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BID/RFP ADDENDUM

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Addendum No. 3

BID/RFP No. ITB-24-045-YG BID/RFP TITLE: Water-Based Fire Protection Systems IMS Contract

This addendum modifies the conditions of the above-referenced BID/RFP as follows:

The deadline for receipt of bids has been extended to Tuesday October 21, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.

Answers to the questions received and revisions to ITB Sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.7, 6.15, 6.16, and Attachment 12.

All other terms and conditions of the ITB will remain the same.

All information, specifications terms, and conditions for the above-referenced BID/RFP, are included on the document posted on the Procurement Management website at http://procurement.dadeschools.net

The attached pages containing clarifications, additional information and requirements constitute an integral part of the referenced bid. If your bid/proposal has not been submitted, substitute the pages marked REVISED and mail your entire bid/proposal package.

I acknowledge receipt of Addendum Number _____

PLEASE NOTE: If your firm has forwarded a copy of this bid/proposal to another vendor, it is your responsibility to forward him/her a copy of this addendum.

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Invitation to Bid (ITB)

ITB-24-045-YG

Water Based Fire Protection Systems, Inspections, Maintenance and Service Contract

ADDENDUM NO. 3

CHANGES TO THE INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

Please note the revisions to the ITB document shown under Attachment A of this addendum.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q1: Is current pricing on the last Bid offering on this work available?

A1: Please refer to Attachment "B" of this Addendum.

Q2: We intend to bid on these services, so I am writing to kindly request the pricing schedule for the last awarded bid.

A2: Please refer to the answer for Question 1 of this addendum.

Q3: Can we have a copy of the current pricing and the Bid Tabulation sheet from last time this was awarded?

A3: Please refer to the response to Question 1 in this addendum. The pricing shown is current, as no price increases have been requested during the term of the existing contract.

Q4: Please provide pricing for the last contract awarded.

A4: Please refer to the answer for Question 1 of this addendum.

Q5: Please provide how many wet sprinkler risers, fire backflows, fire bypass, and standpipes each school has (if possible).

A5: Please refer to Attachment C of this Addendum for a detailed breakdown.
Risers: Between 1100 to 1400
Fire Backflow Preventers: 294
Standpipes: Since many are tied in to the risers, it is difficult to determine.
Standpipe cabinets: 500 to 700

Q6: Are all the schools in the format of quarterly, semi-monthly, and annually? If so, is this only for sprinklers or for the other systems as well?

A6: The frequency of inspections varies by the type of system installed at various M-DCPS facilities, including schools. Please refer to ITB Page 22, paragraph B.7. from Section 6.3. Diesel pumps (3) are required to be inspected weekly; Group A (Sprinklers & Fire Pump Systems) & Group C (Sprinklers and Deluge Systems with Control Panels) sites require monthly, quarterly, semi and annual inspections; Group B (Sprinklers with No Fire Pump) and D (Standpipe Systems) sites require quarterly, semi and annual inspections. We also require annual backflow inspections and for the results to be reported to the corresponding City website where the school is located.

Q7: Do we need to inspect/repair domestic and irrigation backflow as well? Or only fire and bypass.

A7: Inspection/repair of domestic and irrigation backflows are not required under this ITB.

Q8: RFI #1 – Clarification of "Transfer" in section 6.3, A. 1.
Clause: "…tamper, flow, transfer, isolating, pressure, start or stop, and mercoid switches…"

1. **Please confirm whether "transfer" refers to fire pump transfer switches or smaller auxiliary switches.**

2. **If fire pump controllers/transfer switches are included, is the intent full replacement or only troubleshooting/minor component replacement?**

A8: Answer to RFI # 1:

1. The term "transfer" in Section 6.3, A.1 refers to smaller auxiliary switches, not fire pump transfer switches.

2. The intent of this clause is to cover minor component replacement and troubleshooting only. Any necessary full replacement of fire pump controllers or transfer switches falls under Section 6.7

Q9: RFI #2 – Repair Completion Clause (30 Business Days) section 6.4 B.
Clause: "Vendor shall have thirty (30) business working days…otherwise, all repair costs will be incurred by Vendor."

