specified field for at least five (5) years?		
2.	Has the contractor successfully completed a minimum of three (3) similar Municipal or public projects within the past six (6) years?		
3.	Can the contractor certify that all employees to be provided, have successfully completed at least 10 hours of OSHA approved training in Construction Safety and Health?		
4.	Optional: Are you a Mass. Supplier Diversity Office MBE/WBE certified minority or woman owned business? Additional minority designations may be submitted by attaching supporting documentation.		

In order to provide verification of affirmative responses to items 1 through 3 under the quality requirements listed in the Quality Requirements Form, Offeror must submit written information that details the general background, experience, and qualifications of the organization. Subcontractors, if applicable, must be also included.