

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. Q: Is there an estimated dollar amount that this contract is for? Would you know what the expected spend amount for Region 1 will be for the length of the contract?

**A: There is not estimated amount and we have no records by region.**

2. Q: In bidding this work are we required to bid all 7 regions or can we bid on an individual region?

**A: You can bid on any regions you want. It is not a requirement to bid on all of them.**

3. Q: Will OCA consider a time extension for the bid response?

**A: No, there will be no time extension.**

4. Q: Can you supply an estimate per region, or overall, of the number of engagements per month/year?

**A: No, this information is not available.**

5. Q: Is there any requirement for paying Prevailing Wage on all pricing lists defined by the RFP? If so,  
a. Is there a Specific Prevailing wage classification the Courts wishes to use per Region rather than County by County as defined on the Labor Web Site?

**A: There is no prevailing wage requirements for working in the courts - the RFBs specifications do not involve construction. If there are prevailing wage considerations by location, it is the contractor's responsibility to follow all state and local laws and codes and to check with the NYS Dpt. of Labor.**

b. Will the Courts consider multiple Job Classification levels based on the resources that are used to perform the work. Please refer to the NYS Labor web site for specifics on Prevailing Wage Classifications:

<http://wpp.labor.state.ny.us/wpp/publicViewPWChanges.do?method=showIt>

**A: The courts will not accept multiple job classification levels.**

6. Q: Are there Union Labor requirements for NYS Courts locations? If so please identify what locations would require Union Labor to perform tasks outlined in the RFP.

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**A: There is no union requirement for working in the courts.**

7. Q: Page 9, Price Increases: This provision refers to “the CPI”, however, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes several Consumer Price Indices. Some of those are very regional in nature. Can the Office of Court Administration please specify the precise CPI that is intended?

**A: National CPI**

8. Q: Attachment I, OGS Specifications, refers to NY OGS General Specifications–Commodities and Non-Technology Services (Dec. 1999), also the Technology Products and Services (Nov. 2000) and the Negotiated Software Contracts (July 2001).

a. Can OCA please supply websites URLs from which these contracts may be downloaded.

**A: The contracts can be found on the OGS website located at <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us>**

b. In the alternative, can it send PDFs of these contracts?

**A: No**

c. What is the applicability of the Negotiated Software Contracts document to this cabling procurement?

**A: This section is part of our standard contract language and as there is no software provisioned in the offering it is not applicable.**

9. Q: Can the bid forms be issued in an Excel format rather than PDF format?

**A: No**

10. Q: On page 8 the Pricing sections state that “all cost including core boring will be included, yet on page 31 it ask for unit pricing for core bores. Should the station unit price include core drilling?

**A: Please include core drilling with all prices. There are separate areas for core drilling pricing if we only need the core drill done or in the event of an extra.**

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11. Q: On page #9 C it stipulates that “No increases associated with labor cost be considered”. Is this contract to be bid utilizing “NYS Prevailing Wages” for the Labor installation cost? Is so, Union wages which the prevailing wages are based on escalate on a yearly basis, why then is this contract asking for a fixed price for three years? The contractor would have base their labor rates on the projected rates for each district 3 years from bid submittals to cover their costs. Can the contractor provide and escalation percentage for each consecutive year of the contract?
- A: **Please see the answer to Question 5 for prevailing wages. Any request for a price increase for renewal period(s) must be reasonable, necessary and documented.**
12. Q: On page 11 the start of the unit pricing for Cabling and, Section 1 of each region, how is the termination to be accomplished at the Rack or cabinet? On a patch Panel? Is this panel to be fully loaded or can a Discrete Jack style panel be utilize to better separate the cost?
- A: **Panel shall be fully loaded.**
13. Q: On page 14 the start of “Additional Cabling” and section 2 of the remainder of the regions, how are the cables to be terminated? On What style of termination Block? Krone? 110? Patch Panels? Is it really the OCA intention to run 25 to 100 pair cables? Are these cables to be category 3 Cables or 5E cables?
- A: **Krone, Although it is not done often we would like a price for the option., The cables shall be cat 5E.**
14. Q: Should the unit pricing for these cables have core drilling, attachment support hardware and fire stopping included in the unit Price?
- A: **Yes.**
15. Q: On Page 15  
Relocate Demarc the second column indicates floors 1 to 5 and 5 to 10, wouldn't a per foot cost apply here? A floor does not seem to be a good indication of a multiplier.
- A: **List it per foot.**

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16. Q: Page 16 Please specify the type of fiber connectors to be bid. Are both multimode and single mode fibers to be spliced to pigtails?
- A: **SC connectors, all connections shall be fusion spliced to factory made pigtails.**
17. Q: Are the unit prices on page 17, 18, 19 for cable placement only and the termination unit prices on pages 21 and 22 in addition to any cable installation cost?
- A: **Yes, If you were bidding on a 500' cable run with a panel on each end you would use pricing from three sections. Fiber optic backbone, fiber optic splicing and fiber optic panels.**
18. Q: If so where should the fiber optic enclosures be included in?
- A: **There is a section for installation of fiber optic enclosures.**
19. Q: Page 24 Do you have the manufacturer of the LCD TV? So the over all size and weight can be calculated. Will these item supplied by OCA be located at the site of installation or will the contractor be responsible for transporting them to site for installation?
- A: **We currently use Dell but there is no guarantee this will remain the company we use.**
20. Q: Page 28 What is an IBOOT Device? Can you provide a Manufacturer and a Part number or cut sheet?
- A: **<http://www.dataprobe.com/products/power/iboot/ibootac/index.html>**