1. **How will delays due to manufacturer backorders or supply chain issues be handled?**

2. **Please confirm whether delays caused by force majeure, owner/site access, or coordination issues are exempt.**

A9: Answer to RFI # 2:

1. As with all aspects of the project, communication is key. If delays arise due to manufacturer backorders or broader supply chain issues, The Vendor must provide timely and appropriate documentation to support the cause of the delay. The District will work with the Vendor to provide a reasonable extension. It is important to note, however, that such extensions will not be granted in cases where the delay is attributable to lack of proactive time management or preventable procurement delays.

2. Delays caused by force majeure events, site access restrictions, or coordination issues beyond the Vendor's control will be considered exempt from the 30-day period. These issues must be communicated promptly and supported with evidence in writing via email at FireSprinkler@dadeschools.net. Delays caused by scheduling conflicts, lack of communication, or avoidable oversight may not qualify for exemption.

Q10: RFI #3 – section 6.7 A. 10. (Scope Clarification)
Clause: "Replacement of backflows, fire pump, fire pump controllers, jockey pumps and jockey pump controllers that fail due to lightning and systems that are over 20 years old and have not failed due to negligence."

1. **Please confirm that the replacement of equipment identified in this clause (backflows, fire pumps, controllers, jockey pumps, etc.) is considered outside the base contract scope and therefore billable as additional work.**

2. **For equipment over 20 years old but still serviceable, please confirm that replacement is only required upon failure, and not proactively under the contract.**

A10: Answer to RFI # 3:

1. As indicated under the ITB Section 6.7, any equipment identified within this clause is considered outside the scope of the base contract (Base Monthly Service Agreement). Therefore, replacement of such equipment is not covered and would be treated as additional work, subject to approval procedures stated under Additional Services (ITB Section 6.17), sub-sections a., b., and c.

2. As outlined under ITB Section 6.7, equipment over 20 years old that remains serviceable and has not failed due to negligence is not subject to proactive replacement under the base contract (Base Monthly Service Agreement). Replacement is only required upon failure, and any such replacement would fall outside the base contract scope, and therefore be considered billable as additional work, subject to prior approval.

Q11: RFI #4 – Mark-Up Percentage / Published Price List section 6.17 1. a
Clause: "The vendor shall note a mark-up percentage off the published price list…"

1. **Please confirm if this means a discount off list price or a markup over vendor cost?**

2. **What qualifies as the "published price list" (national, regional, wholesale catalog)?**

3. **What is inclusive of cost? Freight? Administrative time?**

A11: Answers to RFI #4:

1. This refers to a mark-up percentage (not discount) over the cost of the materials/parts.

2. The published price list refers to the manufacturer's most recent published price list for materials/parts, whether it is a national, regional, or wholesale catalog.

3. The cost refers to the price shown on the manufacturer's most recent published price list for the specific materials/parts. Freight charges may be listed separately on the quote. Administrative time may be included in the Hourly Rate.

Q12: RFI #5 – Initial Performance Requirements 6.4
Clause: "All new Vendors to a group shall complete, within 130 days… all inspections, assessments, and testing needed…"

1. **New Vendor Requirement (130 Days) section 6.4 A - Please confirm whether this applies to the awarded vendor regardless of status as new or incumbent.**

2. **If applicable, does this mean a full re-inspection of all systems, even those already inspected within the quarterly cycle?**

3. **Will incumbent vendors be allowed to submit A-Forms as per 6.4A?**

A12: Answers to RFI # 5:

1. Please refer to the modification made to Section 6.4, paragraphs A and B, through this addendum. Yes, the 130-day requirement applies to the awarded vendor regardless of whether they are new or incumbent. While incumbent vendors may already have familiarity with the sites, we recognize that not all sites have had their annual inspections completed, and there may be outstanding issues that have not yet been identified. Therefore, we expect all vendors—including incumbents—to use this 130-day period to perform any necessary inspections, assessments, and testing to identify and report on system conditions.

2. Re-inspection of systems that have already been inspected within the current quarterly cycle is not mandatory. It will be at the discretion of the awarded vendor. If the vendor is confident that all deficiencies were properly identified during the last annual or quarterly inspection, then a full re-inspection is not required. However, the vendor remains responsible for ensuring that all known and newly identified issues are brought forward during the 130-day period.

