



City of Pawtucket, RI

***** Addendum #1 *****

RFP # 24-006, Public WiFi Network Services

November 6, 2023

The attention of bidders submitting proposals for the above-referenced project is called to the following Addendum to the Request for Proposals indicated above. The items set forth herein, whether of omission, addition, substitution or other change, are all to be included in, and form a part of the proposed Contract Documents for the work.

Inclusion of this Addendum must be acknowledged in the spaces provided in the document entitled "24-006 – Public WiFi Network Services". Failure to acknowledge any and all addenda in the above specified bid form may be cause for rejection of the bids by the Owner on the grounds that it is not responsive.

This addendum consists of four (4) pages plus one (1) Appendix (Appendix A)

Item 1: Questions and Answers:

Q1: Has Pawtucket already received your ARPA allocation and this project is funded or is Pawtucket awaiting your ARPA allocation to be provided for this project.

A1: Yes, the funds are allocated.

Q2: What vertical assets within the city area do we have access to deploy our equipment? Can you provide a list of vertical real estate assets (structures, light

poles, traffic signals, utility poles etc.) to which vendor would be allowed to attach radios and access points that have proximity to always on power (GPS coordinates)?

A2: The City has parks and facilities scattered all over Pawtucket. It is all contingent upon what the scope details call for. The City is certainly willing to entertain this option, however a complete list is unavailable at this time as the City will have to coordinate with the contractor and the respective managers of the assets – as well as DPW – in order to make use of the assets.

Q3: Does the city own the Street Light Poles and Power Poles within the city? If not, is there an agreement in place between the City and the owners to utilize their poles and power? Who is the local owner for streetlight poles and all traffic signals for the target area?

A3: The City owns dozens of aluminum poles and decorative poles throughout the City. The City does NOT own the wooden street light poles, just the lights. All/any requests to utilize the utility poles shall be directed through RI Energy.

Q4: Are we allowed to utilize existing city owned locations (Police Stations, Fire Stations, Community Centers, Libraries) to either utilize their existing Backhaul or if required to bring in additional backhaul for this project. If these locations are not accessible to us, what locations can backhaul be delivered to?

A4: All depends on quantities of items. The City is certainly willing to assist depending on the quantity of materials/items.

Q5: is there a KMZ of the coverage area available and shapefiles for street lights, traffic signals, city buildings and fiber infrastructure available?

A5: See Appendix A which is available for download as a Zip File at the address below:

<https://www.pawtucketri.com/purchasing/current-bids>

Q6: Can you please extend the response period by two additional weeks?

A6: The RFP bid window will be extended to December 14th.

Q7: What permit or other requirements exist for access to the mount sites the City can provide for the requested network?

A7: The mounting of equipment onto rooftops shall be subject to building height regulations. The mounting of Wi-Fi related equipment onto city-owned structures will be reviewed on a case by case basis in conjunction with the Zoning and

Public Works Departments. The City will, to the greatest extent possible, make its applicable structures available for this project.

Q8: What areas within the requested coverage scope would be high-traffic and/or heavy utilization zones?

A8: The area surrounding the new train station is anticipated to be a high-traffic area. Main Street and the buildings adjacent to it running from its intersection with Broad Street to its intersection at Broadway are also anticipated to be a high-traffic area as it serves as the heart of the Downtown commercial corridor.

Q9: What known wireless spectrum use is already on-air in the requested coverage scope (utility, public safety etc.)?

A9: We have no known wireless spectrum in use in those coverage areas.

Q10: What additional/future use cases are contemplated to ride the proposed wireless network (cameras, parking sensors/meters etc.)?

A10: No additional/future uses are required to ride the Wi-Fi network in the bid response. If a bidder had additional offerings that can be packaged together which utilize and build off of the Wi-Fi network, the city will review and consider for a potential phase II of the project, subject to the availability of funding.

Q11: What is the expected number of users for each priority area? Can you provide census population information within the coverage area so that user capacity can be estimated?

A11: The intended users of the Wi-Fi network are visitors to Pawtucket for dining, shopping, and entertainment. This project is centered around the new train station with those utilizing the train station as one of the primary focus groups to provide coverage to. Main Street through the Downtown is other primary focus area and it can be safely assumed that the businesses in the Downtown may utilize the Wi-Fi network from time to time, however it will not be their primary network. Local residents are not the intended users of the Wi-Fi network, although we recognize that residents are likely to utilize the service to some extent. Approximately 3,000 residents live within the coverage area specified in the RFP. We anticipate working with the awarded contractor to place reasonable restrictions on network access to avoid over-use by local residents and other permanent building tenants within the coverage area.

Q12: Is Internet access provided by the City or its recurrent costs need to be included in the offer?

A12: All costs for establishing and maintaining a Wi-Fi network for the City will need to be managed by the awarded contractor.

Q13: Do street light use photo cells?

A13: No they do not use photo cells.

Q14: Does the City have a fiber infrastructure that can be used to support the WiFi network? If so, can you provide a fiber map? Can you provide a list of City facilities to include buildings, towers, water tanks, etc where fiber service is in place?

A14: The city does not have its own fiber infrastructure in place. Any fiber infrastructure in use by the city is provided by 3rd party vendors.

Q15: In reviewing the Federal Contract and Purchasing Requirements, it references the City of KALAMAZOO in a couple of locations. We assume this is not applicable?

A15: Correct, this an example only

Q16: Please confirm that the City will receive 2 documents from prospective bidder:

- 1) Document 1 – Bid Form 11.0, References, Experience and qualifications, RFP Appendixes, and all other documents EXCEPT for pricing information**
- 2) Document 2 – Pricing Proposal on Page 18 of RFP.**

A16: Two (2) copies of your proposal, one (1) original and one (1) electronic copy on USB flash drive, must be submitted at the time of submission.

The Pricing Proposal is considered part of the Bid Form. Both copies referenced will include all Bid Forms and Pricing Proposals together in one envelope or flash drive



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