

Questions and Answers
RFQ No. SCA52515Q0027
U.S. Embassy Ottawa Technical Security Upgrade

1. Q: Can the contractor courier or mail application to 490 Sussex Drive or must they use the 207 Bank Street address?

A: All offerors are requested to submit their proposals at 207 Bank St, Suite 418 Ottawa, ON K2P 2N2. Proposals can be mailed or hand carried directly to the location. Refer to the Request for Quotation (RFQ) cover letter.

2. Q: Can the contractor be provided electronic copies of any drawings or documents related to this contractor package? Paper copies were provided during the walkthrough.

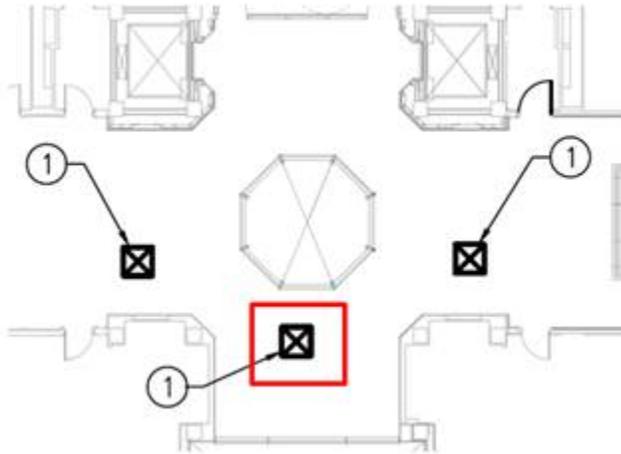
A: Yes. Offerors will be provided electronic copy of the U.S. Embassy contractor's package drawings and Government furnished materials workbook which were initially provided in paper copy during the site visit. Also, electronic copy of irrigation plans for the Embassy grounds and few site photos will be included for distribution.

Offerors who did not attend the site visit and are interested to submit proposals may contact Security Engineering Officer, Reginald Herrick at 613-688-5408 for electronic copy of the drawings and documents.

3. Q: Pertaining to the ceiling hatches to be installed in the Chancery building, is the western center hatch on the fourth floor required as per the drawings? The location of the hatch is approximately 50 feet above the screening floor and would be extremely costly to install.

A: As discussed during the site visit, the third ceiling hatch on the fourth floor was indeed an oversight in the drawings and will not be required. The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) will be working to get revised drawings, but for the purposes of the offerors' proposals, this item should not be included in the labor requirements. This should not alter the contract wording or Statement of Work in any way, to make it clear. On the attached drawings, it is the center hatch located on page C3.04. The elimination of this hatch should drop any required scaffolding from the lobby level, reducing the costs and effort.

As soon as the COR receives the revised drawings from Washington, a copy will be provided to all offerors, So far all required information were provided verbally during the site visit and in writing for offerors' consideration in preparing their proposals. Below is a blown up sketch indicating the hatch to be excluded from the drawings on C3.04.



4: Q: Please provide a picture of the steel sign on the lawn at the west entrance that limits the access to the north side of the building where the electrical trenching will occur – please complete with measurements from the sign's edge to the wall and fence.

A: Attached is the photograph of the sign at the western entrance that will impact what equipment can/cannot be brought into the compound. The maximum dimension for getting equipment through is 47 inches on the west (sign to fence) and 42 inches on the east (sign to wall).

5. Q: Please clarify if the contractors are expected to fill in the labour portions of Page 3 in the Material Workbook.

A: Attachment 5, page 3 of the "US Embassy Furnished Materials" document, there is a labor section. Offerors are not expected to fill this section. It is provided as a guidance and reminder for internal use only.

6. Q: Can the closing date be extended to September 25, 2015

A: Proposal submission due date was extended from September 15, 2015 no later than 4PM to September 18, 2015 no later than 4PM. The extension date of September 18 will remain the same.

7. Q: Is bid bond required to be submitted with the tender?

A: Offeror is not required to submit performance/payment protection in their proposal submission. This requirement will be requested upon contract award from the selected contractor.

8. Q: In reviewing your quantities of concrete you do not have enough as each bag when mixed is 1/2 cubic foot and we need 56 cubic feet or 112 bags.

A: The extra concrete needed has been estimated as approximately 120 additional bags. Offerors should consider the estimated quantity in their price proposal.

9. Q: Can we dig a round hole for the lamp post install a sono tube say 30" dia and at the top go back to a square top to receive the lamp post. This will avoid a big hole being dug to form the post foundations.

A: Unfortunately, no. The sono tube is not an option. Architecturally, seismically, and aesthetically, the U.S. Government have been given very specific drawings that we must adhere to, per our internal State Department building permit. The foundations must be built as drawn."

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