



**ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE  
FOR CONTRACT FY2014-115**

**DATE:** March 3, 2014

**TO:** ALL BIDDERS OF RECORD

**BID FOR:** **Fiber Optic Cable Splicing and Testing Labor Contract**

This addendum forms a part of and modifies the "INVITATION TO BID" package for the above item scheduled to open March 11, 2014 at 2:00 P.m., local time at the City of Oak Ridge, Central Services Complex, 100 Woodbury Lane, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**ITEM 1 – Questions, Comments and Requests for Clarification received from Bidders**

1. Question: What documents are required to be submitted as a portion of the bid?

Answer: Refer to page 4 of the Invitation to Bid instructions.

2. Question: Will award be made to the low bid absent other considerations?

Answer: The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. Bidder qualification will be evaluated based on submitted materials and past performance.

3. Question: Are the contractors responsible for the reel testing?

Answer: The initial reel testing will be performed by a third party. The price in the contract is for any possible additional reels purchased during the construction phase of the project.

4. Question: Who is responsible for the installation of the fibers?

Answer: The City of Oak Ridge will cause the fiber to be installed outside of the contract under consideration.

5. Question: What is the estimated time frame before the work will begin?

Answer: 3 to 4 months

6. Question: Will the construction phase of the work delay the fiber splicing or will it be able to stay ahead of the splicing and testing work?

Answer: It is the intent of the City to coordinate installation crews and testing crews such that no delays will be encountered. The contract provides for compensation in case re-mobilization is required.

7. Question: Will City provided crews assist the contractors in lowering cables?

Answer: Yes. The City is responsible for lowering and re-hanging cable so that the splicing/ testing contractor can work with proper clearances.

8. Question: Is the 40 hour work week mandatory as specified in the contract?

Answer: Yes.

9. Question: Will the successful bidder be required to keep first aid splints and stretcher on splicer trailer?

Answer: Section 008101 Special Conditions, 5.0 Accident Prevention/Safety Program, 3. First Aid c. is herewith modified to eliminate the requirement that the contractor will not be required to keep stretchers or emergency splints in the first aid kit.

10. Question: Will the City require a .1 testing result on the cable that has been spliced?

Answer: Paragraph 5.0.C.3 shall be changed to the following: 3. the splice loss of each fiber at each splice location shall be no greater than 0.20 dB at 1550nm on a bidirectional averaging basis

11. Question: Will the City require a continuity testing of each spliced fiber?

Answer: Paragraph 5.0.C.4 shall be changed to the following: C.4. Insertion loss test shall also be provided for each fiber with both ends connectorized. Excess fibers in the system (fibers coiled at splice locations) shall not be injection loss tested. This test shall also verify that each fiber is spliced to its intended destination.

It is expected that all bidders read the contract document and specifications prior to submitting their bid. The information provided in this addendum along with the contract document and specifications provides each potential bidder the same information to submit their bid.

**\*\*\*\*\* Acknowledge receipt of this addendum when you submit your bid \*\*\*\*\***