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ADDENDUM # 1

On April 20, 2015, the City of Birmingham invited bids for a Multi-energy, single view X-ray screening system (15-35). Said bid to be opened 2:00 p.m., May 20, 2015.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS and ANSWERS:

- (1.) Do the conveyor ends have to be foldable even if the unit fits in the elevator? If not, please advise the dimensions of elevator so we can confirm it fits.

The system bid must fit into a standard size elevator compartment without any disassembly/reassembly.

- (2.) Please elaborate on this requirement. Does a light need to turn on when a threat has been found? Yes

Will an alternative alert system be acceptable?

Depends on the alternate, audible is probably not acceptable. See last paragraph, page 3 of bid document.

- (3.) Is it critical that the x-ray beam angle be equal to or less than 60 degrees? Will an alternate beam angle be acceptable as long as it does not affect the image?

The exact beam angle may vary within a reasonable tolerance, but bidder must provide specific documentation to demonstrate the functionality is equal to or greater than that specified. State reasons to support any claims

- (4.) Will a smaller number of detectors be acceptable as long as it does not affect the imaging performance?

Within reason and you would need to state specific deviations and explain in detail how it would provide same quality, performance and capability as that specified.

- (5.) Is it acceptable if the high density area is highlighted but does not blink?

Yes. Explain why the non-blinking alert is as efficient as that specified.

(6.) What type of operator training program is required?

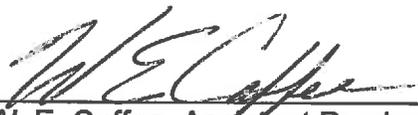
One that will allow a novice to be trained to adequately operate the system and become familiar with its functionality.

(7.) Why does the system need to be at least 2080mm in length? Why would the City of Birmingham not accept a system that is 1420mm in length which meets all other specifications?

Why does the system need to be between 1350mm and 1450mm? Why would the City of Birmingham not accept a system shorter or taller than this range which otherwise would meet all specifications?

Please see last paragraph on page 3 of the bid document. The City's intent is to purchase a system capable of handling all of the potential x-ray scanning situations that may occur, small to large in size. One system to handle all possible situations for economy - including size. Conveyor area should be long enough to place large, long in length, items on the conveyor without having to manually insert item into the tunnel area or hold onto the item at the rear while it enters the tunnel. Same logic for items exiting the tunnel. Size does make a difference. Bid equal or better. City does not wish to downgrade to a smaller, less efficient, less capable piece of equipment.

(8.) Bid opening remains as originally scheduled 2:00 p.m., May 20, 2015.



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