

## CITY OF HOUSTON

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SUBJECT: Addendum No. 10

**REFERENCE:** Invitation To Bid (ITB) for the IAH Runway 9-27 Grind and Groove at George Bush

Intercontinental Airport (IAH); Solicitation No. H06-IAHRWY-2025-009; Project No.

1073

To: All Prospective Bidders:

This Addendum is being issued for the following reason:

## I. Respond to the following questions.

1. **Question:** The answer to question 2 in addendum 9 does not clarify which item is to pay for the installation (actual labor required to install fixtures in can tops) of the new fixtures provided for with the allowance. There is a note on page 00410B-4 that says the allowance is to be used of the material and installation of those fixtures, but line item 20 still includes installation as well. This is doubling up the cost for the installation of the fixtures. Can this be further clarified? If the allowance is to carry the cost of installation of new fixtures, then line item 20 will severely underrun (approx. 87%). Can you please provide better clarity on this breakout?

**Response:** Cost for installation should be included in your base bid amount. The allowance is designated solely for the cost of the lights, transformers, and any additional items specifically required for the installation of the LED lights that are not already covered under other pay items.

2. Question: If the decision has not already been made regarding new fixtures, then it is unreasonable to ask the contractor to cover DBE participation for a portion of the solicitation that may not be awarded. This puts an unnecessary burden on the contractor to source additional participation that may not ultimately be needed. This can prevent bidders from providing the most competitive price for this contract to cover a tentative contract additive.

**Response:** The pricing of the line item for the lights in this bid should be based on the installation of the existing lights. The allowance should be treated strictly as a purchase line item, as the installation process for the LED lights is the same as that of the existing lights. Accordingly, the base bid must include the cost of installation.

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3. **Question:** If the decision regarding the new fixtures has been made, and will be required, we ask that line item 20 be adjusted to reflect only the fixtures that will be salvaged and re-installed. We further ask that an additional line item for furnishing and installing new fixtures be added to the base bid so that these fixtures can be competitively bid rather than an allowance that may not reflect the true cost of this scope.

<u>Response:</u> The decision to purchase has been made; however, installation will depend on the delivery of the lights due to the long lead time. In connection with the allowance, you will receive the specifications for the lights and transformers at the time of the Notice to Proceed (NTP). A quote reflecting the cost to purchase both items will be required to release the corresponding amount through the allowance.

To minimize operational impact, the lights are to be ordered under the allowance. If the lights do not arrive in time, the existing lights will be installed, and the LED lights will subsequently be turned over to HAS. Should the LED lights arrive on time, a credit for the reinstallation of the existing lights will be requested, and the allowance will be applied as outlined in the initial question.

4. Question: There are contradicting answers regarding the effect on the DBE goal with respect to the new allowance included in addendum 8. The answer to question 3 stats that it is based on the "original contract" (base bid), further stating it "does not change even if the contract amount increases due to allowances". This seems to indicate that there has not been a decision on whether HAS will require new fixtures or use the salvaged fixtures in the light can top. However, the answer to question 5 states "the DBE participation percentage should be calculated based on the full contract amount, which includes the cash allowance." This contradicts the earlier answer and indicates that the new fixtures will be required. Please provide clarity on this issue.

Response: To further clarify, the advertised DBE goal percentage has not changed and remains at 15%. The DBE participation amount is calculated based on the total bid price. As outlined in Document 410B-7, Section F, the total bid price includes both the base unit price and the cash allowance. Therefore, while the participation amount would likely increase due to the higher cash allowance, the DBE goal percentage itself remains unchanged. Refer to the responses above for clarity on the fixtures.

When issued, Addendum shall automatically become part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Addendum. Addendum will be incorporated into the Agreement as applicable. It is the responsibility of the bidder(s) to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidder(s) shall be deemed to have received all Addendum and to have incorporated them into their bid.

If further clarification is needed regarding this solicitation, please contact Senior Procurement Specialist, David Martinez via email at david.martinez@houstontx.gov.

Sincerely,

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