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## **Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring Authority Wide REBID IFB #300-17-20-REBID**

### **ADDENDUM NO.4**

This addendum issued July 27, 2020 becomes in its entirety a part of the Invitation for Bids IFB #300-17-20-REBID as is fully set forth herein:

**Item 1:** Q: Based on your clarification – the one fire panel that has 30 zones with separate service addresses. My Company can absolutely handle and monitor that situation – but do charge an additional fee to maintain and monitor those individual zones per month. Your current bid sheet does not allow space to enter those additional fees, nor does your bid sheet identify which account has those additional zones?

**A: “The one fire panel” is referred to as the NDU “Network Display Unit” which controls communications via Dual internal SDACT’s or “Dialers.” This NDU is 1 of 30 network nodes or fire panels who communicate via fiber optics with each other. This NDU sole responsibility is to receive information from all other nodes on the network then communicate any fire alarm and trouble signals to the central stations. What makes the NDU unique is the NDU’s ability to dial to separate central stations, first the main central station then a secondary receiving computer managed by HACP. These reports must be point-to-point signal communications. Two communities use this method Bedford and Allegheny Dwellings.**

**Item 2:** Q: Additionally – your bid sheet lists fire and sprinkler accounts. Do the sprinkler accounts have their own dialers – or are those flow detectors that report through a fire or intrusion (security) panel and dialer? If so, the cost to monitor those systems are significantly less expensive than a separate monitored account.

**A: Yes, individual sprinkler accounts have their own dialers. The fire systems associated with our High Rise buildings which have sprinklers are part of the same system. Yet we also have sprinkler monitored only systems. Simply put we have a fire system with sprinklers and sprinkler monitoring systems.**

**Item 3:** Q: Can you provide some clarification and/or guidance how we are supposed to provide our pricing on your bid sheet?

**A: Any and all fees and charges must be encompassed in the account line item when completing the bid sheet.**

**Item 4:** Q: I also have one additional question regarding your response to our question about which accounts are monitored over cell dialers. The standard requirement in the City of Pittsburgh for Cellular Primary Fire Monitoring has a 60 minute check in interval – with a five (5) minute interval required

on certain accounts. We have received your response in the recent addendum, but that situation cannot be accurately priced due to a lack of specific details regarding how the alarm panels are communicating and what the required check-in interval is by account. How should we handle that on the bid sheet/bid process?


**A: Our cellular fire dialers Telguard TG-7F's check-in every 60 minute usually via contact ID to the central station(only) with a 24 hour Test signal to both the central station and HACP. Presently, the cellular units are the "Primary" and Verizon Fios "POTS" circuits are used as "Back-UP." Please note: This scenario may be reversed depending on whatever medium provides the most reliability. If the Verizon "POTS" circuit is the primary with the cellular unit it's back up then the interval will report a 24 hour test signal. We will most likely not be using this scenario very often.**

**Item 5:** Q: Will there be remote access to the bid opening today?

**A: No, there will not be remote access to the bid opening. However, vendors wishing to attend the bid opening may do so in the lobby at 100 Ross St. HACP will only be opening the physically submitted bids; electronic bids submitted via the link in the IFB will not be opened at that time.**

**Item 6:** The proposal due date, time, and location remain unchanged at August 4, 2020, at 11:00 AM, at the HACP Procurement Dept., 100 Ross St. 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

#### **END OF ADDENDUM NO. 4**

  
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Date