



Halifax
Regional Centre for Education

RFQ # 4256 - Addendum # 1 Re Lamp Project - Multiple Schools

To: All Bidders

Date: November 08, 2024

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The bid documents shall be amended, and new drawings and clauses added, and shall become part of the contract documents as follows:

*The closing date for this RFQ is extended to Thursday, November 14 – 2pm (ATL)
No further questions are accepted for this competition.*

Vendor Questions and Responses:

1. Section 5.3 states: “Bidders will be deemed to have familiarized themselves with the existing site and working conditions and all other conditions which may affect the performance of the work.” Since mandatory site visit are not applicable for this project, can site visits be scheduled if required? In the absence of site visits, are you able to provide the following information:

- a. What types of fixtures currently exist in the subject schools – recessed vs surface mounted, number of lamps per fixture, etc. These factors impact the time it takes to replace the lamps

Response:

Surface mount and drop-ceiling recessed fixtures; fixtures included 2 x 4 – 2/3/4 lamp fixtures and 1 x 4 – 1/2 lamps

- b. What type of ballasts currently exist? In our experience, even if it a ballast indicates it is LED compatible, certain lamp brands may not work.

Response: All schools on the list underwent a re-ballast and re-lamp project approx. 7-6 years ago. We have had success with the specified product and the ballasts used in that project.

If specifying an alternative product, include the ballast compatibility list.

2. Can glass tubes be considered for this project? In general, the industry has moved away from using plastic tubes; typically, plastic tubes are used in limited applications such as exposed tubes in coolers. Glass is cheaper and alternatives are more readily available. I am submitted the attached specification (RENO Brand) for your approval. This is a product we have used on dozens of projects with great success.

Response: Bidders can provide two options on their response. Option A – TLED meeting all RFQ specifications; and Option B – TLED meeting all RFQ specifications apart from the lens material.

3. In the scope of work, it indicates that the contractor will provide a final installed lamp count that lists the number and type of lamps replaced by school area. My assumption is that the HRCE does have a detailed inventory based on school area to determine the facility lamp count. Will this inventory be shared with the successful bidder so it can be used as a guide?

Response: The Price Form provided with the RFQ package includes HRCEs total lamps per school inventory.

4. Will facility drawings be provided to the successful bidder so the work can be planned?

Response: Facility floor plans will be provided to the successful bidder.

5. Extended warranty – I am unaware of any manufacturer’s extended warranty that includes labour. Can you please confirm if you are seeking a minimum five year parts only warranty (which all manufacturers provide) or you want bidders to incorporate in their pricing ongoing labour costs to respond to any warranty claims.

Response: The warranty requirement is for parts (i.e. the supplied lamp) only.

End of Addendum # 1 – RFT# 4256

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN WITH BID DOCUMENTS:

Signature

Company Name