# CCRFQ FS HVACELEC 25\_1 DOWNSVIEW CAMPUS, SERVER ROOM 2220 UPGRADES ADDENDUM #3

November 12, 2025

Dear Respondents,

This addendum addresses question submitted and clarification for the following:

#### Question #1

Please confirm the bid validity/irrevocability is 60 days.

#### Answer #1

There is no irrevocability period attached to this RFQ.

#### Question #2

We must respectfully request that the client assumes responsibility for any unforeseen costs, including but not limited to tariffs, taxes, import fees, or other regulatory changes that may arise during the course of the project. While we understand that pricing is generally considered final, it's important to acknowledge that tariffs and other external factors are beyond our control and may fluctuate due to changes in legislation or market conditions. These unforeseen costs could directly impact our pricing and overhead, and as such, we believe it is reasonable for the client to cover these additional expenses. Due to the customs clearance and processing times, tariff calculations cannot be accurately estimated at the outset of the project. The unpredictability of tariffs—stemming from fluctuations in trade policies, market conditions, and regulatory changes—make it difficult to provide a precise cost in advance. Any tariff-related expenses that arise during the project will be billed to the client/owner once the exact costs are determined with an open book approach, if applicable. This method protects the client by ensuring they are only charged if tariffs are imposed that result in cost impacts to the project. If there are no tariffs, no costs will be passed on to the client. This differs from situations where the contractor chooses to include a contingency for undefined tariffs within their bid that may not end up being required at all, as such, raising the price unnecessarily. We kindly request your understanding in this matter and look forward to finding a mutually agreeable solution.

#### Answer #2

Centennial College expects to receive bid submissions that does not have front-loaded pricing in anticipation of tariffs. The college will work with the selected contractor to determine the mutually agreed process for follow-through on any unexpected change that may arise during the course of the project.

# Question #3

Please confirm that the Symmetra PX 30kW Scalable to 40kW N+1, 208V unit has been pre-purchased and not to be carried in base bid.

#### Answer #3

# As per MATERIAL DISCLOSURES #3, UPS Detail

Centennial College has procured a UPS (Symmetra PX 30kW Scalable to 40kW N+1, 208V) that will be utilized for the upgraded data centre following the completion of the upgrade. The successful proponent will be required to incorporate the provided specifications into their design and ensure that the UPS is properly installed as part of the electrical work.

#### Question #4

Please confirm that the \$100 a day liquidated damages is per business day.

## Answer #4

The liquidated damages clause in CCDC2 Supplementary Conditions is specifically tied to calendar days to account for continuous time lost due to project delays.

#### Question #5

Please provide architectural and structural drawings

## Answer #5

Please refer to Mechanical and Electrical Specifications and Drawings for project detail. If there is something specific to Architectural and Structural you require, please submit a clear and concise question.

#### Question #6

Please confirm alternate manufactures can be used for equipment selection.

#### Answer #6

Alternate manufacturers are acceptable as long as they meet the capacity, controls, and installation requirements set out by the basis of design.

# Question #7

Please confirm roof is under warranty.

#### Answer #7

The roof warranty information is not available; however, the original installer was Pollard Enterprises Limited.

# **Question #8**

Please provide base building contractors: Roofing, Controls, Fire Alarm etc.

#### Answer #8

Centennials building operations and maintenance contractor is Equans Building Automation Controls is HTS

Fire Alarm is Vipond

We do not have a contracted roofing provider; we use Pollard often for repairs.

#### Question #9

Please confirm type of refrigerant required for the VRF units.

## Answer #9

R410a is the only refrigerant that will be accepted at this time.

#### Question #10

Please provide detail for "1.1 General Conditions" pricing requirement. What is to be included in this price.

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#### Answer #10

# Appendix F – Financial Response – 1.1 General Conditions

These are indirect costs if required by your organization to support the execution of the project that are not directly attributed to specific construction or installation activities

## Question #11

Please confirm any changes to the reissued documents from the originals.

## Answer #11

There were no changes to issued documents from the original posting.

#### Question #12

Appendix D, E are shown to be optional on the Merx bidding page. Shouldn't D, E be mandatory?

#### Answer #12

As outlined in the first paragraph on Appendix D, Appendix D and Appendix E are not mandatory, however critical for the evaluation process.

Although, this response detail is not mandatory, it is critical to submit on the Bidding System in **Envelope #1** as it forms the technical evaluation. If the questions are not responded to the points assigned will be zero and no further consideration will be given.

#### Question #13

What are the Union requirements for the works for this project?

#### Answer #13

There are no Union requirements for this project.

#### Question #14

Please advise who is the base building BAS Contractor?

#### Answer#14

Please refer to Answer #8.

## Question #15

Please also provide base building Electrical Contractor Is there a base-building mandatory air balancing contractor?

# Answer #15

Please refer to Answer #8.

## Question #16

Is it Day time work or after-hours work?

# Answer #16

This work can be a combination of daytime or after-hours depending on what the scheduling of disruptive work is and noting the following:

# **Regular Activity:**

Classes run from 8:30 am through 6:30 PM, Monday through Friday Weekend activity, almost never (few exceptions throughout academic year)

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## Note:

Last test day for students is December 12, 2025 and returning January 5, 2026 Daytime work can occur Monday through Sunday from December 13, 2025 to January 4, 2026.

January 5, 2026 through to March 2026 – Regular Activity as noted above and the scheduling of non-disruptive and disruptive work will need to be considered for this time period.

# Question #17

Can you please provide list of mandatory base building trades (i.e. Fire alarm, BAS etc)

Answer #17

Please refer to Answer #8.

All other terms and conditions of the original request for proposal document & supporting documents remain valid and unchanged.

Thank You & Best Regards

End of Addendum #3