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The following will serve as Amendment #2 to NYSIF's Question & Answer (Q&A) for Buffalo Commissioning Authority, bid number 2025-23-RE. Material in this Amendment supersedes any contradictory material in the RFQ.

Please note that the due date for the submission of bids **remains unchanged**.

All bids are due 6/18/2025, by 2:00 p.m.(eastern).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paulino", is written over a light blue dotted rectangular background.

Jacob Paulino
Assistant Insurance Fund Services Rep.

Buffalo Commissioning Authority
RFQ #2025-23-RE
Amendment 2

Question #	RFQ Page #	RFQ Section and Sub-Section Reference #/Heading	Question	NYSIF Response
1	1	2 / Purpose of this RFQ	<p>Page 1 states that <i>"This procurement opportunity is limited to New York State small businesses certified as Minority or Women Owned Businesses pursuant to Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law or small businesses certified as Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses pursuant to Article 3 of the New York State Veterans' Services Law."</i> Pages 5 and 12 state that NYSIF has established goals of 30% MWBE and 6% SDVOB participation.</p> <p>Is the prime consultant required to be an MBE, WBE, or SDVOB firm, with subconsultants required to fulfill the 30% MWBE and 6% SDVOB goals?</p> <p>If so, does the small business status of the prime firm count towards those goals?</p>	<p>The Prime Bidder must be a NYS-certified MWBE or SDVOB to be eligible to bid on this procurement.</p> <p>The 30% MWBE and 6% SDVOB are NYSIF's Agency goals. As this is a Discretionary MWBE & SDVOB purchase as further outlined in Section 2 of the RFQ, the certified Prime firm is not mandated to meet these goals; however, NYSIF always encourages maximum participation where ever feasible should the Prime decide to utilize MWBE and/or SDVOB subcontractors under this solicitation.</p> <p>The Prime Bidders certification would count towards the applicable Agency goals.</p>
2	1	2 / Purpose of this RFQ	<p>Services are required for renovations to the NYSIF building at 225 Oak Street. Is any additional information available regarding the scope of the planned renovation, in order to provide a more accurate fee proposal?</p>	<p>The comprehensive building renovations may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reconfiguration of both the 1st and 2nd floor. 2. Replacement of existing luminaires with energy efficient LED lighting. 3. Re-routing of duct work as needed. 4. Update or replace the existing sprinkler system. 5. Refresh of existing Bathrooms. 6. Update electrical systems (new panels, rewiring, etc.). 7. Additional Pantry on the 2nd floor. 8. Refresh of overflow parking lots (sealing, striping, etc.) 9. Conversion of HVAC RTU Units from Gas to Electric.
3	7	12.a Mandatory Requirements	<p>Is a Certified Building Commissioning Professional (CBCP) from the Association of Energy Engineers acceptable instead of ASHRAE CBCP?</p>	<p>No. Per New York State guidance and stated in the BuildSmart 2025 Guidelines, agencies are required to utilize ASHRAE standards.</p>
4	41-55	Appendix C Contract Provisions	<p>If we are the successful bidder, are any of the contract terms negotiable?</p>	<p>Any exceptions, caveats or additional information to NYSIF's terms, clauses, provisions and/or contractual specifications specified in this RFQ must be listed, cross referenced to the response to which it applies and clearly explained within the Bidder's proposal submission. This information will be reviewed by NYSIF upon award of a contract. NYSIF reserves the right to reject any requested changes during contract negotiations with the awarded firm.</p> <p><u>Note well:</u> No comments, limitations or changes are permitted with respect to any of the terms and conditions contained in Exhibit A, Standard Clauses.</p>