

# STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Military & Veterans Affairs  
Division of Administrative Services



## INVITATION TO BID (ITB) 240000024 HAINES & HYDABURG TSUNAMI SIREN INSTALLATION

### ADDENDUM 1

ISSUED MARCH 12, 2024

This This addendum is being issued for informational purposes only to answer questions from vendors.

**Important Note to Offerors:** You are **not** required to sign and return this page of the addendum document with your bid. All other terms and conditions of the ITB remain the same. This Addendum is hereby made part of the ITB and is a total of three pages.

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## QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFERORS AND ANSWER FROM THE STATE

**Question 1:** *Can the Government identify the number of existing sirens that are integrated with this system?*

**Answer 1:** There are none currently.

**Question 2:** *Can the Government identify the number of existing Central Control Units (control servers) that are monitoring/controlling system?*

**Answer 2:** The government has twelve (12) central control units, with only one (1) required for the siren.

**Question 3:** *Will this project include any Government Furnished Equipment (GFE), or will all equipment/material be procured by the contractor?*

**Answer 3:** The contracted party will assume responsibility for refurbishing both the siren and cabinet, ensuring their proper functionality prior to installation. The contractor must demonstrate expertise as a subject matter specialist, proficient in the seamless integration and operation of these components in tandem. The government has the siren heads and cabinets.

**Question 4:** *What are the pole requirements for the new sirens? Will these be direct buried, or will they require a concrete pad? Does the Government require Wooden Class II or Steel Poles? What is the required height?*

**Answer 4:** As the designated subject matter expert, we rely on your expertise. The contracted party will offer recommendations regarding height and pole type, aligning them with the specific weather conditions and geographical location of the communities in question. Currently, we do not have a community-designated location.

**Question 5:** *Does the Government require solar panels for additional battery-backup?*

**Answer 5:** As the designated subject matter expert, we rely on your expertise. Additionally, the consideration of solar panels is an optional addition, contingent upon feasibility and compatibility with our existing sirens.

**Question 6:** *Will the Government be providing AC power to the pole location? If this is a contractor requirement, can the Government provide the distance and trenching requirements to the nearest power tie-in point?*

**Answer 6:** No. The contracted party will assume responsibility for determining the desired location. Historically, these sirens have typically been erected in close proximity to a power supply, and this historical context will be taken into account during the decision-making process.

**Question 7:** *What type of wireless communication will be required for the new sirens? Cellular, SATCOM, RF (UHF/VHF)?*

**Answer 7:** In the past, these sirens have traditionally been positioned near or on a public safety building, requiring manual activation by an individual operating a computer. The contractor must conduct a comprehensive assessment of the listed sirens and their functionalities to ensure a thorough understanding of the product's complete functions.

**Question 8:** *As this is a government funded bid using taxpayers' money, can you tell me if this is a Sole Source Bid?*

**Answer 8:** This solicitation is open any responsive and responsible bidders and not a sole source procurement. The Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management currently owns the sirens and is seeking to have them transported and installed via a competitive procurement process.

**Question 9:** *If so, where in the ITB is the Sole Source justification stated?*

**Answer 9:** Not applicable, as this is a competitive procurement.

**Question 10:** *Does Hydaburg or Haines Alaska already have Federal Signal speakers, and this is an expansion of an existing alerting solution?*

**Answer 10:** No, they don't have any currently on hand. We are using Sirens that have been turned into us and are still serviceable.

**Question 11:** *If so, what are the specifications of the current speaker model?*

**Answer 11:** See ITB page 10; Sec. 2.10 SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

**END OF ADDENDUM 1**