

COUNTY OF DELAWARE
ADDENDUM # 1
GOVERNMENT CENTER COMPLEX FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT (eDPW-060425)

The County of Delaware advertised on the County of Delaware's website/PennBid and in the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily Times newspapers the Invitation to Bid for: **GOVERNMENT CENTER COMPLEX FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT (eDPW-060425)** on April 22, 2025. Bids are to be received via PennBid on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

*****BID QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS AND ANSWERS*****

Questions #1: NFPA 72 17.7.5.6 requires a listed smoke detector to release magnetically hold open doors. Some areas with door holders do not have detectors. Should these be added?

Answer: No. The referenced NFPA 72 requirement is applicable only for smoke doors / smoke partitions. As discussed during the Pre-Bid meeting, the doors in question are fire doors (located in partitions intended for fire separation, not designated as smoke barriers) and therefore smoke detectors are not required.

Questions #2: According to the International Building Code (IBC 605.12) and National Electrical Code (NEC 725.25 and 800.25), abandoned wiring, including those in plenums, should be removed or tagged for future use. Which method should be used on this project?

Answer: Project specifications require removal of all abandoned wiring. Refer to Section 26 05 05, Selective Demolition, as well as the General Demolition Notes on the Fire Alarm Demolition (FAD-series) drawings.

Questions #3: For high-finish areas, such as elevator lobbies with marble walls, is it permissible to temporarily mount the new fire alarm equipment, commission the system and then utilize the existing location?

Answer: Yes. The Contractor is to avoid leaving unused openings, or creating new openings, in existing marble walls as much as possible; temporarily support the new (or the existing) fire alarm equipment as necessary and reuse existing openings in marble wainscot to the maximum extent feasible. Coordinate means and methods of temporary support and/or attachment with the County of Delaware.

Questions #4: Where will the fire alarm command center with the head end computer be located?

Answer: Reference drawing FA101-G. The "main" fire alarm control panel is the FACP located in the basement of the Government Center. The fire alarm workstation (head-end computer) is to be in Facilities G55, in the vicinity of (but on the opposite wall from) Offices G9 and G10. There is an existing computer workstation at this location; the existing power and data outlets will be utilized for the new fire alarm workstation.

Questions #5: Will we have a lay down area available for our equipment? If so, where will it be?

Answer: The County of Delaware has many projects under construction at the Government Center Courthouse. The County cannot guarantee availability of a laydown area but will present options to the selected Contractor for consideration.

Questions #6: Who do we coordinate with regarding work on various sections of the affected areas?

Answer: Work will be coordinated with the Public Works Director and a Project Manager in the County Facilities Management department.

Questions #7: Can you provide additional information about/for the phasing plan mentioned in Section 1.06?

Answer: There is no phasing plan for this project. The contractor is to submit their proposed project work schedule and phasing plan to the County for approval. All work in all areas of the facility must be scheduled in advance. The County will require two weeks' notice prior to accessing any occupied areas. Portions of the facility are off-limits during normal working hours or when otherwise occupied; and require explicit approval before entering, these include, but may not be limited to:

- the District Attorney's Office
- Criminal Investigation Division
- All Courtrooms
- All Holding Areas
- Office of Judicial Support
- All Judge's Chambers
- Bureau of Elections
- County Park Police Department

Any and all work to be performed outside of normal working hours must be coordinated with and approved by the County in advance prior to proceeding. The Contractor is to continuously update their proposed work schedule, providing the County with "two week look-aheads" as the work progresses.