

PROJECT:            RETROFITTING OF LA UNION BUILDING

QUERIES   RAISED DURING PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

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1.	Regarding the equipment, can we waive the motorized fiber epoxy and power potter since the requirement/quantity of carbon fiber is not that much in La Union?	Motorized Fiber Epoxy/ Saturated Machine, FRP Power Cutter and air compressor are no longer required.  This amends Section III. Bid Data Sheet
2.	Do we have a particular paper size for the bids?	None.
3.	Will you accept any alternative material other than carbon fiber?  Can we submit alternatives for as long as it is equal or better if it can give us significant savings?	No. We maintain our requirements.
4.	Are we required to conduct a site inspection?	No. But bidders are encouraged to conduct a site inspection prior to the Submission and Opening of Bids.

WRITTEN QUERIES:

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A.	Electronic (clear) file of the following plans on SSS La Union Building Requesting for a clear, electronic copy of the following plans - Architectural Plans (including Floor Plans, Elevation and Section Details) - Structural Plans/As-built Plans (particularly the Schedule of Beams, Column and slab) - Electrical Plans	Plans shall be issued together with the bid bulletin
B.	Permits and Licenses - Usual processing is at least 1 month to 3 months, depending on compliance with documents. (we have history in Permit application, wherein the end user has problems with existing documents, other legal documents were delayed due to signatories).	The contract period is changed from 150 calendar days to 210 calendar days, inclusive of the additional 60 calendar days for Pre-Construction stage (e.g., securing of permits, clearance, etc.), which shall commence from the receipt of Notice to Proceed and signed contract.
C.	Building permit applications in the Schedule - Actual duration of retrofitting works should not include duration of Building Permit applications - The client/building admin has to provide complete end-user documents as compliance to building permit requirements (not only retrofitting plans, but must include existing architectural,	The construction period shall start on the 61st day or from the completion of all necessary permits/clearances, whichever comes first.  This amends Section I. Invitation To Bid.  If required by the Building Official, SSS will provide a copy of any available documents necessary for permit application.

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	<p>structural, mechanical, electrical plans, etc. once requested) this must be ready upon application of building and must not be included in the schedule. Whenever needed, structural computations, structural certification should be provided during the permitting process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The construction starting schedule must be adjusted/halted if requirement from the City hall was not met due to non-compliance of end-user documents.</li> </ul>	
D.	<p><b>Structural Epoxy for Cracks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarification for structural epoxy if this item will only be for Structural members labeled for retrofitting (cracks on plaster and structural members not for Retrofitting are excluded) – see Attachment 1</li> <li>- If the Structural Epoxy consumption has exceeded for the specified original quantities in the Bill of quantities, will this be considered in variation order as additive quantities?</li> </ul>	<p>The structural epoxy shall be applied to all cracks and crevices within the building.</p> <p>Yes, any item that will exceed the quantities set-in the BOQ will be considered as variation order</p>
E.	<p><b>Main Materials for Retrofitting works</b></p> <p>Are we allowed to propose a retrofitting material brand other than the brands specified in the bidding documents?</p>	<p>No. We maintain our requirements.</p>
F.	<p><b>Phasing Plan and Relocation of Workstation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will there be phasing plan prepared by the SSS for the Retrofitting works?</li> <li>- In relation to the Phasing Plan, will there be an assigned relocation site within the building for the employees' workstation, including equioment and documents?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes, phasing of work will be implemented in coordination with the Building Administrator, Branch Personnel and Construction Manager.</p> <p>Yes, this shall be in coordination with the Building Administrator and Branch Personnel.</p>
G.	<p><b>Temporary Facilities/Staging Area</b></p> <p>Where can we build our temfacil or staging area?</p>	<p>Contractor/s will be given an area for staging and temporary facilities, to be coordinated with the Building Administrator.</p>
H.	<p><b>Temporary Utilities</b></p> <p>Item for temporary Utilities (electrical and Water consumption) is not included in the BOQ. For clarification, will SSS or Contractor shoulder the cost for electrical and Water Consumption</p>	<p>Utility consumption shall be shouldered by SSS.</p>

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I.	<p>Minimum Major Equipment Requirements</p> <p>Among the list of Major Equipment for La Union building, can we remove the requirement for the following equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Motorized Fiber Epoxy (Saturated Machine) – 1 unit min.</li><li>- Power Cutter for FRP – 1 unit min</li><li>- Air Compressor (all models) – 1 unit</li></ul>	<p>Motorized Fiber Epoxy/ Saturated Machine, FRP Power Cutter and air compressor shall not be required as minimum equipment requirement.</p> <p>This amends Section III. Bid Data Sheet</p>
J.	<p>Retrofitting Obstruction at EE room</p> <p>See Attachment 2 for the location of EE Room, where retrofitting of beams is included and the current obstruction for retrofitting (see photos). Who will be responsible for the relocation of the equipment?</p>	<p>If relocation of an existing equipment is necessary during retrofitting works, it will be conducted by the contractor and considered as variation order.</p>