

Addendum to Appendix B Questions and Answers

Question: Please provide the prior low bids for inspections and monitoring.

Answer: Enclosed are the prior low bids from bid# 743Q Fire & Smoke Alarm Inspections and Monitoring, which was awarded to two vendors. Please note that not only were the services were bid out under a different format, but the inspection specifications have been significantly altered. Therefore, these bid amounts may not be compatible with the current solicitation.

Question: What type of dialers do you currently have?

Answer: Radionics, Notifier & DMP

Question: Concerning the Monitoring; if the Fire Alarm panel gets a communication error and you call us to take a look at it, is that included in the Full Service terminology?

Answer: No, the monitoring service is only for the monitoring of alarm activity. Any repairs would be covered under the inspection and repairs contract.

Question: Appendix B, Page 3 states Visual Examination of the Initiating Devices of Fire Extinguisher Systems. Do you want us to visual inspect fire Extinguishers and if you have a kitchen suppression system, to do a visual also?

Answer: Inspection of hand held fire extinguishers is not part of this contract. We would require inspection of the fire alarm system initiating devices if connected to a sprinkler system. Kitchen Ansul systems are not inspected under this contract. However, if they are connected to the alarm system it is required that you inspect the device to make sure that if the kitchen suppression system is activated it will set off the alarm system as well.

Question: Please clarify Appendix B, Page 4, "Fire extinguishing suppression systems or switches".

- B. SEMI ANNUAL (Two times per year)
 - 1. Batteries:
 - Lead Acid - Perform discharge test (30 minutes), load voltage test, check specific gravity
 - Nickel Cadmium – Load voltage test
 - Sealed lead acid – Load voltage test
 - 2. Sprinkler Alarming Devices –Test alarm connection to the fire alarm system.
 - Water flow Alarm devices
 - Valve tamper Alarm switches
 - Fire extinguishing suppression systems or switches

Answer: The “Fire extinguishing suppression systems or switches” shall be inspected for its connection to the fire alarm devices.

All inspections under this contract shall be in accordance to the NFPA 72 current requirements.

Question: There are minority subcontracting goals for this project, but this work must be done under a NYS Fire Alarm License, which typically requires that all staff be directly employed by the company holding the license. Will the DDSO consider waiving this requirement?

Answer: A waiver must be requested through our MWBE department. They may be contacted at (518) 474-5513.

Question: Will there be a time for a walk through to view a sampling of the sites?

Answer: There is not a formal site visit scheduled. You may contact the Work Control Department at (518) 370-7412 to schedule a visit to the house.

Question: Appendix B, General Standards, Full Service section states that this is a full service contract. Are all system repairs to be fully covered by our bid price, or will this work be performed on a time and materials basis?

Answer: The inspections are full service. Any repairs or service calls are reimbursed at the hourly rates bid, plus parts.

Question: If repairs are billable, can we charge travel time to service calls?

Answer: No, travel time will not be reimbursed. Payment of hourly rate will be based on time on site. This will be verified by the house staff and their visitor sign in/out log.

Question: Please confirm that EEO and Staffing Plans do not need to be submitted with the initial bid.

Answer: The only document required for your bid to be considered valid, is the Exhibit A – Bid Form. All other required documents will be collected if you are determined the low bidder.

Question: Pertaining to Appendix B, under General Provisions, does fire alarm testing and inspections fall under the guidelines of Article 9 Prevailing Wage Laws and Regulations?

Answer: The NYS Department of Labor has advised the DDSO that the inspections and testing are not covered under Prevailing Wages, unless there is a resulting repair, in which case the entire visit is covered under Article 8. Please contact the NYS Department of Labor, Bureau of Public Works to confirm or clarify and question regarding the payment of Prevailing Wages, or Certified Payroll Records. They may be reached at (518) 457-5589.

Question: Do the facilities have any access and/or audible appliance activation restrictions by time, day of week or resident occupancy?

Answer: While there are no contractual restrictions, it is recommended that testing be done during the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, while residents are out.

Question: May testing & inspection technicians have unattended access? Such as when there are no DDSO personnel on site.

Answer: Yes, keys will be issued prior to the start of the contract.

Question: Can the initial quarterly inspection dates be re-aligned at the on start? For example, inspection schedules are re-aligned over the 90 day period; whereby certain facilities scheduled to be tested throughout the first month of the 90 day period, another group scheduled to be tested throughout the first month of the 90 day period, another group to be tested on the 2nd month of the quarter and so forth?

Answer: The winning bidder may set up the initial schedule according to their preference. The inspections must be done at regular intervals however. For example, if house #1 is inspected on January 5 of the 1st quarter, it should be done in April of the 2nd quarter.

Question: Are there onsite service response time requirements?

Answer: As per the contract specifications, Section III. FIRE ALARM TESTING GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, Sub Section E. Impairments:

All system defects and malfunctions shall be corrected as part of the testing and maintenance of the system under this contract. If a defect or malfunction is not corrected at the conclusion of system inspection, testing, or maintenance, and the defect or malfunction is such that it will result in the inability of the fire alarm system to operate adequately in the event of a fire, the system owner shall be informed of the impairment immediately, followed in writing within 24 hours so that corrective action can be taken. The owner will provide contacts to the contractor for immediate response when impairments compromise system operation.

