

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Bid 042-JJ03
Ice and Water Products, Machines, and Parts
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS Posting #1 – 03/08/2010

- 1) On Item #8 : The model ICE0406 is a 208/230/1 machine, but the specs call for 115/60/1. My firm believes the correct model number should be ICE0400 for a 115/60/1.

ANSWER 1: Thank you for your comment. This item is addressed in Addendum #1 on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

- 2) My company has two comments to make on items 13 and 14 of the bid documents:

Item #13: The B42 bin is not compatible with Item #8. The B42 bin is 22" wide and the ICE0400, or the ICE0406, is 30" wide. This will not work. SUGGESTION: The B42 bin is compatible with item #9, the ICE0520A, which is 22" wide, so possibly state that Item 13 is to be compatible with item #9, instead of #8.

Item #14: The B55 bin is 30" wide and item #9 is 22" wide. This would work if you add a bin adaptor top of part # KBT19. SUGGESTION: Simply change item # 14 to state that it is to be used with item # 8, which is a 30" wide machine. This is the most logical match up.

ANSWER 2: Thank you for your comment. The district has requested that both bid items #13 and #14 have flexibility and interchangeability with bid items #8 and #9. Therefore, these bid items are addressed and changes to the specifications for these items are stated in Addendum #1 on the M-DCPS Procurement Website.

- 3) My staff has discovered that your bid has bin problems as follows:

Item # 17 : OK, because it has a built in storage bin.

Items 18 and 19 : NOT OK.? Both of these call for ice machine with options, however, there is no mention of a bin on either item number. If it is not listed, some vendors will not quote it. The first price field should require combining two previous items that consist of a machine and a bin, or preferably there should be a separate description and price field for the desired bin model or line item. Thank you for considering these issues.

ANSWER 3: The district is requesting in this category (Ice Machines-Option B) the items as listed and they are to be bid as specified.

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- 4) The ICEU150 (Bid Item #7 and #17) comes from the factory with a power cord, but larger commercial machines do not. The factory recommends that ice machines be on a dedicated circuit, which is pretty certain if a machine is hardwired. The hard wiring does not always happen, but the dedicated circuit is recommended. Also, in the case of 208/230 machines (none are on your bid), the plugs vary in type and one size does not fit all. Another reason factories may not supply power cords.

Bottom line, we can add the cost of the power cords in our quote, but your maintenance department has no doubt been supplying these when they perform the installations, but when you purchase an installation, the installing agent supplies the power cord.

Please clarify the power cord situation as this is not normally a factory supplied item and would require the supplier to open each machine and add a power cord.

ANSWER 4: The district has not been made aware of the situation of power cord vs. hard wiring by previous awarded vendors. M-DCPS is requesting that the machines listed meet the specifications listed in the bid documents and that the appropriate items be included in your bid submission to meet specifications.