

**Invitation for Bid (“IFB”) to for the Bay Terrace Renovation project.
IFB 0421-1
Questions and Answers**

May 12, 2021

Q1. Would you be able to point me to, if not yourself, to a furniture decision maker? The drawings Title Block calls out Applied Design. Is there a contact there I can reach out to? We are simply attempting to compete for the furniture dealer’s position that is called out on the drawing A-600.

A1. Furniture is not part of this bid. This bid directs that all inquiries be sent to Bidcontact@queenslibrary.org . Do not contact our architect. The Library previously issued a Request for Proposal for Furniture Dealer Services. This RFP has been awarded.

Q2. Our firm is not listed in the specification section HV-42, item 3. We were hoping to be added as an approved vendor for the Automation control segment of the project.

A2. The Library has established specifications for this bid. Bid section V, BID PROCESS AND GUIDELINES, item 9. states:

In the event a Bidder proposes to furnish substitutions for a service or product, as appropriate, this information shall be identified in writing, including full technical descriptions, catalog cuts and samples, as appropriate, with the Bid. The Library reserves the right to request a representative sample of the item(s) quoted, either prior to award, or before shipment is made. The determination of equality shall be made by the Library. If the sample or other technical description is not in accordance with the Bid, or is otherwise deemed not to be an equal to that specified, the Library may reject the bid, or, if award has been made, cancel the contract at the expense of the Bidder.

If a bidder proposes a substitution, the Library shall make the determination if it is acceptable. The Library will not make such determination in advance.

Q3. Will Sidewalk Shed or scaffolding be required for this project?

A3. If bidder feels they need either or both to access the roof for work to be performed on the roof. Bidder shall be responsible for the means and method required in the fulfillment of the requirements of the scope of work, inclusive of vertical hoisting and accessibility to portions of the work above ground level. Bidder should also review the City of New York’s building requirements and include costs for any required sidewalk shed or scaffolding in its bid price.

Q4. I am interested in bidding the bay terrace community library project and wanted to know if this project is subject to a PLA agreement or is only a prevailing wage project?

A5. This project is not subject to a PLA agreement but is subject to prevailing wage.

Q6. Would you please inform us what is an engineer estimate or budget for this project?

A6. This question seeks information that is not required to submit a responsive bid

Q7. We are interested in bidding this job as a GC. I have read through the bid documents and wanted to see if there are any further registration requirements for bidders other than following the Invitation to Bid?

A7. Bidders are to adhere to the instructions of the bid, which include attending the site inspection and frequenting the webpage for any updated questions and answers and addendums.

The bid document states: Library's Procurement Opportunities Webpage:

This bid is posted on the Library's Procurement Opportunities webpage. Unless instructed otherwise, all related documents are posted on this webpage. Please see web link for drawings. Bidders have the responsibility of frequenting the Library's Procurement Opportunities webpage for any updates to the bid including the posting of answers to questions received, bid revisions or addendums or any other updates. The direct link to the webpage is: <https://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/procurement-opportunities>.

Q8. Will this be awarded as a single contract, or individual awards for each division and respective scope of work?

A8. Bidder should review the bid and all related documents. This bid is a single award to the Successful Bidder. The Successful Bidder shall be responsible for managing its subcontractors.

Q9. Is the access control system limited to Sielox, or are alternatives acceptable?

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Q10. Is there a cost estimate or budget for the project listed?

A10. See answer to question six.

Q11. In reference to Drawing DM-100 key note 15, please clarify if the VCT that is scheduled to be encapsulated has tested positive for ACM. If positive, please provide an asbestos specification for the removal to complete the trenching work shown on S-100 & P-400.

A11. See Addendum 2. and the revised bid dated May 4, 2021, which includes asbestos specifications and revises the Schedule of Drawings and Documents list under the Table of Contents and Bid Section, II Scope of Work has been revised to include:

14. Queens Public Library Asbestos Specifications:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ostddtayw9npack/AABJWryPqWrbNWslhGC03ugra?dl=0&preview=Queen+Public+Library+Bay+Terrance+Asbestos+Spec+-+May+2021+copy.pdf>

Q12. Please provide a list of drawings for the following drawing sets: Structural, Architectural, Outdoor Spaces. We would like to ensure that all of the contract drawings have been provided to us.

A12. Library is researching question.

Q13. Please provide a Table of Contents for the following spec files: Telecommunications, Audiovisual Systems, Electronic Safety & Security. We would like to ensure that all of the contract specifications have been provided to us.

A13. Library is researching question.

Q14. Drawings SC100 does not exist but there are two drawings titled SC200. Please correct this.

A14. Library is researching question.

