

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A003
3. EFFECTIVE DATE 11-29-2013
4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.
5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)

6. ISSUED BY CODE US Department of State
United States Embassy - Bogota
Carrera 45 No 24B-27
Bogotta, Columbia
7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE
PO BOX 9115, ROSSLYN sTATION
US DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ARLINGTON, VA 22219

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)
9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. (X)
SCO-150-13-R-CANOPY
9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
01-23-2013
10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
CODE FACILITY CODE

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended.
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
(a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment your desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

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A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)
THE PURPOSE OF THIS AMENDMENT A003 IS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
A) TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM INTERESTED VENDORS

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)
16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
Blondell Taylor
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR
15C. DATE SIGNED
16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
16C. DATE SIGNED
(Signature of person authorized to sign) (Signature of Contracting Officer)

A) TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM INTERESTED VENDORS

1. Question: Specifications Section 033000/2.2/C states that "Reinforcing bars shall be manufactured by an OBO prequalified manufacturer as indicated in Table 03300-2.2 or subject to the compliance with requirements OBO-ICS IBC Chapter 19 and the approval of the Engineer of Record". Manufacturers listed in the mentioned table are located in the US and OBO-ICS IBC Chapter 19 seems to require that reinforcement shall be manufactured by a steel mill that goes through OBO qualification process. Please inform if any steel local manufacturer is qualified for supplying steel reinforcement for this project.

Answer: No local manufacturers are prequalified to supply reinforcing steel.

Follow the procedures stated in Contract Section H.14.4 SUBSTITUTIONS and utilize the attached form, *Material/Product Substitution Request Form*, to obtain approval for the use of reinforcing steel from a non-prequalified manufacturer located in Colombia.

A comparison/evaluation of the requirements stated in OBO-ICS IBC Chapter 19 compared to the local steel should be provided as part of the proposed substitution.

2. Question: Specifications Section 033000/3.13/E states that "an OBO approved independent testing lab shall test reinforcing steel as required" and refers to Table 03300-3.18 which includes a list of labs in the US, Puerto Rico and Qatar. Please inform if any local testing lab is qualified for this purpose.

Answer: No local testing labs are prequalified to independently test reinforcing steel.

Follow the procedures stated in Contract Section H.14.4 SUBSTITUTIONS and utilize the attached form, *Material/Product Substitution Request Form*, to obtain approval to use an independent testing lab from a non-AASHTO or AIS accredited lab.

3. Question: Drawing CMPD S002 states that "all structural steel exposed to weather and not receiving spray fireproofing shall be galvanized". However, Specifications Sections 051200 and Division 09 do not include this requirement. In addition, galvanized steel is not required in Bogota because of the non-corrosive environmental conditions. Please indicate if steel exposed to weather shall be galvanized.

Answer: For the most part, the canopy structural steel framing is not considered exposed to weather because of the protection of the roofing and overhangs. The structural steel canopy framing should be shop and top coated per Specifications 051200 and 099112.

If the question is in reference to the new structural reinforcing members to the existing canopy, then yes, those members should be painted PT-1 as noted in the *Material and Finish Schedule* on drawing CMPD A601 and not galvanized.

4. Question: Some of the sizes of steel frame elements shown in drawings CMPD S102 & S321 are not available locally or at least difficult to procure. Is possible to propose different sizes for the steel elements?

Answer: Yes, it is possible.

Follow the procedures stated in Contract Section H.14.4 SUBSTITUTIONS and utilize the attached form, *Material/Product Substitution Request Form*, to propose different sizes for the steel elements, which would meet the same or greater steel section properties.

The architectural dimensions of the canopy and its components cannot change. Consideration shall be given to maintaining clearances for plumbing, electrical and other trades.

5. Question: As per RFP paragraph F.8 "All work shall be performed during 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday". However, during the site visit it was mentioned that working hours would be 3:00 pm to 12:00 am in order to avoid nuisances to chancery service. Please clarify.

Answer: Solicitation Amendment/Modification No. A001 dated 11/08/2013 addressed the change in working hours.

6. Question: We are preparing the proposal to participate in OBO Canopy project. The amendment says there is an extension of the offer delivery but does not specify the new time and date, do you happen to know about this or it has not been defined yet?

Answer: Proposal due date extended to December 10, 2013 by COB and should be delivered to:

1735 North Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209, ATTN: BLONDELL TAYLOR

7. Question: Regarding the format SF1442, we see it has old information about previous projects, will you post an ammended SF1442?

Answer: Yes, it will be posted on December 3, 2013

8. Question: Regarding the proposal currency, we have not been able to see if it shall be in US Dollars or Colombian Pesos.

Answer: The proposal currency will be in US Dollars.