

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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<b>Date</b>	<b>June 20, 2016</b>		
<b>Project Number</b>	<b>3681</b>		
<b>Addenda Number</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>June 23, 2016</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Assisted Listening Devices – Supplied & Installed		

This Addendum is a contract document modifying previously issued documents, which remain in full force except as specifically modified below.

Quotations appearing on the Proposal are to reflect the provisions of this Addendum. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided on the response sheet may subject candidate to disqualification.

### **NEW INFORMATION:**

A pre-bid conference for this project was held at 10:00am on Monday, June 13, 2016 meeting at the City Hall, conference room #101. A copy of the sign-in sheet from that pre-bid conference is attached to this addendum. [One (1) page].

### **RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Question:** Are prevailing wages required if the bid comes under \$100,000?

**Response:** Please always refer to State of Connecticut Department of Labor website for the most update information on prevailing wages. Here is the direct link to the prevailing wages information: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/wgwkstnd/prevailing-rates/PrevailingWageGuide/2ContractingAgencies.htm>

The State of Connecticut Department of Labor has a list of scenarios with responses based on past enforcements practices of the Division. Scenario #2 provides some guidance to the question:

**Scenario #2: The total cost of one part of the project does not exceed the threshold or the cost borders on the thresholds.**

A question often asked is whether each aspect of a contract can be looked at separately. For example, can we look at just the electrical work, mechanical, or carpentry etc and if each segment does not reach the \$100,000 threshold separately is the project covered? Section 31-53(g) states that "the provisions of this section shall not apply where the total cost of all work to be performed by all contractors and subcontractors in connection with any remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or repair of any public works project is less than \$100,000 dollars". This section has been interpreted to mean that the entire cost of the project must be included to determine whether the threshold should be met. The interpretation was conveyed to DAS in 1986 when it asked whether a task labor contract for work performed at UConn and UConn Health Center was covered. This contract asked for bids by the hour for electrical, painting, carpentry, and plumbing and although each aspect might be under \$100,000, the total cost of the contract was close to \$1 million. The Division responded that these contracts would be covered.

Another situation arises when the project is estimated at over the threshold, but the bids come in under the threshold. If the project bids are close to the threshold then in all likelihood one change order will push the project over the top. It has been the policy of the Division to apply the threshold requirements of Section 31-53(g) retroactively in the situation where a contractor bids a project and then subsequent change orders bring the total cost of all work to be performed on the project over the threshold amount. In this type of situation, the Division will look to the contractor or subcontractor for reimbursement of wages at the prevailing rate from the first day work was performed on the project. However, if the contractor can demonstrate that he/she bid in good faith, but there was a major factor - unknown at the time of the bid - which resulted in the change order, the prevailing rate will not be applied retroactively, but from the date of the discovered change in the project.

If there are questions specifically to their scenario or additional information is needed please refer to the State of Connecticut Department of Labor website. Here is the direct link (<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/wgwkstnd/prevailwage.htm>) or Public Contract Compliance (Prevailing Wage): (860) 263-6790

2. **Question:** Are fees associated with pulling permits waived?

**Response:** No.

3. **Question:** What is the trim height for the microphones?

**Response:** The trim for the gymnasium mics are 11' 4".

4. **Question:** Please explain the following:

- A. Room layout sheet av101 depicts 16 ceiling microphones while the equipment sheet page 11 lists 13
- B. Room layout sheet av102 - room 101 depicts concert hall microphones in ceiling
- C. Room layout sheet av102+ av104 depicts a total of 19 ceiling microphones while the equipment sheet page 8 lists 24 ceiling microphones

- D. Room layout sheet av103 depicts a total of 20 ceiling microphones while equipment sheet 10 lists 30 ceiling microphones
- E. Why all of the equipment racks on sheet av400 show audio DSP inside them. I don't show that many audio DSPs listed in equipment list.
- F. Why are racks ZB, ZC, ZD, ZN,ZP, ZS,ZM listed as line items on equipment list when the racks are already listed under 3.21 and 3.22 on equipment list

**Response:**

General Note: The equipment list is divided into three sections: City Hall, Senior Center, and Police Department. AV105 is the Concert Hall located at City Hall and is part of the City Hall equipment list.

- A. AV101 and 102 are part of the City Hall building system. There are a total of 22 microphones. The equipment list calls for 24 mics (the 2 additional are required for the base bid).
- B. Room 101 is outfitted with Shure Microflex overhead microphones.
- C. Sheet AV102 is page 2 of the City Hall building system. Page AV104 is the Police Department system. The Police Department has a total of 13 microphones (as indicated in drawing AV104 and on page 11 of the equipment list).
- D. The equipment list should read 20 ceiling microphones on page 10 as indicated on drawing sheet AV103.
- E. The automixer in rack ZC is part of add alternate 2. All other racks have an automixer. The room 128 automixer is part of the base bid, not add alternate 2.
- F. The racks should only be "counted" once.

