

STATE OF ALASKA RFP 2015-0500-2789
AMENDMENT NUMBER 02

RETURN THIS AMENDMENT TO THE ISSUING OFFICE AT:



Department of Education and Early Development
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THIS IS NOT AN ORDER
DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED: October 1, 2014.

RFP TITLE: A REPORT ON THE BENEFITS AND DISADVANTAGES OF
PROTOTYPICAL SCHOOL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION IN ALASKA

RFP OPENING DATE AND TIME: 4:00 PM Alaska Time October 20, 2014

In order for your bid to be considered responsive for RFP 2015-0500-2789 a signed copy of this amendment, in addition to your original proposal, must be received by the issuing office of the Division of Administrative Services prior to the time set for the bid opening.

- A02 Item 1. The following changes were made to RFP 2015-0500-2789 A00 *Prototypical School Design and Construction in Alaska*
- The Procurement Officer is now Rhonda Biles. All locations within the RFP referring to Rob Roys have been changed;
 - The year of the posting date on the cover page has been corrected;
 - \$2.12 has been changed to reflect current statutory Alaska Business License Requirements;
 - \$3.08 has been corrected: payment for the contract is subject to funds already appropriated and identified;
 - Attachment 12, 1998 Report "Use of Prototype Designs in Public School Construction Projects," added;

- A02 Item 2. The pre-proposal teleconference was held, below are the questions, answers, and revisions to the RFP that resulted from the discussion.

Question 01: \$3.08 states that the money for this has yet to be appropriated. When will it be appropriated?

Answer: This is not correct. The money has been appropriated. This section will be changed to read "Payment for the contract is subject to funds already appropriated and identified."

Question 02: Is it up to the proposer to determine the methodology for the study?

Answer: Yes, the Department is requiring potential offerors to propose a methodology.

Question 03: What travel to which sites is required? One Offeror may include a comprehensive calendar of site visits with in person public hearings, but another may propose little of this or telephonic hearings. One would cost a lot more, but be more comprehensive, thus punishing a more thorough proposer with higher costs than the other lower costs proposal. How will the state deal with this so that you are comparing apples to apples?

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Answer: It is expected that the offeror, or members of the offeror's research team will be required to travel to both urban and rural locations throughout Alaska; however, if an offeror includes a severely restricted number of site visits as part of their methodology, and as part of their solution to successfully complete the project, then the offerors methodology and management plan must clearly illustrate and define how successful completion of the project will be achieved with minimal travel to both urban and rural Alaskan locations.

This RFP envisions some level of onsite visits for technical research and stakeholder communication. It is not a necessity to visit all 53 Alaskan school districts, but a representative sampling of school districts with potential relevant information should be considered. For example, the proposer's methodology may include one or more site visits in each region. The regions would be further defined in the proposer's methodology, but could be distinguished as the six regions as identified in the RFP. The proposer's methodology may need to include additional site visits in some regions to fully investigate all aspects of utilizing prototypical school design and construction – based on differences in population densities or investigations of special regional circumstances. Using this methodology example, the total number of required site visits could be 6 to 12. Again, this is only an example. The actual number of required site visits will be determined by the proposer and supported by their respective methodology and management plan.

Question 04: At a minimum, who are the stakeholders that need to be involved?

Answer: That is up to the offeror to propose. The Department has provided a suggested list, see §5.01.II "Stakeholders."

Question 05: What types of stakeholder contacts are acceptable (in person statewide outreach or teleconference)?

Answer: All types of stakeholder contacts will be allowed. The methodology for collecting stakeholder information will be determined by the proposer. Travel arrangements for collecting in-person stakeholder information may be combined with the regional site visits.

Question 06: If holding a conference in a region, will the Department provide the space for the meeting or will vendor be expected to provide the space?

Answer: It will be up to the successful offeror to provide a space for any such meetings, and any other logistical details required to successfully complete the project.

Question 07: Are there any specific existing prototypical studies that you want reviewed within the response to this RFP? Do you want case studies?

Answer: If an offeror determines that a case study would be a valuable addition to their offer, then they may include it with their proposal. No specific requirement for a case study has been established in the RFP. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the offeror to locate and obtain any case studies they want to include in their proposal that may have been performed in the past that are related to the scope of this RFP. The Department is not aware of any recent similar case studies that have been performed on behalf of the Department.

Question 08: Would you provide the "Use of Prototype Designs in Public School Construction Projects" mentioned in §4.01?

Answer: The Department has posted it to the OPN page for this RFP as Attachment 12.

Question 09: Is there a budget?

Answer: No budget has been established in the RFP, see §1.04 "Budget."

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Question 10: What amount was appropriated?

Answer: \$500,000 was appropriated for this study.

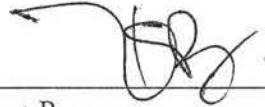
Question 11: Is there a bid holders list? Can we get a list of attendees of this teleconference?

Answer: No, the Department does not maintain a list of bid holders for this RFP or take attendance at this teleconference. The Department maintains a list of registrants, but that is confidential until after proposals are opened.

Question 12: Will information regarding Alaska Business License requirements be corrected to reflect recent statutory changes?

Answer: Per AS 36.30.210(e) the successful offeror shall have a valid Alaska business license at the time the contract is awarded. To qualify as an Alaska bidder under AS 36.30.321, an offeror shall have a valid Alaska business license at the time designated in the request for proposals for opening of the proposals.

A02 Item 3. The correct version of the RFP is titled RFP 2015-0500-2789 A00 *Prototypical School Design and Construction in Alaska A02 Revision*. The correct version of the RFP has "Amendment 01 Revision" under the page number in the footer.



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