3. Yes, awarded vendors will be allowed to submit A-Forms for any new deficiencies identified during the 130-day period. This flexibility ensures that all necessary issues can be formally documented and addressed, even if they were not captured in previous inspections.

Q13: RFI #6 – Corroded but Serviceable Piping and Fittings section 6.3 C. 11. l
Clause/Concern: The contract references replacement of corroded pipe and fittings when leaks occur during emergency service calls. Inspections may also identify piping/fittings with surface corrosion that are fully serviceable and not leaking.

1. **Please confirm that piping and fittings with surface corrosion but no active leaks, obstructions, or NFPA 25 deficiencies are considered acceptable and may remain in service.**

2. **If the Owner requests replacement for cosmetic corrosion only, please confirm whether this will be treated as an extra-cost item outside the base contract.**

A13: Answers to RFI # 6:

1. Confirmed. Piping and fittings with surface corrosion but no active leaks, obstructions, or NFPA 25 deficiencies are considered acceptable and may remain in service.

2. Section 6.3 Base Monthly Service Agreement, C.11., refers to piping and fittings that are not serviceable. Cosmetic corrosion would not qualify for coverage under the base monthly service agreement and would be addressed as additional service work, per Section 6.17

Q14: RFI #7 – Base monthly service agreement 6.3 C. 1.
Clause: "The vendor is responsible for all repairs and corrective maintenance labor costs and fees, which shall be inclusive of this contract."

1. **Please confirm whether this provision applies only to labor costs, with parts and materials billed separately, or if both labor and materials are included in the base monthly rate.**

2. **Are there limits to the vendor's responsibility (e.g., does this apply to minor repairs only, or also to major capital replacements such as fire pumps, controllers, or backflow assemblies)?**

A14: Answers to RFI # 7

1. Parts and Materials are included in the base monthly rate.

2. Please refer to ITB Section 6.3 & 6.7.

Q15: RFI #8 – Other System Components section 6.3 C. 6.
Clause: "Other System Components: Includes replacing spare fire sprinkler heads… fire pump, controller, jockey pump and controller…"

1. **Please confirm whether this provision requires full replacement of large components (fire pumps, controllers, jockey pumps) under the monthly base rate, or only troubleshooting and minor parts replacement (switches, seals, batteries, etc.).**

A15: ITB Section 6.3 C.6. states: "… troubleshoot fire pump and components (including fire pump, controller, jockey pump and controller) …". This refers to troubleshooting and minor parts replacement for fire pumps, fire pump controllers, jockey pumps and jockey pump controllers. Full replacement of large components (fire pumps, controllers, jockey pumps) shall be purchased under ITB Part II: Time & Materials – Additional Services (ITB Section 6.17)

Q16: RFI #9 – Documentation of Sprinkler Head Quantities section 6.4 C. Clause: "During the first inspection, Vendor shall document… the total number of fire sprinkler heads, standpipes, fire pumps, deluge systems, backflow."

1. **Please confirm whether the requirement is for an approximate system count based on available records, hydraulic calculation plates, visible tags, or if an exact head count is required.**

2. **If hydraulic calculation plates are found missing, inaccurate, or illegibile, will recreation be included under the base bid, or will the vendor provide an A-Form.**

3. **If an exact count is required, please clarify whether the District will provide as-built drawings/system tags, since NFPA 25 annual inspections do not include physically documenting every sprinkler head.**

A16: Answers to RFI # 9

1. The requirement is for an approximate count.

2. Hydraulic calculation plates that have been reported missing during the first inspection, will fall under Section 6.17 Additional Services.

3. An exact count is not required.

Q17: RFI #10 – Definition of "Reasonable Control" (Missed Inspection Penalties) 6.11 L. Clause: "Unless due to circumstances beyond the Vendor's reasonable control and documented to MDCPS's satisfaction… the cost of two (2) months service price… shall be deducted from the Vendor's payment for each missed inspection…"

1. **Please define what constitutes "circumstances beyond the Vendor's reasonable control" (e.g., force majeure events, owner access restrictions, manufacturer delays, labor shortages, etc.).**

2. **Please confirm whether documented access restrictions, including school testing, events, etc. initiated by the District or school facility will qualify as circumstances beyond the Vendor's reasonable control.**

3. **If the school or district restricts an inspection because of testing, will the inspection have to be completed after hours at vendor's expense? (e.g. nights and weekends)**

4. **What is the time frame to complete an inspection if turned away from the site?**

A17: Answers to RFI # 10:

1. The definition constitutes areas as follows, but not limited to, major unforeseen disruptions (e.g., natural disasters, extreme weather, acts of war, civil unrest); District-imposed access restrictions despite timely scheduling and coordination; Unforeseen site safety hazards; and Delays caused by regulatory authorities.

