

RESPONSES TO RFI's

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CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER

**MULTIPURPOSE THEATER
AUDIOVISUAL SPECIFICATION**

**DECD PROJECT #2007064005
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
M. JODI RELLE – GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOAN MCDONALD - COMMISSIONER**

The following information is posted in response to questions raised during the Bidders Conference call held on Friday July 18, 2008 from 1:00-3:00 PM by the Connecticut Science Center regarding the multipurpose theater RFP.

- (1) An AV system flow diagram will be made available to bidders on the RFP website to assist firms in preparing their proposals. If there are questions after the AV diagram is released bidders should submit a request for information via email to the owners contact. The CSC will respond to such requests in a timely manner by posting responses on the RFP website.
- (2) AUTOCAD theater drawings will not be provided as part of the bidding process but may be provided to the selected contractor after award. These drawings are to be used for information only and should not be used in place of any submittals required under the contract.
- (3) Either “active” or “passive” 3D glasses that are suitable for low-gain screens are acceptable.
- (4) A dishwasher or sanitizing system for the glasses can be included in the bid package, however it should be clearly identified and budgeted as a line item. Electrical and plumbing hook-up of this washing system will not be the responsibility of the bidder. This will be handled by separate trade contracts to the CSC.

- (5) Vendors and Small business contracts need not be Connecticut businesses, however every effort should be made to utilize appropriately skilled local businesses and contractors. Vendors and subcontractors must be in compliance with State of Connecticut Consumer Protection and the Secretary of the State regarding and applicable licensing requirements. Labor need not be union trades.
- (6) Master quotes will not be provided for any of the equipment listed in the specifications including the screen. Bidders should obtain their own quotes for these or provide quotes for alternate brands or models that are comparable.
- (7) A masking system to accommodate variable projection aspects is included as part of the bid package. Desired aspect ratios to target have not been provided, however examples of anticipated applications are included in the RFP and it is the desire of the CSC to accommodate as much flexibility as possible within budgetary limits. The bidder is not responsible for electrical supply for this system. This will be handled by separate trade contracts to the CSC.
- (8) The prices included in the descriptions on the cost worksheet are not targets and should not influence your bidding package.
- (9) Bidders are not responsible for the working condition of the Owner provided projector, however proposed systems must be compatible with the specified make and model and any projector adaptors or customization required for 3D operation by the system as bid should be included in the bid.
- (10) It is the Owners intent to provide broadband internet access during the installation period.
- (11) A center channel high speaker does not need to be included if the proposed system does not require this.
- (12) Mounting requirements for speakers other than specified should be included in the proposal and bid package. Regarding the speakers located at the screen, the theater design should have sufficient depth between the screen and the speakers to enable access from the side, without removal of the screen, for repair and maintenance. Exact height requirements for the speakers should be submitted by the selected contractor.
- (13) The general contractor for the building is providing the raceway for electrical from which the wires can be pulled, and these should be shown on the plans.

- (14) Bidders can incorporate recommended substitutions into a separate cost worksheet, however a rationale for making these substitutions should be clearly made where appropriate using the forms provided in the RFP.
- (15) The CSC will provide access to the theater space for delivery of the equipment after the area is turned over to the owner. At that point, equipment can be brought directly to the theater. Equipment shipped prior to that date should be stored offsite by the selected contractor.
- (16) It is the intent of the CSC to have installation of the theater occur after all major building work is completed.
- (17) To comply with requirements for local service presence, bidders may identify a qualified, local subcontractor who will provide required services within the warranty period without charge to the CSC, and will perform services required under any subsequent service agreement. Any such subcontractor will be expected to be fully knowledgeable of the CSC theater systems as configured prior to any need for their services that might arise.
- (18) All electrical equipment must be approved by UL or equivalent testing agency such as ETL or CSA.
- (19) All systems shall be DCI compliant at the time of delivery. Any additional provisions to satisfy future requirements of certain content providers may be considered in the proposals however they are not required and if included should be clearly denoted in the budget.
- (20) The radius of the screen is 111 feet.