ADDENDUM 2

DATE: September 11, 2015
PROJECT: BBS Vivarium Construction
RFP NO: RFP 744-R1521
OWNER: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
TO: Prospective Proposers

This Addendum forms part of and modifies Proposal Documents dated, August 13, 2015, with amendments and additions noted below.

1. Q&A

**Question 1:**
Can you please clarify the dimensions of the existing elevator doors for the UT BBS Vivarium project on Level 1 and Level 6. In scaling the drawings, it appears that they are 4'-0" clear; I just wanted to confirm that this was accurate.

**Answer 1:**
Per the shop drawings received, the clear width is 48".

**Question 2:**
Please clarify if the wage rates for this project are to be Davis-Bacon (http://www.gpo.gov/davisbacon) or Harris County 3rd Q 2015 (http://www.eng.hctx.net/wage/public.asp).

**Answer 2:**
Please see Attachment A – Prevailing Wage Determination Houston / Galveston Area.

**Question 3:**
Please confirm that not all areas of work will be able to be completed at one time. If this is to be phased, please clarify the order of the phasing.

**Answer 3:**
The project will have two phases. A phasing plan is in Attachment B.

**Question 4:**
During the site walk it was pointed out that there are existing plywood catwalks branching off the metal catwalk shown on the plans. There are no new plywood catwalks indicated on the plans. Please clarify the location and construction of any of these catwalks if they are to be included in the contractor’s scope of work. Are these to follow the partitions below for support, or be supported from above?
Answer 4:
No additional catwalks branching off from the main cat walk are required as the intent is to have all new mechanical controls and valves accessible from the existing catwalk. The contractor is to provide and install all temporary scaffolding and or walking surfaces as required to perform the installation of all new work.

Question 5:
Sheet E-206 – Please provide the location of the existing electrical panels (located in PE01 Penthouse) in reference to the project location.

Answer 5:
Sheet E-400 has had a Penthouse floor plan added to show the existing panel locations.

Question 6:
Sheet E-206, General Note J – The FD cast type box specified in Note J is designed to be surface mounted, not recessed. Please clarify the mounting for these boxes.

Answer 6:
This type box is intended and works very nicely recessed in a sheetrock wall for this use. The construction allows easy sealing.

Question 7:
Sheet E-206, General Note J – This note indicates to use EMT conduit, compression fittings, with silicone caulking at each end. Even with the sealing on each end, using only EMT with compression fittings will not create a complete seal. In order to create a complete seal, IMC with seal-off fittings will need to be used. Please confirm the design intent: whether we will need to provide a complete seal (with IMC & seal-offs), or follow the EMT/compression spec provided.

Answer 7:
The note is written as intended. The intent is not to create an air-tight conduit system but to create a barrier to prevent anything from leaving the animal room.

Question 8:
Sheet E-206, Drawing Note 12 – The lighting controls are only defined as dimmer over ride switches. Better definition of the controls will be needed in order to provide pricing.

Answer 8:
All information required for a complete system is provided in the bidding documents.

Question 9:
Lighting Controls – Please provide a sequence of operation. Per Supplier “Before we would be able to quote a Vivarium project we will need a sequence of operation statement. We have found that these types of projects often require an order of operations that we are not able to support. Once we have the sequence of operations we should be able to get a quote issued in about a week.”
**Answer 9:**
The lighting controls are sole sourced to match other systems used on campus. LESCO is the manufacturers’ rep for this system. LESCO should be contacted to fully understand the system.

**Question 10:**
*Lighting Controls* – Please clarify for the LumaGraphics if floor plan based screens will be required or screens formatted in a schedule style will suffice.

**Answer 10:**
Yes floor plan based screen are required.

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