

Addendum #1

5/30/2025

North Stonington Board of Education

Request for Proposal

For the Design and Installation of an Automatic Irrigation and Pump System at Wheeler High School

Bid# 2024-12-BOE

1) What is the date any questions are due?

Questions will be accepted up to 2 pm on June 3rd. All questions are to be submitted by email to both hopkinst@nostoschools.org and rumrillr@nostoschools.org. A response will be sent out to all those who attended the mandatory walk-through, via email, from the Town as soon as possible.

2) What is the date the bids are due?

The date the responses are due has been extended via this addendum to June 12th.

3) What is the capacity of the holding tanks?

There are three 5,000-gallon holding tanks that the well feeds. Total capacity is 15,000 gallons.

4) Is the price submitted for one pump or two, as observed in the mechanical room?

The price is for two pumps, one primary pump and one backup pump.

5) Is the system to be constructed of PVC piping or HDPE?

We want to see pricing for both options.

6) The RFP is silent on the acceptability of "as equal" or alternative products; can these be submitted?

The use of "as equal" products is acceptable. The BOE, or their designee, is the final authority on whether any product that is submitted as an "as equal" product is in fact equivalent.

7) Is the controller to be pedestal mounted outside or mounted inside the mechanical room?

The controller should be mounted outside the mechanical room in view of the fields and with a weather-proof enclosure.

8) How many remote moisture sensors and where should they be located?

Three remote moisture sensors should be incorporated, one per each field, located in the area of greatest concern for each field.

9) Should the backflow preventer be located inside or outside?

Given the propensity of the device to leak, it should be located outside. This also allows servicing without accessing a potentially secure area during off-hours.

10) Is it a one-wire or two-wire system?

It is a two-wire system.

11) Is there an area where rocks, rubble, and debris can be disposed of on-site to avoid trucking the materials long distances?

Yes, there is a disposal area either on site or nearby on town property.

12) Is the start date fixed or flexible?

The start date is flexible. It is preferable to have the work done in the summer when school is out of session, but the date is flexible.

13) Who is responsible for contacting CBYD?

The contractor should call to have any underground utilities marked.

14) Are there any other private underground obstructions?

There are power lines running to the scoreboard and lights. These will be located and marked by the school.

15) Where do contractors tap into the 2" pipe exiting the mechanical room, inside the room, or outside?

To minimize disturbance of the asphalt walkways, the 2" pipe from the pumps can be tapped into outside the mechanical room.

16) Should the contractor carry sanitary facilities in their bid (port-a-potties)?

No, the school will supply.

17) Is this a certified payroll job?

Yes

18) Does this project require the workers to submit CORI/background checks?

It depends on whether the work is being conducted when school is in session.

19) Is it required that the response follow the drawn plans directly?

The drawn plans are just an example and were created for the purpose of showing the approximate location of the irrigation system so it could be determined that historical

artifacts would not be disturbed. Each contractor should submit their own design as the RFP is for both the design and installation of the irrigation and pump system.

20) Who created the design and specifications?

At this time, it is believed that the design, specs, and calculations were done by Anderson Turf, but that is not definite.

21) Are you confident of the flow rate and recharge rate of the existing well and are we connected to town water supply also?

We are attempting to verify the well condition and discharge and recharge rate? We will update all attendees with that information when available. Regardless of flow rate and recharge rate of the well, we do want the ability to switch over to town water.

22) Since this is a prevailing wage job and those state-set wages change on July 1st, how do we calculate the labor charges?

Use the existing prevailing wages expiring on 6/30/24. If the wage rates change, a change order will be issued. This will ensure that all parties are bidding the same wage rate.

23) What format should the responses be?

The responses should be submitted as sealed bids. The bidder proposal form, page 42, should be in a separate sealed envelope contained within the primary sealed envelope.

24) How are potential changes or the need for clarity due to changed situations to be addressed?

Submit an RFI

25) When will the contract be awarded?

All responses will be evaluated on price and value and a response will be forthcoming on or around 6/30/24

26) What are the post-construction responsibilities of the contractor? it is ambiguous in the RFP.

The contractor is responsible for 2 start-ups and one winterization. All events should be considered part of the training process, as well as training in the controller operation and basic maintenance.

27) Does the RFP require the pump to be replaced?

Yes, with a backup pump as well. (see question #4)

The Town of North Stonington would like to sincerely thank all of the contractors who took time out of their busy schedule to view the site, offer valuable insights, and meet with us.

This is a project that will greatly benefit the town, and your involvement and contributions are appreciated.