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NHMCCD WAN RFP ADDENDUM #1

This addendum documents the questions, answers and statements during the NHMCCD WAN RFP pre-proposers conference on Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

1. **Section 1.2 Schedule of Events**
   a) *Q. What will be disclosed at the RFP opening?* A: NHMCCD Purchasing will acknowledge receipt of proposals by vendor only. Public review or reading of the RFP's will not be allowed at this time. A list of vendors responding will be made available by EPS shortly there after.

2. **Section 2.4 Mandatory Site Survey**
   a) *Q: Whom do we coordinate with to gain access to buildings?* A: Contact Chris Smith at 281- 260-3580 (o) at lease 24 hours prior to onsite visit so he may coordinate with building personnel. Check in and out at campus office with appropriate company attire and identification.

3. **Section 2.9 Project Manager**
   a) *Q: Do you require full-time, on-site project manager?* A: A full time project manager available for contact is required. On-site full time is not.

4. **Section 2.13 Special Terms and Conditions**
   i) *Q: What are the bond requirements?*
      (1) Proposal bond or Cashiers Check made payable to NHMCCD for 5% of proposal must be submitted with the RFP response.
      (2) BOTH a 100% Performance and Payment Bond will be required of the awarded vendor.

5. **Section 3.1 Background**
   a) *Q: How are the campuses mentioned interconnected?*
      i) A: Approximately 2.7 miles of underground fiber between Montgomery College and Collins Middle School is in 1" interduct in public right of way.
      ii) A: Approximately 1 mile of underground fiber between University Center and Montgomery College is in 4" conduit on NHMCCD public property.

6. **Section 3.3 Techical Specifications**
   a) *Q: To what extent do you want full redundant entry routes?* A: Proposer will document the proposed "Non Redundant Exposure" to each location. The "main campus" fiber routes should be designed and constructed in the base proposal as a single entry from the district's propoerty line. If both cables must use the same route past the property line, the

length of this "Non Redundant Exposure" must be documented. If dual building entry is available, price this cost as an added line item to the base proposal by campus.

7. **Section 3.3 Techical Specifications**
   a) *Q: Where is the MC room at each location?* A: This information will be provided as soon as it is made available.
      i)   Current District Office/Parkway Center = Room 103L Computer Room
      ii)   North Harris College   = New Library Building
      iii) Kingwood College   = Room 200/R1 Admin Building
      iv)   Montgomery College   = Room C103
      v)   Tomball College   = Room S102
      vi)   Carver Center   = Room T1
      vii) CyFair College   = TBD
      viii) CyFair Center   = TBD
      ix)   Conroe Center   = TBD
      x)   Willow Chase   = TBD
      xi)   New District Office   = TBD

8. **Section 4.2 WAN Infrastructure Cost**
   a) *Q: What cost options will NHMCCD accept?*
      i)   A: NHMCCD will accept:
            (1) a lump sum, one time cost option for the length of the contract;
            (2) up front construction cost, then incremental annual reoccurring for maintenance;
            (3) annual reoccurring cost for the length of the contract;
            (4) incremental cost per site breakdown.
   b) *Q: Will the proposer forms be made available in electronic format?* A: Yes, please download from http://www.eps4.com/Nhforms.doc

9. **Section 4.4 Other Proposal Criteria-Calendar Days**
   a) *Q: What does NHMCCD expect as a completion date?* A: One-selection criteria will be the time line in which the vendor can complete the project. The more aggressive the time line, the more favorable the response.

10. **Section 4.12 Other Proposal Criteria-Added Value**
    a) *Q: What added value is NHMCCD looking for?* A: This section is made available so vendors may differentiate their added value services from other vendors above and beyond the specific RFP request. i.e., Low cost, high speed internet access; high speed access to peer Colleges and K-12 school districts; Multi-conference video switching capabilities; telephony servcies; network monitoring and support; etc.