

## Alachua County Budget and Fiscal Services Procurement

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RE: Addendum #3

RFP 21-976 Next Generation Core Services (NGCS) and Emergency Services Internet

Protocol Network (ESInet)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be aware of the following clarifications regarding the above referenced Bid:

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Q #1: It appeared to us that the items requested in sections 4.0 to 4.8 were the outline for table of contents, or the suggested required format, for the vendor's RFP response document. (For example, at 4.5.2 is says "Should answer all questions from Section 3.6 above." so we had plans to copy in all section 3.6 questions and paste them to the section just under 4.5.2 and answer all the questions.) Instead of following this outline on 4.0 to 4.8, should we include a complete copy of the original RFP in the order presented in the original RFP? If a complete copy is not necessary, we respectfully request that the County please provide a checklist of which RFP sections should be included in our response document and the order in which they should be presented.

A #1: The County prefers to have a response that is associated with a specific section when possible. For example, in response to section 3.4.1, the response should begin with 3.4.1 and contain the response. This allows the County to associate a response with a specific section. Another example, Section 3.3 does not ask a question but should be addressed.

The County boiler plate (section 4 and beyond) may contain requirements to respond that are also contained in the scope of services (sections 3.0 thru 3.7). The respondent should respond to section 4 and beyond.

Q #2: Exhibit J appears to require that we affix a corporate seal. Typically, a corporate seal would be affixed to a paper copy of the response so one could see the "raised lettering", but for an electronic copy, that won't be apparent. Since this is an electronic submission, and we will be submitting our company's Certification providing the signatory authority in lieu of completing Exhibit J, is affixing a Corporate Seal to Exhibit J therefore necessary?

A #2: No.

Q #3: Is the county suggesting that any tariffed items currently covered by their current E9-1-1 provider such as end-office circuits and ALI fee's for landline records be covered by the NG9-1-1 respondent?

A #3: The requirement within section 3.5.9 has multiple components. 1) Identify any and all transitional legacy related 9-1-1 costs that will remain. 2) Provide an estimated time frame of when these costs will no longer be payable. 3) *Inferred*, Will the County or the Respondent pay for the continuing legacy costs? During years of research on the transition from a legacy network to NG9-1-1 services, it was found that some service providers were committing to pay the legacy costs and some were not. The intent of section 3.5.9 is to provide a Respondent with the option to assume the legacy costs or to leave those costs payable by the County.

**NOTE:** You should acknowledge receipt of this addendum on your Bid Form.

End of Addendum #3

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Sincerely,

Procurement Agent

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