2. Please refer to the response above. Additionally, please refer to ITB Section 6.13. G.

3. If the school or district restricts access due to testing, and a return visit is deemed necessary, Central Inspections will review each instance individually to determine whether appropriate

compensation to the contractor is warranted. In such cases, contractors will not be automatically required to perform inspections after hours at their own expense; scheduling and compensation will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Please note that no disruptions can occur during state testing at school sites. While scheduled inspections may proceed during this time, activation of the fire alarm system is strictly prohibited. Any work that may trigger false alarms—such as fire pump flow testing—is not permitted during testing periods. We ask that Technician note testing as reason for areas not inspected or failure to place alarm in test mode.

4. If entry is restricted despite timely scheduling and coordination, the Office of Central Inspections must be contacted. Staff will evaluate the situation on a case-by-case basis to determine whether a return visit is required to complete the inspection and when.

Q18: RFI #11 – Base Monthly Service Agreement 6.3

1. **To confirm, vendor is responsible for including all backflow repairs and component replacements within base bid price.**

A18: Yes, the awarded vendor is responsible for including all backflow repairs and component replacements, with the exception of items covered under Section 6.7.

Q19: RFI #12 – ATTACHMENT 12 - SUBMITTED BID DOCUMENT VERIFICATION FORM

1. **To confirm, vendor is responsible to provide at minimum (6) dedicated employees with state water card credentials and backflow certifications dedicated to ITB contract - to perform all required inspections and required repairs.**

2. **To confirm, MDCPS requires that each inspection must be performed in person by a certified inspector with valid water card credentials.**

3. **To confirm MDCPS requires copies of valid water card credentials and backflow certifications for employees dedicated to contract. Copies of valid watercards and backflow certifications must be submitted at time of bid.**

4. **Will section "e." be amended to include verification requirements for watercards, backflow certifications, and dedicated employees at time of bid.**

A19: Answers to RFI # 12:

1. Per ITB Attachment 12, requirement e., at time of bid, bidders must provide "Written confirmation on company letterhead" that it maintains "a minimum of six (6) to seven (7) certified employees solely dedicated to inspections and repairs." Please refer to the modification made to Attachment 12, Requirement e, under Attachment A of this addendum.

2. Per ITB Section 6.8, sub-section D., the awarded vendor must "Maintain a valid and existing Inspectors Certificate issued by State Fire Marshal's Office for all individuals inspecting and/or testing the District's Water-Based Fire Protection Systems."

3. Copies of all licenses requested in ITB Attachment 12 must be submitted at time of bid. Per ITB Attachment 12, "All bidders are required to submit the following information to be considered for award. Failure to submit any of the required documents with the bid will cause the bidder to be considered non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration. Each bidder must include the following information within their submittal."

4. ITB Attachment 12, requirement e., does not need to be rewritten. Please refer to the answer written above for part 3 of Question 19. Additionally, please refer to ITB Section 6.8, listing licensing requirements that must be maintained "throughout the term of the contract."

Q20: RFI #13 – BASE MONTHLY 6.3 C.

1. **To clarify, vendor is responsible for providing all services and repairs under section C within base monthly bid, even if price exceeds $2,499.00 per repair. (e.g. replacement of gauges, tamper switches, waterflow switches, sprinkler heads in head box,**

2. **To confirm, all deficiency repairs not included in section C will be subject to the A-form process.**

3. **To clarify, A-forms can be submitted for items outside of section C only**.

A20: Answers to RFI # 13

1. Yes, that is correct.

2. "Corrective Maintenance and Repairs" not outlined under ITB Section 6.3 C., will be purchased in accordance with ITB Section 5.2, Part II: Time & Materials – Additional Services (ITB Section 6.17).

