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To: **All Bidders**

Re: **Joliet Junior College, Illinois Community College District No. 525
Master Facilities Plan, Signage & Wayfinding, Bid Release 22
1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, Illinois 60431**

10B – Signage Work

Subject: **Supplement No. 3**

Please be advised of the following supplemental information which is to be included in the Proposal as it pertains to the above referenced Bid Packages. This Supplement is issued to modify, explain and/or clarify the original Bid Documents.

General Instructions to All Bidders

- A. The Bid Proposal due time remains: Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.** at Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, Illinois 60431. The bids are to be dropped off at Room H1018/H1019. Please note that H1018 is an interior office space that is located inside Room H1019. **The Bid opening location: Building T- Room T1000.**
- B.** Bid proposal form has been revised and is included with Supplement # 3. Discard the previous bid form dated November 30, 2010 and use the revised bid form dated December 22, 2010. Complete the revised bid form in its entirety and remember to submit the bid form in triplicate (1 original and 2 copies).
- C.** The walk-through of the campus was offered on Wednesday, December 15th at 9:00am. No one attended the walk-through.
- D.** All bidders are reminded that by submitting a bid, the bidder agrees to the content of the Bid Documents inclusive of Bid Forms, Safety Plan, etc. provided with the Bid Documents.
- E.** Please note the Bid Bond is to be drawn in favor of Joliet Junior College, Illinois Community College District No. 525 of Joliet, Illinois.
- F.** Incorporate into bid documents the responses to the following bidder inquiries into the scope of work:
 1. **Question:** How are ground mounted signs being installed? Will they be installed in softscape or hardscape?
 - i. **Response:** Depending on the location, signs could be mounted within paved or unpaved areas. Generally, it is anticipated that the majority of the exterior ground mounted signs will be mounted in unpaved areas.
 2. **Question:** Please confirm that all electrical connections for illuminated signs will be provided within 5 feet of sign location by GC/owner.
 - ii. **Response:** The Signage Contractor will be responsible for routing electrical and data to the signs requiring power and or data as described in the Bid Documents.
 3. **Question:** Sign type E 2.1 - Note #4 says the base material is TBD; what should we assume for the bid?
 - iii. **Response:** For the bid, assume the base is fabricated aluminum, painted finish.
 4. **Question:** Sign types E 5.6, E 5.7, E 11.3, I 1.1, I 1.2, I 1.3, - Note #2 says sign can be single or double sided, which should we assume for the bid? (message schedule appears to be incomplete)

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- iv. **Response:** For the exterior sign types, in Addendum No. 1, pages E-2 and E-3 have been revised to include sign type numbers for double sided signs. The sign type numbers designating double sided signs have been shown in the message schedule and on the bid form.
For the interior sign types, locations listed in the messages schedules that include an A-side and B-side are double sided.
5. **Question:** Sign type E 11.2 – Is the quantity shown on the bid form the total number of characters required?
- v. **Response:** Yes, the quantity provided in the bid form is an estimate for the number of characters.
6. **Question:** Sign type E 11.3 – There is an alternate layout shown in the drawings which will have a slightly different cost than the standard layout. The message schedule only shows 2 locations that have this alternate layout but the message schedule appears to be incomplete. How many additional locations, not shown in the message schedule, have the alternate layout?
- vi. **Response:** Additional sign type – E 11.3 (Alternative Layout) has been added in the bid form. Include two (2) “E11.3 (Alternative Layout) Signs” in the base bid. See attached revised bid form.
7. **Question:** Sign type I 3.1 – The plan view shown is a little confusing; is the sign triangle shaped, or shaped like an "L"? Also, the plan view seems to indicate the directional info on one side only and the optional postings on 1 side only also; please advice.
- vii. **Response:** The sign has two vertical panels ("L" shape) on a triangular base. Directional information would be placed on both of the outside faces of the "L". (The outside of the "L" being the side presently indicated in the drawing for directional information). Postings using clip bars would occur on the two inside faces of the "L".
8. **Question:** Sign type I 3.2 – The general note states that the sign is four sided but note #2 says the sign is double sided, which is correct? Does the side with the paper bars also need a fiber embedded panel behind the paper holder bars or can this be a less expensive panel painted to match?
- viii. **Response:** The sign has four, single sided panels. A less expensive panel with subsurface color may be used for the sides with the paper bars. A less expensive panel with subsurface graphics may be used for area color band (note 5) and building and level identifier (note 6) as well.
9. **Question:** Sign type I 8.1 – Are the panels shown to be the same thickness as the signs they are to be mounted under?
- ix. **Response:** Yes.
10. **Question:** Sustainability sign – These do not appear on the bid form but were added in addendum #1; are they to be included and if so, how many and where do we indicate the price?
- x. **Response:** The “sustainability sign” has been added to the bid form. Include ten (10) “sustainability signs” in the base bid price. See attached revised bid form.
11. **Question:** Will we be receiving a location plan to determine where the new signs will be going so we can accurately price the removals of the existing signs and the installation of the new signs?
- xi. **Response:** Location plans for the new signs have been provided with the original bid documents and with Addendum 1 and Addendum 2. Refer Drawings SG1.00, SG1.10, SG1.11, SG1.00-S, SG1.01-E, SG1.02-E, SG1.11-C, SG1.12-C, SG1.21-C, SG1.22-C, SG1.32-C and SG1.10-G.
The Signage Trade Contractor is responsible for providing unit prices for all the sign types, which can be utilized by the owner on an as need basis for any location/building.
12. **Question:** Appendix D shows a unit price schedule for 4 of the site locations but leaves out the other 3 (Natural Sciences, Automotive Service & Health Professions); will there be an issuance of additional documentation to include these locations?