Question: Under section III Fire Alarm System Testing General Requirements per sub-section A1 Initiating Devices: "All fire alarm initiating devices and alarm system components shall be physically tested quarterly". Would any form of visible inspection of non-powered heat detectors and/or manual pull stations be acceptable?

Answer: No, the components must be physically tested and pull stations should be manually pulled each quarter.

Fire/Smoke Alarm Quarterly Cleaning and Inspections
Addendum to Appendix C
Payment Provisions

The following fifty-seven sites require Quarterly Cleaning & Inspections

1.)	3 Arberger Dr, Queensbury, NY	743-1754
2.)	525 Main St, Corinth, NY	654-2196
3.)	7 Dunn Ave, Corinth, NY	654-9423
4.)	33 East Holcomb, North Creek, NY	251-5195
5.)	12 Fenway Cr, Lake Luzerne, NY	696-4692
6.)	6305 Route 9N, Hadley, NY	696-5111
7.)	40 Lower Hubbell Rd, Lake George, NY	668-9621
8.)	25 McCormack Dr, Lake George, NY	743-9201
9.)	40 Meadow Ln, Queensbury, NY	792-6120
10.)	3 Old Post Road, Lake George, NY	668-5426
11.)	7 Stewart Dr, Lake Luzerne, NY	696-5780
12.)	669 Stony Creek Rd, Hadley, NY	696-3452
13.)	56 Sweet Rd, Queensbury, NY	761-0052
14.)	77 Alpine Meadows Road, Porters Corners, NY	893-7633
15.)	1399 West High St, Ballston Spa, NY	885-3413
16.)	954 Benedict Rd, Ballston Lake, NY	877-6598
17.)	20 Davidson Dr, Saratoga Springs, NY	584-6355
18.)	143 Ingersol Rd, Saratoga Springs, NY	581-2981
19.)	6240 Jockey St, Middle Grove, NY	882-9598
20.)	4759 Route 50, Gansevoort, NY	587-1016
21.)	21 Spring St, Schuylerville, NY	695-3307
22.)	596 Spier Falls Rd, Greenfield Center, NY	893-0934
23.)	66 Western Ave, Amsterdam, NY	882-5598
24.)	136 Wilton Rd, Greenfield Center, NY	893-3312
25.)	65 Worth Rd, Gansevoort, NY	587-5250
26.)	377 Farm to Market Rd, Clifton Park, NY	664-3331
27.)	23 Firestone Ln, Clifton Park, NY	877-0143

28.)	902 Main St, Jonesville, NY	877-4734
29.)	258 Lapp Rd, Clifton Park, NY	373-1830
30.)	210 VanAernem Rd, Ballston Spa, NY	885-4661
31.)	160 Butler Rd, Fort Edward, NY	798-0867
32.)	239 General Fellows Rd, Greenwich, NY	695-3439
33.)	387 Gansevoort Rd, Fort Edward, NY	798-5014
34.)	126 Warren St, Glens Falls, NY	798-3784
35.)	53 Greenbarn Rd, Hudson Falls, NY	746-1154
36.)	2243 State Route 22A, Hampton, NY	282-9703
37.)	240 Main St, Hudson Falls, NY	747-6696
38.)	17 Tripoli Rd., Hudson Falls, NY	792-0621
39.)	11 Leland St, So. Glens Falls, NY	743-9614
40.)	74 Platt St, Glens Falls, NY	743-9550
41.)	24 Webster Ave, Glens Falls, NY	743-0945
42.)	11 Bowen Hill Road, Cambridge. NY (Arlington IRA)	677-2175
43.)	9 Avenue B, Cambridge, NY	677-2948
44.)	7 Bascom Dr, Fort Edward, NY	746-1363
45.)	24 Mountainview Dr, Cambridge, NY	677-2697
46.)	125, Gillis Rd, Greenwich, NY	692-2319
47.)	62 Perkins Dr, Hudson Falls, NY	746-1719
48.)	117 Perry Hill Road, Shushan, NY	854-3717
49.)	4396 State Route 22, Salem, NY	854-3717
50.)	269 Skellie Rd, Greenwich, NY	854-3515
51.)	7 Sullivan Parkway, Fort Edward, NY	746-1782
52.)	613 Sherman Ave, Queensbury, NY	761-4052
53.)	200 Smith Dr, Corinth, NY	654-7600
54.)	99 Broad St, Schuylerville, NY	695-4065
55.)	300 Blackhouse Rd, Fort Edward, NY	747-7411
56.)	6 Oxford St, Clifton Park, NY	371-0478
57.)	8 Twilight Dr, Clifton Park, NY	383-1741

SERVICE

Quarterly Rate for Cleaning & Inspections: \$100.00 per site.