3. Form A (also referred to as proposals/quotes), can also be submitted for products and services listed under ITB Section 6.7.

Q21: RFI #14 – Staffing Requirement at Contract Start
Clause/Concern:
The solicitation requires that the Vendor have six to seven employees available to perform all inspections, service, and maintenance under this contract.

Clarification Requested:

1. **Please confirm that the required staffing with badging and certifications must be fully in place and available on day one of contract award, with no grace period to ramp up.**

2. **Please confirm that although full services must be provided immediately, billing is not permitted until the close of the first quarter, meaning Vendors must carry all associated labor and material costs 90 days before billing for payment.**

A21: Answers to RFI # 14

1. Per ITB Section 6.16 A., "Inspection, testing, corrective and preventive maintenance service will be authorized to begin and must commence immediately upon notice from the Authorized M-DCPS Representative to the Vendor". Additionally, per ITB Section 6.9, Background Screening Requirements, "All service personnel performing work at any school site must comply with Section 4, XVIII – Background Screening Requirements (ITB, Section 4: Instructions to Bidders) of this bid document. Any personnel who fail to meet the requirements outlined in Section 4, XVIII shall not be permitted on any school site until full compliance is achieved."

2. Please note that not all services are to be billed quarterly. Refer to the modification for ITB Section 6.15, paragraphs B and D, shown on page 1 of this Addendum.

Q22: Can you provide us with the following information and/or documents:

1. **The annual reports for each location listing the below:**
   - **Number of Standpipes at each location**
   - **Number of Risers at each location**
   - **Number of Fire Pumps at each location**
   - **Number of Diesel pump and location for the weekly inspections**
   - **Number of Fire Backflows at each location**
   - **Number of Hydrants at each location**
   - **Number of Water flows at each location**

- **Number of Tamper at each location**

2. **Annual reports for the Deluge systems**
   - **Panel information and confirmation fire alarm devices are excluded.**

3. **Which locations will require 5-year inspections?**

A22: 1. Please refer to the answers for Question 5 and Question 31 in this addendum.
2. Panel information is not available. Fire alarm devices are not part of this bid.
3. A 5-year inspection will be required of all locations listed in this ITB.

Q23: Contract Scope & Pricing: How will newly added systems, buildings, or schools during the contract term be incorporated into the pricing model?

A23: Please refer to ITB Section 6.13, specifically sub-sections B., and H.

Q24: Contract Scope & Pricing: Are prevailing wage or Davis-Bacon Act requirements applicable to this contract?

A24: No, they are not.

Q25: Contract Scope & Pricing: Can you provide the prior year award rates (labor, markup, inspection, and maintenance costs) for comparison purposes?

A25: Please refer to the answer for Question 1 of this addendum.

Q26: Contract Scope & Pricing: Were there any change orders or scope modifications in the previous contract cycle that vendors should be aware of?

A26: Please refer to ITB Section 6 – Scope of Work, which provides the updated scope of services for this ITB. This contract is considered new and distinct from previous contracts.

Q27: Contract Scope & Pricing: Under the RFP pricing section, how will "threshold" work requests be assigned?

A27: Please refer to ITB Section 5.2, Part II: Time & Materials – Additional Services (ITB Section 6.17), sub-sections a., b., and c.

Q28: Contract Scope & Pricing: Can you confirm if there is a maximum markup percentage allowed for materials under the threshold?

A28: Yes. The maximum markup percentage for parts and materials is 20%. This same information is also found in the "Bid Summary Excel Spreadsheet_Final", under the "ITB Part II" tab.

Q29: Contract Scope & Pricing: The contract states all leaking and corroded piping is included under the monthly service agreement. Is there an allowance contractors may include to account for these repairs?

A29: There is no provision for allowance. Per ITB Section 6.3 C., "The following services are to be included in the contractor's monthly base bid rate and are not subject to additional charges: […] 11. Replace all leaking, rusted or corroded fire sprinkler pipes, pipe fittings, couplings, and coupling guards and refasten damaged or loose pipe hangers and seismic braces found during emergency service calls."

Q30: Contract Scope & Pricing: For deficiencies found during inspections, does the District require contractors to follow the repair timelines established in NFPA 25?

