



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Public Property

RFP Title: City Hall Elevator Replacement

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The purpose of this addendum is:

to respond to bidder questions. See the attached response to questions received during and after the pre-bid conference.

City Hall Elevator Replacement

Bidder Questions

- 1) What is the best means of egress for removing the large and heavy older elevator equipment?
 - a. **There are a few possible options for removing the large and heavy elevator equipment, such as the main winch, out of the basement machine room. The equipment could be cut or disassembled and then hauled out through the main basement stairwell and out the door to Eddy St. That's how the equipment for the first elevator was removed. We reached out to the contractors, Martone Inc, and they confirmed they disassembled the machinery and hauled it out piece by piece. If necessary, the pieces could be hoisted out through the elevator shaft itself once the old car is removed.**

- 2) Similarly, what is the best means for getting concrete into the building for the new slab?
 - a. **There are a few acceptable options from the City's perspective. A pump truck could be parked on Eddy St and the hose run over floor protection through the exterior doors, around the corner and down into the elevator shaft. Alternatively, the truck could be parked on Washington St and the hose run through the main entrance and then down the elevator shaft (if it's possible for the hose to make that turn). Finally, of course wheelbarrows and buckets are a last resort option and could be done from any entrance to the building.**

- 3) What are the conditions like in the top of the shaft and the roof that may have to be punched through for a vent line?
 - a. **See attached photos – Selective Demolition may be required to fully assess the viability of using the existing vent. Refer to Drawings for additional information.**

- 4) Is there a shoring plan for the existing shaft walls to be supported while the concrete, masonry and steel are being installed?
 - a. **No – Reference Structural General Note #5 on Sheet S1.0**

- 5) Post walkthrough as we were not able to view the top of the hoist way, if the hoist way beam and lifeline beam are to be installed new, or altered will they have to be

installed through the roof? I know per [our] discussion you are not keen on altering the roof unless necessary for the venting.

- a. **In addition to the additional photos attached here on the area in the top of the hoistway, the City is willing to arrange for a site visit for bidders to view this area at the end of a workday (e.g. 3PM) when potential disruption to the elevator from entering that space is less impactful. Bidders interested in such a visit should reach out to the City to arrange a date and time.**

6) Not a question, but a point of emphasis for bidders. The City wants to draw attention to the City ordinance requiring the use of apprentices on large city construction projects. For firms without established apprenticeship programs, the City has partnered with Building Futures (<https://www.bfri.org/>) to connect firms with apprenticeship programs. See below standard contract language.

- a. **Attention of prospective bidders is called to the fact that this project is to be bid upon and executed under the City of Providence Code of Ordinances Chapter 21 Art. II Section 21-28.1 c(1) and (2) related to utilizing apprentices in the contract. This ordinance outlines requirements for utilizing not less than 15% of total hours worked by apprentices. The City may lower this percentage only if it determines in writing that compliance is not feasible or that it would be unduly cost prohibitive to the project. The attention of prospective bidders is also called to the fact that reporting the efforts undertaken and progress towards achieving the requirements in this ordinance is a condition for payment. Compliance reporting shall be submitted with any contract payment requisition, in a format to be specified by the City. This demonstration of compliance through such reports shall be a condition of the requisition for payment to be processed. Upon the contract being awarded to the successful bidder, a mandatory meeting will be scheduled to review the project requirements relative to apprenticeship requirements and the process and protocols by which these goals will be achieved. At this meeting, specific forms and procedures for the documentation and achievement of these requirements by the successful bidder will be provided, discussed and agreed upon for the execution of the contract.**