Q15. Page 13 of Attachment 2 reference the Richmond Hill Library. Please correct this to reference the Bay Terrace Community Library. (see below) The City of New York, together with its officials and employees, The Queens Borough Public Library and its

Trustees, Officers, Agents and Employee are additional insured under this policy with regard to the pass-through contract for the renovation of the Richmond Hill Library located at 118-14 Hillside Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11418.

- A15. The Library has revised this document with the correct location and address.
- Q16. 1)Does the Tel/Data Cabling Communications system installers responsibility begin from page number “33” on the RDT spec scope sheet, “SECTION 27 20 00 100 OHM CABLING SYSTEM”?
- A16. **Library is researching question.**
- Q17. 2)Is the Tel/Data Cabling Installer responsible for installing the J-hooks along the cabling route pathways and the IT room ladder racking, and associated grounding? (Usually in our SOW, but it reads as if it is not, and is part of electrical SOW ref. in the prior sections “SECTION 27 10 00 TELECOMMUNICATIONS PATHWAYS” & “SECTION 27 11 00 LADDER RACK MATERIALS”
- A17. **Library is researching question.**
- Q18. Is a bid bond required? If yes, please provide a blank bid bond for our use.
- A18. No.
- Q19. On the roof plan and plumbing roof plan it mentions that all roof drains are to be replaced as an add alternate, however there is no line item on the bid sheet. Please advise if this is an add alternate?
- A19. Replacement of roof drains is under the base contract. There are no add alternates in the bid. Bidder to include this work in its pricing.
- Q20. Is there any specified project duration?
- A20. See bid section, IV.CONTRACT TERM, which states, “The Successful Bidder is expected to achieve substantial completion of construction fourteen (14) months from the Library’s notice to proceed.”
- Q21. Is furniture removal and bookcase removal including books by the owner or contractor?
- A21. Furniture and bookcase removal is included in the Scope of Work and shall be included in the bid by the bidder. Book removal shall be the responsibility of the Queens Public Library.

- Q22. On A-101 note 10 mentions to dispose of asbestos containing roofing material, however this is not mentioned in the asbestos report please advise if the roofing material is positive for asbestos containing material?
- A22. This note is a general roof plan note and not applicable to this project as the existing roofing materials were negative in the testing report.
- Q23. On page 5 on the invitation to bid it mentions that there is asbestos containing material behind the pipe insulation, however this is not mentioned in the asbestos report. Please advise if the pipe insulation is positive for asbestos?
- A23. Pipe insulation is not positive as per the asbestos testing report.
- Q24. On A-806 it mentions the millwork contractor, is this the owner's contractor or part of the general contractor's scope of work?
- A24. Millwork is part of the scope of work for this bid. Bidder to include this in its bid price.
- Q25. On A-901 detail 4 shows a new metal coping, however this is not shown on the roofing plan A-101. Please advise if the metal coping on the roof is being replaced?
- A25. Metal coping on the roof is being replaced as part of the contract. Bidder to include this in its bid price.
- Q26. On A-701 the schedule mentions a partition "F"; however, this is not shown in the construction plan. Is this just a typical detail added for reference?
- A26. Partition "F" is not used.
- Q27. On A-800 it mentions that the new insulated metal panel will be behind new CMU walls, however partition E states it will be a 6" structural stud. Which is the correct detail?
- A27. Structural stud is the correct detail. Bidder to include this in its bid price.
- Q28. On A-800 it shows new triple pane windows, however the new construction plan and demo plans do not show replacement of the windows. Are the windows being replaced?
- A28. All the windows are being replaced. Bidder to include the cost of all new windows into its bid price.
- Q29. Will tackboards and wallboards be provided by the owner?

- A29. Tack boards and whiteboards are provided by the Library.
- Q30. Are all security items such as door contacts and card readers provided by the owner or the contractor?
- A30. Library is researching question.
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- A32. Library is researching question.
- Q33. Is there an existing Sielox Access Control Server onsite or only Genetec (Video) NVR is existing?
- A33. Library is researching question.
- Q34. Video and Access Control Workstations not called out in the specifications. Who to provide? Security or IT?
- A34. Library is researching question.
- Q35. Patch Panels by IT Contractor. Who to provide Network Switches for CCTV and Security Connectivity?
- A35. Library is researching question.

Q36. Can you please confirm our scope for the A/V system and devices required, as well as the Security system and devices required.

Telecom notes state to provide empty conduit system for telecom pathways (stub ups), so does that mean we are to exclude any wiring required?

Same question applies for the A/V and Security, are we to provide empty conduit stub ups only? Notes state that all devices, cables and final termination shall be furnished and installed by others (audiovisual contractor). Is there a specific vendor for the devices they are looking to use?

Lastly, we see notes for motorized shades and controls, can you please confirm what our requirements for these would be?

Is there a CMU wall at new exterior wall type E?

A36. **Library is researching question.**