REPAIRS

	<u>Business Hours Unit Price</u>	<u>Off Hours Unit Price</u>
Replace Panel Battery	\$120.00	\$135.00
Alarm Reset	\$75.00	\$90.00
Additional Cleaning of Smoke Detector	\$75.00	\$90.00
Replace/Install Smoke Detector	\$120.00	\$135.00
Replace/Install Heat Detector	\$90.00	\$105.00
Replace Pull Station	\$105.00	\$120.00
Replace Strobe Lights	\$110.00	\$125.00
Replace Horn/Strobe	\$120.00	\$135.00

PARTS/MATERIALS NOT DEFINED ABOVE

Percent of Mark up over cost 40%

HOURLY RATE

Business work hours	\$80.00 per hour
Off Hours work hours	\$95.00 per hour

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8/1/08 – 7/31/09

The following twenty-nine sites require

MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE

1. Albany St. IRA, 2415 Albany Street, Schenectady, NY 12304, Phone 372-9316
2. Buchanan St. IRA, 57 Buchanan St., Albany, NY 12206, Phone 482-4411
3. Holmes Dale Respite, 163 Holmes Dale, Albany, NY 12208, Phone 459-8525
4. Delaware Ave. IRA, 397 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054, Phone 439-9960
5. Kenwood Ave. IRA, 360 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054, Phone 439-9970
6. Maple Lane No. IRA, 6 Maple Lane North, Loudonville, NY 12211, Phone 438-2897
7. Hillcrest Drive IRA, 4 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena, NY 12143, Phone 756-3807
8. Bradley St. IRA, 1622 Bradley Street, Schenectady, NY 12304, Phone 393-2024
9. Union Street IRA, 1212 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308, Phone 346-1185
10. Broadway IRA, 2317 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12306, Phone 393-7316
11. Brookview IRA, 1860 Brookview Road, Castleton, NY 12033, Phone 732-7222
12. Karenwald IRA, 804 Karenwald Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309, Phone 370-0375
13. Danielwood IRA, 21 Danielwood Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211, Phone 435-0223
14. Marie IRA, 1 Marie Avenue, Albany, NY 12203, Phone 456-3855
15. McChesney IRA, 185 McChesney Avenue, Brunswick, NY 12180, Phone 279-0675
16. 3rd Avenue IRA, 414 Third Avenue, Troy, NY 12182, Phone 233-8551
17. Feura Bush IRA, 828 Feura Bush Road, Delmar, NY 12054, Phone 439-9312
18. 24th Street IRA, 28 Twenty-Fourth Street, Troy, NY 12180, Phone 273-9855
19. Best Road IRA, 1321 Best Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061, Phone 283-7930
20. Greenwood Dr. IRA, 4 Greenwood Drive Ext., East Greenbush, NY 12061, Phone 479-0605

21. Phillips Road IRA, 2659 Phillips Road, Schodack, NY 12033, Phone 477-7603
22. Tibbits Ave. IRA, 1674 Tibbits Avenue, Troy, NY 12180, Phone 274-9092
23. Middleburgh IRA, 195 Grove Street, Middleburgh, NY 12122, Phone 827-7300
24. Boght Road IRA, 206 Boght Road, Watervliet, NY 12189, Phone 273-6926
25. Primer Court IRA, 10 Primer Court, Clifton Park, NY 12065, Phone 383-3178
26. Keyes Ave. IRA, 1383 Keyes Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309, Phone 377-7883
27. Rte. 7 Respite, 2200 Troy-Schenectady Road, Schenectady, NY 12309, Phone 344-7506
28. Church Ave Respite, 55 Church Ave, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, Phone 884-2880
29. Grooms Road IRA, 889 Grooms Road, Rexford, NY 12148, Phone 383-5020

**The following two sites require
MAINTENANCE SERVICE ONLY**

(Quarterly Cleaning and Inspections)

30. Burnt Hills Day Hab, 150 Lake Hill Road, Burnt Hills, NY 12027, Phone 384-0494
31. Capital Day Services, 30 Russell Road, Albany, NY 12206, Phone 485-5747

SERVICE

Quarterly Rate for Cleaning & Inspections: \$112.00 x 31 sites x 4 qtrs. = \$13,888.00

Monthly Rate for Monitoring: \$17.50 per site x 29 sites x 12 mo. = \$6090.00

REPAIRS*

	<u>Business Hours Unit Price</u>	<u>Off Hours Unit Price</u>
Replace Panel Battery	\$144.00	\$200.00
Alarm Reset	\$76.00	\$114.00
Additional Cleaning of Smoke Detector	\$76.00	\$114.00
Replace/Install Smoke Detector	\$166.00	\$222.00
Replace/Install Heat Detector	\$125.00	\$181.00
Replace Pull Station	\$145.00	\$201.00
Replace Strobe Lights	\$164.00	\$220.00
Replace Horn/Strobe	\$180.00	\$236.00

PARTS/MATERIALS NOT DEFINED ABOVE

Percent of Mark up over cost 50%

HOURLY RATE

Business work hours	\$112.00 per hour
Off Hours work hours	\$168.00 per hour