



Town of Simsbury

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ADDENDUM #2 – JULY 2, 2018

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM ANALYSIS**

Below are responses to the questions we have received to date. Responses are in bold font.

Question: Insurance Requirements, page 7 asks for non-contributory coverage. Are you asking for non-contributory coverage in the firm's home state? We ask you to waive the requirement.

Response: **The consultant's insurance coverage should be primary and non-contributory regardless of home state.**

Question: Scope of Services, page 3 requests analysis of the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing system, which shall include both core equipment and subscriber equipment, evaluation of signal strength readings as measured by consultant, and analysis of use for existing site installations. Will the Town of Simsbury ask the consultant to utilize an oscilloscope to read the operating frequencies on the base stations/mobiles/portables, and measure their outpost power?

Response: **The Town of Simsbury is looking for the consultant to utilize the necessary equipment for evaluation of signal strength and analysis of use for existing site installations. An oscilloscope could be used by the consultant for this evaluation.**

Question: Will the Town of Simsbury require evaluation of signal strength readings as measured by actual Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) coverage testing? If yes, will the Town require the consultant to drive on-street and in-buildings for the test? If not, will you accept a computer generated coverage map as the Town's propagation signal strength analysis?

Response: **Yes. The current system has known coverage problems which include certain buildings and areas of town. It is beneficial for the consultant to know these areas for testing.**

Question: Scope of Services, page 4 states that "In the event that the Town determines that it is best served by an upgrade or replacement of the current public safety communications system, and should funds be appropriated for the same, the Town, at its sole option, would seek any or all of the following services from the selected consultant: Design of a new/upgraded communications system; Preparation of plans specifications and management of bid process; Construction administration and project management support; Post cut-over monitoring,

including monitoring of system performance and reporting on quality control. Does the Town of Simsbury want the consultant to include the description of project approach/methodology and anticipated schedule with project milestones for these optional services also?

Response: **Respondents may provide a description and anticipated scheduled for these potential services, but they are not required to do so.**

Question: The Town is requesting electronic submissions. Is a PDF file acceptable?

Response: **Yes.**

Question: The Scope of Services refers to “evaluation of signal strength readings as measured by consultant.” Is the Town requesting measurements in specific areas or throughout the whole Town?

Response: **There are currently known problem areas with the public safety radio system. The selected consultant should be prepared to evaluate the entire Town for radio coverage.**

Question: The Scope of Services refers to “Complete assessment of current radio system and operations” and later refers to video and data requirements. Is the assessment by the selected consultant expected to include the video and data requirements of the Town?

Response: **The Scope of Services indicates that the selected consultant should “Review current technologies and provide a summary of potential use of different technologies inclusive of voice, video and data requirements.” Technology has changed since the current public safety radio system was installed, and it continues to evolve. The intent of this language was to indicate that the selected consultant should have knowledge of new and emerging radio technologies and be able to make appropriate recommendations.**

Question: The Town requests a Fee Proposal. It is assumed that the Fee Proposal should include the items in the first seven (7) bullets of the Scope of Services. The items listed under the eighth bullet of the Scope of Services are contingent on the Town’s determination and the effort and associated fees will be highly dependent on the type of upgrade or replacement chosen. Does the Town require that the Fee Proposal include fees for these services (listed in bullet number eight) at this time as well?

Response: **Respondents may provide estimated fees for these potential services, but they are not required to do so.**

Question: Would the Town be willing to reduce the required Umbrella Liability Policy requirement from \$5 million to \$2 million?

Response: **The Town’s preference is for Umbrella Liability with a minimum limit of \$5 million, but it is willing to reduce this requirement to \$2 million for this project.**

Question: The calendar lists the week of August 6 as the proposed dates for respondent interviews. That is the week of the annual APCO International Conference. Is it possible to move the proposed interview schedule back one week?

Response: **Interview slots are currently being held by Town staff for the week of August 6. If a respondent is selected for an interview but is unable to attend an interview during the scheduled time slots, the Town will make efforts to accommodate accordingly.**

Question: The RFQ references measurements of signal strength readings. Do you require signal strength sampling or do you require a full “drive test” of the entire coverage area?

Response: **The Town of Simsbury desires the maximum coverage of its public safety radio system. To accomplish this, the consultant should determine the current signal strength throughout the town and be able to recommend solutions for problem areas.**

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