University of Maine at Augusta
Fire Alarm System Upgrade
Response to Questions for Request for Qualifications

This is a Response to Questions (RTQ) regarding the Request for Qualifications for Design Services dated January 10, 2019 for the University of Maine at Augusta Fire Alarm System Upgrade at its Augusta and Bangor campuses. These responses have been prepared based upon comments received from prospective design firms in written form and are intended to clarify the RFQ. Where information is conflicting, the RTQ shall govern and italicized text that follows represents a question from a prospective design firm.

1. **Does the university have AutoCAD format architectural drawings of each of the buildings that are included in this project?** The University has Auto CAD drawings for some of the proposed buildings, but not all.

2. **Does the university have electronic drawings and/or as-built information (PDF or AutoCAD) of the existing building fire alarm systems that are included in this project?** The University has as built information for some buildings, but not all.

3. **If the university does not have AutoCAD format architectural drawings, will it be the responsibility of the selected firm to create architectural drawings to be used for the project?** It will be responsibility of the selected firm to provide all construction and record drawings for this project on electronic media (CAD) in either .dwg (preferred) or .dxf format as well as in .pdf format.

4. **Is fire alarm system replacement or modification scope anticipated for all buildings?** Or, will the assessment of each buildings’ system inform which buildings will be included in the fire alarm replacement/ modification projects? The assessment will define which buildings will be upgraded.

5. **Are there any schedule limitations on accessing the buildings to complete the assessments?** The University is in session for the Spring Semester 2019 and the assessment of each building will need to be coordinate with the University to not interfere with scheduled classes.

6. **What is the earliest allowable start date for the construction projects?** Construction shall not start until after Commencement, scheduled for May 11, 2019.
7. What are the occupancies of the buildings included in this project (i.e. Dormitories, Laboratories, Office Buildings, Dining facilities etc.?) The University buildings to be assessed including academic, laboratories, student center with cafe, dental clinic, etc.

Prospective design firms are reminded that the Statement of Qualifications is intended to demonstrate previous experience with similar projects which are relevant to this project. The inclusion of prospective solutions for Fire Alarm System Upgrade project in the submission will not be considered for selection purposes. Prospective design firms are also reminded that the Statement of Qualifications must be submitted in accordance with the RFQ. Submissions in electronic format alone are not acceptable.

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