A30: Please refer to ITB 6.14 G. The contractor must follow the procedures outlined in NFPA 25, Chapter 15, Impairments. The repair timelines to be followed are those indicated in ITB Section 6.14 G.

Q31: Asset Inventory & System Information: Can you provide an approximate list of all assets covered under this contract, including:

- **Fire Pumps**
- **Risers**
- **Standpipes**
- **Backflow Preventers**
- **Elevator Control Valves**

A31:

Fire Pumps:	83
Risers:	Please refer to the answer for Question 5 in this addendum.
Standpipes:	Please refer to the answer for Question 5 in this addendum.
Backflow Preventers:	Please refer to the answer for Question 5 in this addendum.
Elevator Control Valves:	Not available.

Q32: Asset Inventory & System Information: Can you provide a per-school breakdown, detailing the number and type of devices per location?

A32: Please refer to the Bid Summary Excel Spreadsheet (ITB Section 7) for each site group. Additionally, please refer to the response in Question 5 and Question 31 in this addendum for additional information.

Q33: Asset Inventory & System Information: Are there any antiquated systems (e.g., pre-action, deluge, or older fire pumps) requiring special inspection protocols?

A33: Yes, there are some aged and inactive systems that may require special inspection and repairs. Per Section 6.4, vendors will have 130 days to assess and report systems in need of corrective repairs. Any required repairs to these systems may be performed pursuant to Section 6.17 Additional Services.

Q34: Asset Inventory & System Information: Are there any systems or fire pumps currently out of service or not operational?

A34: Please refer to the answer for Question 33 in this addendum.

Q35: Asset Inventory & System Information: Can you provide a current inspection interval log by school, showing due dates for each system?

A35: Please refer to answer A6 in this addendum.

Q36: Asset Inventory & System Information: Can you provide a list of all testing requirements during school calendar dates?

A36: Testing requirements are outlined in ITB Section 6.3B.

Q37: Asset Inventory & System Information: Are liquid gauges required to be installed on fire pump suction and discharge lines?

A37: Liquid gauges are not explicitly required on fire pumps according to the provided sections of the 2023 Florida Building Code. However, if the fire pump fuel tanks are considered “inside tanks” or fall under the general oil tank requirements, then a liquid-level indicating gauge complying with UL 180 would be required. Please refer to relevant sections include 2023 Florida Building Code, Mechanical, Eighth Edition, Chapter 13, Section 1306.4 & 1306.5, and 2023 Florida Building Code, Residential, Eighth Edition, Part 05, Chapter 22, Section M2201.5. Vendors must follow NFP 20 guidelines regarding the placement of gauges and other requirements related to pressure gauges.

Q38: Asset Inventory & System Information: For the five-year inspection interval, can we assume the requirement will be divided over the three-year contract (i.e., spread across 36 months) and included in the monthly price?

A38: Yes

Q39: Asset Inventory & System Information: Is there a record of the 50% of each building already inspected under the five-year requirement (where the building is split into halves to avoid retesting the full system)?

A39: No

Q40: Asset Inventory & System Information: NFPA 25 requires fast-response sprinklers to be tested at 20 years and then every 10 years thereafter, and standard-response sprinklers at 50 years with ongoing 10-year intervals. Is there a current log of sprinklers in the District that are due for testing?

A40: Not for 10, 20 or 50 years intervals.

Q41: Inspection & Reporting Requirements: For the inspection and maintenance bid, does the contract require full NFPA 25 inspections or only state/local compliance inspections?

A41: Please refer to ITB Section 6.1 paragraph 2 and ITB Section 6.5.

Q42: Inspection & Reporting Requirements: Once an inspection interval is completed, what is the allowable time for technicians to return and tag equipment and issue the physical report?

A42: Please refer to ITB Section 6.3 C #17 and 6.11 G.

Q43: Inspection & Reporting Requirements: Once an inspection interval is completed, when must the inspection report be submitted?

A43: Please refer to ITB Section 6.11 G

Q44: Inspection & Reporting Requirements: Reports are required to be emailed to the District; can reporting alternatively be submitted through approved third-party software (e.g., ServiceTrade, InspectionPoint) with a download link sent to the District?

A44: No. Please refer to ITB Section 6.11 G and H.

