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***Design/Build of the Turf Field and Running Track Replacement at Rockville High School  
RFP #VPS-FY21-001***

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Q: *Do you have a construction cost/estimated budget?***

A: We do not have an estimated budget for this project.

**Q: *Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?***

A: We do not anticipate extending the bid due date at this point.

**Q: *What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?***

A: All details have been provided in the bid posting.

**Q: *Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at [www.mygovwatch.com/free](http://www.mygovwatch.com/free)?***

A: No

**Q: *Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?***

A: The bid is posted on the Connecticut BIZNET Contracting Portal.

**Q: *Would you happen to have a list of interested bidders for this RFP? I am looking to reach out to them regarding our synthetic turf product and services for this project.***

A: We do not have a list now. We can share the participant list for those who came to the mandatory site visit upon request.

**Q: *Have you issued any addenda for this project?***

A: To date, we have not issued any addenda.

**Q: *Can we obtain copy of the plan holder's list?***

A: There are no plans and specs on this project as it is a Design/Build RFP, therefore there is no plan holders list.

**Q: *Will the list of attendees from today's mandatory pre-bid be posted on the town's website?***

A: We do not post this to our website.

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**Q: Also, will answers to questions be posted to the website or emailed directly to the contacts in attendance of the meeting earlier today?**

A: We will receive questions from potential bidders until **Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at NOON EST.** Once this deadline has passed, we will record all questions and answers and will post the document to our website.

**Q: I am reaching out as follow up to Monday's mandatory pre-bid for the Rockville High School RFP. At the meeting, it was stated that as-built drawings for the existing stadium will be provided by the school from the town hall. Can you please advise how I can gain access to these drawings?**

A: We have put in a request to the Town to obtain the drawings. We will share as soon as it becomes available.

**Q: Are there any as-builts of the site that can be made available? Most notably storm drainage and utilities around the site.**

A: Maps that provide details for the project will be made available next week.

**Q: What are the permitting requirements anticipated to be? Typically, we would see a project of this nature requiring a Planning and Zoning permit or special permit**

A: Currently, we believe a permit is not required.

**Q: To achieve the desired start of construction date, the design and permitting process would need to be completed prior to appropriation of funding. Is it the Districts intent that the bidder shall be responsible for the costs to perform such services at their risk in the event that the project funding is not approved in May? Or does the District have funding available for the design and permitting approval services that are required prior to the appropriation of funding in May and the start of construction in June?**

A: As indicated in the RFP, this project is design/build. Contractors are asked to submit proposals for both services. The project is subject to budget appropriation. The BOE reserves the right to cancel the project should there be any changes to appropriation.

**Q: The design of the field and track drainage and base is dependent on the on-site conditions and will vary depending on the depth and nature of the soils. Due to an Existing Conditions Survey and an existing subsurface investigation are not available to bidders, is the intend that the bidders shall make assumptions as to the existing conditions, outline their assumptions in their bid, and variations in site conditions will be addressed as additional scope/change orders?**

A: Yes, bidders should plan the best they can based on the information available and outline that in their bid. We can adjust as we know more.

**Q: Please clarify that resurfacing of the track is included in the project scope, as it is not listed in the Project Price/Description Sheet.**

A: We are looking to completely replace the track, down to the base layer.

**Q: There can be a significant difference in performance, quality, and lifespan of components such as the yarn, backing material, and shock pad (if used) in a turf system. Even within a single manufacturer, they produce systems of varied quality. Is there any additional information available about the desired synthetic turf system? Or how the District intends to review and compare the systems proposed in the bids received?**

A: We are looking for a couple of different options from the bidders in terms of turf design. We would like an option with crumb rubber, and an alternate fill. After bids are complete the turf committee will review the bids and then meet with the bidders that we feel would be the best fit for the job.

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**Q: In discussing the subject project with contractors, I was told there would be updated documents. I am specifically interested in a drawing of the proposed field. As a turf manufacturer we need to know the field size in order to accurately price our turf. Can you confirm this information is coming? Also, will the bid date change?**

A: The Town is expected to provide the drawings of the current field area this week. The bid date remains as scheduled.

**Q: At the mandatory pre-bid, there was mention of replacing the attached existing storage building. This work is not mentioned in the written scope of the RFP and not everyone present at the pre-bid heard the discussion regarding this work. This work scope includes but may not be limited to the following:**

- Disconnect & relocate existing electric service panel and meter
- Demolish and remove existing structure
- Prep subgrade for new structure
- Furnish and install new wood framed storage structure
- Reconnect electric panel

**What portions of this work scope are to be included in the design / build RFP? Is the new storage structure to be similar in size, location, and functionality as the existing?**

A: We would need all of those components included in the price. Remove and replace electrical, demo and remove the old storage, replace the storage shed of similar size, location and functionality.

