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## Addendum # 2 Outdoor Warning Siren System Upgrade

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### NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS AND PLANHOLDERS

The Proposal Documents for the above-referenced Project are modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original Proposal Documents and any previously issued addenda remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the Proposal Documents. Vendors will take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting a Proposal and shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided in the Proposal Documents.

### PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

The Proposal submittal time has been changed to Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 2:30pm. The last day for questions is now noon on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

### 1.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the Proposal Documents.

Item	Questions and Answers
1.1	Is Prevailing Wage a requirement of this RFP? <b>No</b>
1.2	Q. In regard to warranty and service, is a vendor able to provide pricing for 5 years and estimated pricing for the additional 15 years? <b>A. Estimated pricing and identification of equipment that may need replacement due to lifecycle is all that is needed beyond year 5.</b>
1.3	Q. Can you confirm if the County has any technicians who would assist with maintenance of if the County is looking for maintenance to be handled 100% by the vendor? <b>A. County expects vendor to provide preventative maintenance services based upon manufacturer recommendations as turnkey. County also expects service / repair contract. County technicians may provide first level diagnosis and repair with telephone support available from the vendor. Vendor would provide second tier response for issues that can't be resolved by county staff.</b>
1.4	Q. Define the difference between warranty and guarantee referenced in section 3, subsection P <b>A.</b>
1.5	Q. Section 3, subsection K talks of time for completion. Does this project need to include any type of prevailing wages? <b>A. No. There is a potential that prevailing wage and other federal requirements could apply in some later phases if we were to use federal grant funds and if so we would work with the Successful Vendor to adjust pricing.</b>
1.6	Q. Section 3, subsection G talks of licensing and permits. What are the necessary licenses and permits that are required for this project in Maryland to confirm pricing on what these will cost? <b>A. Live voltage electrical work must be performed by licensed electrician. Line voltage electrical work must be permitted and inspected. There are additional permits required for the construction / installation of poles/towers under the International Building Code as regulated by the County Department of Development, Review, and Permitting.</b>

1.7	Q. Will Worcester County have an available space for storage of equipment and poles? A. The terms of material storage may be considered in contract negotiation. Proposers may wish to assume provision for material storage with an option to discount based on county's ability to provide.				
1.8	Q. Section I, subsection H referencing a certificate of status in Maryland to be in good standing. Are additional licenses required for the project beyond this certificate, and if so, what are they? A. No.				
1.9	Q. Section 4, subsection D.2 referencing using existing equipment that can be used. Can you provide a list of when the sirens were purchased and installed that are listed on the existing site locations? A.				
	LOCATION	SIREN	APPROX AGE	CONTROLLER	APROX AGE
	10	Eclipse 8	2024	FCTBD	2024
	20	STH-10	UNKNWON	FCTBD	2005
	30	2001-130	2024	FCTBD	2024
	40	Eclipse 8	2002	FCTBD	2005
	41	2T22	UNKNOWN	FCTBD	2005
	42	2T22	UNKNOWN	FCTBD	2005
	43	Model 2	2005	FCTBD	2005
	50	Model 5	UNKNOWN	FCTBD	2005
	60	STH-10	UNKNOWN	FCTBD	2005
	61	Model M	UNKNOWN	N/A	
	62	Model 5	UNKNOWN	N/A	
	80	STH-10	UNKNOWN	FCTBD	2005
	90	STH-10	UNKNOWN	FCTBD	2005
	110	1001-130	2024	FCTBD	2005
	111	Model 2	2005	FCTBD	2005
112	Eclipse 8	2005	FCTBD	2005	
1.10	Q. Section 4, subsection D.9 references using tone/voice combination in areas of heavy population and parks. Is there a map that is accessible to the public showing population density, and if so, can you provide this or a link to it? A. The county lacks GIS mapping of population density, however, understands that census track information from Census may contain this data. In general, proposers may consider that municipalities, Ocean Pines, and existing development areas have higher population density. Villages have medium-low population density, and agricultural areas the lowest.				
1.11	Q. Section 4, subsection D.12 references multiple types of communications. What is the preferred method the county would like to use for this system? Is the VHF system staying in place even with the P25 capability as an option listed? A. The County would ideally like to see at least two paths available where possible. VHF may remain in place however proposers are cautioned that more distant sirens have significant reliability issues. Proposers may reference the license criteria for callsign WNCY284.				
1.12	Q. Section 4, subsection D.14 references power. Can you please clarify this as it references DC powered sirens (battery primary) with battery-backup running on 120VAC power for all locations. Are all county owned locations able to provide 120VAC power to a siren location? A. DC Power with battery back-up is preferred for all sirens. The county cannot warrant that all county locations have 120VAC currently available however most would and where needed it is likely that power can be delivered.				
1.13	Q. Silent testing is referenced in section 4, subsection D.15. Is this requirement only tied to electronic sirens as all mechanical sirens in order to test will require the siren to do a growl test at minimum to ensure full functionality. A. For the purposes of silent testing, the RFP contemplates a growl test.				
1.14	Q. Section 4, subsection D.16.C references FedRAMP and StateRAMP authorization. Would these requirements still apply for a locally hosted system given they are built for cloud hosted solutions? A. This requirement only applies to cloud hosting.				
1.15	Q. Section 4, subsection D.17.A references a portable kit to test sirens and remote activation. Would a laptop capable of accessing the software for activation and diagnostic monitoring be sufficient to meet this requirement? A. County technicians have laptops available. This requirement would be to provide such software for the				

	laptops or in the event of a solution that requires a component like a FSK modem that a portable version of such component be provided.
1.16	<p>Q. Section 4, subsection D.19.A references NFPA 72 requirements. In our costing for this, is the county assuming activation responsibility for the indoor system utilizing the same telemetry as the outdoor sirens would use?</p> <p>A. Regarding interfacing to building mass notification systems as contemplated in NFPA72, the county seeks proposer to simply provide costing of such components as required to permit interconnection to an existing in-building mass notification system. For purposes of illustration only, this could be a component such as Federal Signal Informer IP.</p>
1.17	<p>Q. Under section 4, subsection E.1 “the successful vendor must be licensed to perform work in the state of Maryland. What licensing is required for this type of project in specific?</p> <p>A. This just requires the vendor to be in good standing with the State of Maryland.</p>
1.18	<p>Q. There is a lot of mention of grant funding, has funding been secured at this point to release the RFP?</p> <p>A. No grant funding is currently secured. County funding is currently secured for the first phase or phases of the project.</p>
1.19	<p>Q. Can you confirm if the County has any technicians who would assist with maintenance of if the County is looking for maintenance to be handled 100% by the vendor?</p> <p>A. Will be addressed in the next addendum.</p>
1.20	<p>Q. Can you provide an estimated schedule of when the County anticipates each phase will be completed in order for maintenance to be quoted.</p> <p>A. Will be addressed in the next addendum.</p>
1.21	<p>Q. Will the County be willing to provide an additional 1–2-week extension?</p> <p>A. The bid opening has been extended.</p>
1.22	<p>Q. Can we provide a quote to provide options for three communication methods for the County to choose instead of two?</p> <p>A. Will be addressed in the next addendum.</p>
1.23	<p>Q. Can a vendor provide a quote instead of utilizing the price form since it is unknown what equipment will be purchased during each of the four phases and maintenance is complicate to quote without knowing what is being purchased and when the phases will be completed?</p> <p>A. Will be addressed in the next addendum.</p>

**END OF ADDENDUM**