Q45: Inspection & Reporting Requirements: Section 6.16 (c) indicates that plugs or caps for auxiliary drains or test valves shall be replaced. Can you provide the required frequency for this replacement?

A45: Replacement can take place annually.

Q46: Inspection & Reporting Requirements: Who is responsible for placing the fire alarm system on test during inspections — the contractor or the District?

A46: The contractor.

Q47: Access & Scheduling: For schools with after-hours care, what inspection times will be allowed for access and activation of alarm notification systems?

A47: Vendors are encouraged to visit during the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. However, site personnel may allow access after-hours. Please refer to 6.16 A.

Q48: Access & Scheduling: In the event technicians cannot gain full access during inspections (e.g., locked rooms, restricted areas):

a. Should the inspection be documented as "partially completed," with inaccessible areas noted as deficiencies?

b. Or must the contractor return to complete the inspection for it to be considered valid?

c. If a return visit is required, will the contractor be permitted to invoice the additional trip as time and material, since access issues are outside of contractor control?

A48: Per Section 6.16 A, all work must be scheduled at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance with the site administrator. However, we understand that access issues may still occasionally arise. In the event technicians are unable to gain full access during a scheduled inspection, please follow the guidance below:

a. All the inaccessible areas should be clearly noted in the report.

b. The Office of Central Inspections must be contacted immediately by the technician when complete access is denied following a scheduled visit. We will evaluate the situation on a case-by-case basis to determine whether a return visit is required to complete the inspection.

c. If a return visit is deemed necessary due to access issues beyond the contractor's control during a scheduled visit, Central Inspection will review each instance individually to determine appropriate compensation.

Q49: Permitting & Approvals: When replacing system components (e.g., valves, piping, alarm devices, air compressors, FDCs, check valves, fire hoses, sprinkler heads):

a. Are shop drawings and engineering submittals required for replacement-in-kind, or only for modifications/alterations?

b. Are permits required through the local AHJ and/or District Fire Marshal for all replacements, regardless of scope?

c. Must all replacements be inspected and signed off by the District Fire Marshal, or are like-for-like replacements (e.g., sprinkler heads, valve swaps) exempt?

d. If permits/inspections are required, should the contractor include permitting costs and coordination in the quote, or will the District handle them directly?

A49:

a. Shop drawings and engineering submittals are not required for replacement-in-kind. Depending on the scope of work, shop drawings and engineering submittals are also not required for modifications/alternations. This kind of work is processed under the Annual Facility Maintenance Permit.

b. While all work is subject to review and approval by District Fire Inspectors and Code Compliance personnel, renovation projects under $200,000 may be performed under a site's Annual Facility Maintenance Permit.

c. The District reserves the right to have all fire protection system replacements inspected and signed off by the District Fire Marshal. This is standard practice for major components such as fire pump installations, which are always subject to Fire Marshal approval. For other like-for-like replacements, such as sprinkler heads or valve swaps, our Fire Inspectors or personnel typically handle the inspection and sign-off process to ensure compliance with applicable codes and standards.

d. Scope of work or activities requiring separate permits or formal project management, will be handled independently by the District and are not included in this contract's scope.

Q50: Backflows: For Miami-Dade Water backflow reports, is the $5 submission fee billed separately, or should it be included in the contractor's cost?

A50: The $5 submission fee for Miami-Dade Water backflow reports is inclusive of the base monthly contract fees and should not be billed separately.

Q51: Backflows: Are the backflow preventers covered under this contract limited to fire sprinkler system backflows only, or do domestic backflows also need to be included?

A51: All systems referenced under this contract, including backflow preventers, apply exclusively to water-based fire sprinkler systems. Domestic water backflow preventers are not included in the scope of this agreement.

Q52: Administrative & Branding: During the three-year contract period, is custom branding (e.g., emergency contact numbers) required or permitted on inspection tags, signage, or reports?

A52: During the three-year contract period, all reports must be submitted on the Vendor's official company letterhead. Additionally, all inspection tags are required to display the Vendor's name, logo, and emergency contact information. Custom branding beyond this may be considered on a case-by-case basis, but at minimum, the above requirements must be met.

Q53: Can you possibly share the square footage and number of floors for each location? We look forward to submitting our bid as soon as possible.

A53: For safety reasons, square footage and floor count are not disclosed.