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- xii. **Response:** No additional documentation will be provided for the remaining buildings. The Signage Trade Contractor is responsible for providing unit prices for all the sign types, which can be utilized by the owner on an as need basis for any location/building.
13. **Question:** Sign Type 1.1 (Interior) - Please explain desired mounting. Is it possible to have mounting brackets for each of the 3 panels, or are we expected to mount this with two penetrations for 3 panels?
- xiii. **Response:** The intent is to have two hanger bars, one at each end of the sign.
14. **Question:** Sign Type 1.2 (Interior) - Please explain desired mounting. Is it possible to have mounting brackets for each of the 2 panels, or are we expected to mount this with two penetrations for both panels?
- xiv. **Response:** The intent is to have two hanger bars, one at each end of the sign
15. **Question:** Sign Type 2.1 (Interior) - Is the area color bar on the left of the sign considered part of the sign face and off limits for visible fasteners? If so, please provide mounting detail. The box is too large to be successfully held up with adhesive only.
- xv. **Response:** The intent is for the color bar at the left to act as a bracket. The sign is to be safely, securely and properly mounted to the wall with appropriate, concealed mechanical fasteners.
16. **Question:** Are Fossil Graphics or KVO Industries acceptable manufacturers for the digital high-pressure laminate panels? What is the desired panel thickness, 1/8" or 1/2"?
- xvi. **Response:** High Pressure Laminate panels (like Fossil Graphics or iZone) are acceptable. Panels must be of 1/2" thickness so that they do not curl, bend, or warp. Panels must also not be so heavy that a sign like Int 3.1 becomes too heavy to safely move or wall mounted signs cannot be safely and properly hung without excessive extra framing or bracing.
17. **Question:** Sign Type 5.1.1 (Interior) - How are we to indicate the different options we are pricing on the bid form, or has one option been selected for all bidders to price?
- xvii. **Response:** The options are identified by sign type - 5.1.1a and 5.1.1b. See attached revised bid form.
18. **Question:** Sign Type 6.2.1 (Interior)- Is there a specification for the sheet holder? What is the desired finish?
- xviii. **Response:** The note holder is described in the Specifications - see Section 10 14 00, paragraph 2.01, item Y, "Paper Holders." A similar paper holder product is the APCO Notifier, but the APCO product is too thick. The intent is for the note holders to have a thickness of 1/4" (as shown in Drawings) to 3/8".
19. **Question:** Is there a Proposal Form available in a Word or Excel Document Format? Will a revised Unit Pricing Proposal Form be sent to include the updated Unit Pricing Section from Addendum #1 with the Unit Pricing Section from the original Proposal Form Documents?
- xix. **Response:** The bid form is not available in an editable format. The bid form is only available in a .pdf format, which is uploaded on Joliet Junior College's website. The bid form has been revised to include the additional sign types and is included in Supplement #3.
20. **Question:** Provide following clarification for existing signage -
- a) Which existing signs are to be removed?
- b) Are there any existing sign types that will remain?
- xx. **Response: a)** The Specifications indicate that signs are to be removed from locations to be determined by the Owner and from locations where the existing signs are to be replaced by new signs (see Paragraph 3.01).
For removal of the existing exterior ground mounted signs and existing parking lot signs, following unit costs have been added in the bid form (see attached revised bid form) –
Ext. Demo 1 – Existing Exterior Ground Mounted Signs - Demo/ Removal/ Restoration-
Unit Cost for complete demolition, removal and restoration of the site to the original condition for existing exterior ground mounted signs.