**Q: Addendum #1 included a cross-section of the existing track. This showed a 1" rub-kor surface above a 2" bituminous binder course. Please confirm the profile of the existing track.**

A: Yes. As shown in Addendum #1

**Q: Please confirm the scope of the "track surface replacement". Is the expectation to remove just the track surfacing and install a new track surface over the existing asphalt?**

A: The expectation is to remove and replace the entire track surface over the existing asphalt. If the contractor recommends replacing the asphalt underneath that would have to be discussed with the committee.

**Q: How old is the existing asphalt surface below the track surface?**

A: It is estimated at 20 years.

**Q: The condition of the existing asphalt will not be fully known until the existing surface is removed. If the asphalt is found to be at the end of its useful life, will this be dealt with as a change order to the contract?**

A: If the asphalt is found to be at the end of its useful life, we would discuss with the committee and change the contract to address the issue.

**Q: For purposes of bidding can an alternate be setup/included in the bid for removal and replacement of the existing asphalt surface and trench drain along the inside perimeter of the track?**

A: Yes we are open to different options and alternatives in the bid.

**Q: Please confirm the ADA scope required for the project.**

A: At this time we do not see any ADA issues, however, if a contractor is noticing anything that could be an issue, we would like it addressed.

**Q: Please confirm the electrical system intent/scope required.**

A: We would like to replace the PA system and have speakers installed on both sides of the field with the control in the press box. We also would need to replace the current electrical in the storage shed, which powers the lights for the field.

**Q: Please confirm the underground plumbing & pipefitting intent/scope required.**

A: We would need proper drainage installed in the field.

**Q: Please confirm the speaker system & public address system intent/scope required.**

A: Replace the existing system with quality speakers on both sides of the field, and throughout the stadium.

**Q: Is the owner or contractor responsible for the demolition and loaming/seed ing of the existing track event outside of the oval?**

A: No. Any track events outside of the fence are not part of the project.

**Q: Does the school/town want the existing topsoil? Or does the contractor own disposal offsite?**

A: The Town will designate a location for disposal of the topsoil and the contractor is responsible to transport it to the location in Town.

**Q: Please confirm where the limit of work for the project?**

A: Unsure what the question is.

**Q: Should there be 2 jump pits installed in opposite directions?**

A: We want one jumping pit in the D zone and on the same side of the field , but on opposite end we want a pole vault area.

**Q: Is a bid bond required for this project?**

A: Yes

**Q: Please confirm the location of the Blue section of turf with "ROCKVILLE"; is this along the sidelines or in the end zones?**

A: Along both sidelines.

**Q: In the base price, should we include new goal posts or are we to re-install existing?**

A: We would like to re-install the existing goal posts

**Q: In the base price, does the 4' fence remain, and if so should we figure repair to loose fabric ?**

A: The 4' fence will remain. No repairs will be included as part of this project.

**Q: In the base price, how tall shall the ball safety netting system be?**

A: A minimum of 20 feet tall.

**Q: Section 1.2 for Products and/or Services lists "Electrical Systems" and also "Speaker System & Public Address Systems". Can you please clarify what you are expecting to receive under these scopes?**

A: We are looking for an upgraded sound system on both side of the track. We would like to r eplace the current system we have. The system would have to be connected to the press box electrical system.

**Q: *On the Project Price/Description Sheet, what is “Rock type and amount”?***

A: This refers to the material type and amount

**Q: *On the Project Price/Description Sheet, the synthetic turf system is broken down into 10 items, but it’s not clear how to break down the pricing for all of the other items listed in Section 1.2 (ex. Drainage, Athletic Equipment, Electrical, Track Asphalt, Etc.) On the Price Sheet you have one item for “Subgrade work” and one item for “Additional/other”. How are we to distribute the pricing?***

A: We are looking for a menu of how much each component would cost. This way if we wanted to upgrade or eliminate any component we would know how much that would affect the cost.

**Q: *Would you be willing to consider a bid extension?***

A: The bid is set to be opened on schedule.

**Q: *My company has installed about 50 turf fields in CT and are interested in bidding as a sub-contractor for your project. Do you have a bidder’s list or sign in sheet from the pre-bid?***

A: We do not have a bidder’s list. We can provide the list of contractors who participated in the mandatory site visit last week.

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