MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2017

FROM: Dr. Sadiq B. Ikharo, Vice Chancellor, Department of General Services
TO: Bidding Vendors
COPY: John Hiebert, Buyer; Osafran Okundaye, Facilities Project Manager

RE: Bid No: 16-17/13 District-wide Emergency Blue Phones
Dismal Bidders Participation Rate vis-à-vis Single Bid Participant

As you may be aware, the bid for the Emergency Blue Phones project closed on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, and only a single bid was received — G4S Secure Integration LLC submitted a lump sum bid in the amount of $1,649,819.40.

In light of the foregoing, the District has elected to invoke the provisions of bidding conditions #6 as outlined in Document 00 4113 (Bid Form) which states inter alia that “the undersigned Bidder understands that Owner (the District) reserves the right to reject this Bid”.

The following reasons informed the decision to reject the sole bid and necessitated the need to request a re-bid of the project namely:

1. The lack of a competing bid puts a cloud on the end product (bid amount) because there is no way to ascertain if the sole bid represents a competitive bid.

2. The sole bid was a lump sum bid with no breakdowns of the various aspects of the project thus making it extremely difficult to thoroughly evaluate the bid on its merits as informed by the cost breakdowns as reflected and/or validated by the bills of quantities, were these informational pieces provided.

Following the rejection of the sole bid, District has elected to re-bid the project immediately with the intent to explicitly request for a base bid that covers district-wide costs for installation of a new system (including proposed additional phone locations) in addition to a request for four (4) alternate bids that reflects the additional cost of installation of new phone locations, above and beyond the existing locations at each of the four (4) colleges.
The goal is to have the project re-advertised next week with a bid closing date within the next 4-5 weeks and not later than April 30, 2017.

Signed:

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Vice Chancellor, General Services