Ext. Demo 2 - Existing Exterior Parking Lot Signs - Complete Removal/ Restoration- Complete removal and restoration (as necessary) to restore the site to original condition for existing exterior parking lot signs.

For the exterior ground mounted signs and parking lot sign types, exclude the demolition, removal and restoration necessary for removal of existing signs from the unit price of the new sign types. For all the remaining exterior (like the building mounted signs) and interior sign types, the unit price for each sign type should include the cost for complete demolition/ removal of existing signs and restoration/ patching work that may be necessary to restore the building/ site to its original condition.

b) Regulatory and life safety signage are not in the scope of work and are not to be removed.

21. **Question:** Per the bid documents, the Signage Contractor is to return all disturbed landscaping area, back to the original status. Will an allowance be acceptable for landscaping as with the snow and this time of the year, it is difficult to judge what type of foliage is located at the signage locations?
- xxi. **Response:** The unit prices should include the cost for a complete installation including any restoration work that may be necessary to return the landscaping to the original condition. Per response to question # 20 above, the unit cost for Ext. Demo 1 – Existing Exterior Ground Mounted Signs and Ext. Demo 2 - Existing Exterior Parking Lot Signs - Complete Removal/ Restoration should include the cost for any restoration work necessary as a result of demolition of existing exterior ground mounted and parking lot signs. Any restoration work required as a result of installation of new signs should be included in the unit cost of each sign type.
22. **Question:** Addendum #1, Item #1 mentions providing (1) full-Size, functional mock-up for Sign Type Int. 4.3 Directory; is this mock-up to be provided with the bid or post contract?
- xxii. **Response:** The mock-up will need to be provided after the award of the contract, during the shop drawing review phase.
23. **Question:** a) Due to the unknowns, the extent of research that will be required to produce a complete and accurate quote for the Electrical runs will it be acceptable at this time to utilize on Electrical Allowance provided by JJC/Gilbane. This will allow consistency throughout all bidders.
- b) If on allowance will not be suitable the following drawings will need to be forwarded for reference to complete this portion of the bid: As Built Electrical Drawings, As Built Floor Plans, As Built Site Plans (including the off-site section showing the ID Sign), As Built Specifications, also include any renovation/ demolition plans that will affect the As Built Sections where illuminated signage will be located.
- xxiii. **Response:** a) All electrical work required for a complete installation of each sign type should be included in the base bid unit price.
- b) Please refer to sheets SG1.01-E and SG1.02-E that were provided with Addendum 2. SG1.01-E shows existing site conditions for ground mounted signs requiring power. SG1.02-E provides information related to building mounted signs and signs in the central campus area that require power. The Signage Trade Contractor is responsible for providing unit prices that can be utilized by the owner on an as need basis for any location/building.
24. **Question:** Is the Signage Contractor to coordinate the locations and type of blocking required for the ceiling hung signage directly with Gilbane/JJC, so during the construction stage they can supply and install the blocking as required?
- xxiv. **Response:** For purposes of bidding, assume (and include in the unit price) that at all overhead sign locations, the existing drywall ceiling will need to be removed as required to install any blocking or other required structural elements and that the finished ceiling will then need to be restored.
25. **Question:** Would it be acceptable to dig down about 3" below grade and jack-hammer the top of the concrete foundations and cover with dirt and grass versus removing the full concrete foundation? The new signage would then be relocated adjacent to the existing location. This would allow a money

savings compared to removing the existing foundation. Due to the loss of the soil's structural integrity at the existing location, the soil would need to be either compacted or an enlarged area would need to be excavated and completely tilled with a considerable amount of concrete to compensate.

xxv. **Response:** This Trade Contractor is required to include complete removal of the concrete foundations in the base bid unit price. Refer to responses for question # 20 and 21 above for further clarification.

All other terms and conditions of the Bid Documents remain the same.

Acknowledge receipt of this Supplement No. 3 in your Proposal Form.

Sincerely,

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