



Ventura County Community College District

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DATE: August 24, 2026
TO: All Bidders
FROM: Renée Knight, Purchasing Specialist
SUBJECT: Addendum #2 – Bid #735 OC OE Marine Center

This addendum is hereby made part of the Contract Documents to the same extent as though it was originally included therein and takes precedence over the original documents. The outdated pages must be replaced with any updated and/or changed pages when submitting your bid. Acknowledge receipt of all addenda on the Bid Form.

The bid opening remains on **Thursday, August 27, 2026**. Bids must be received no later than **3:00 p.m.** at 761 E Daily Drive, Suite 200, Camarillo, CA 93010. Properly mark the outside of the exterior envelope on your submitted bid with the Bid Number and Name according to the requirements stated in the bid packet directions.

If you choose not to participate in this particular bid, please sign the Bid Proposal stating “no bid” and email or fax it back to me at 805-652-7700.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to verify that their proposal has been received by the VCCCD Purchasing Department prior to the opening date. Verification of receipt can be made through the listed Purchasing Specialist.

The following information is in answer to questions that were asked at the job walk and via email request. The deadline for questions was 3:00pm Tuesday 8/18/2026. No further questions will be accepted.

1. Could you please provide the ceiling types and heights (for open ceilings) for all impacted buildings, OE-A through OE-D?

Answer: Ceiling types for OE-A, OE-B, and OE-C are noted in the fire alarm drawings. Heights for open ceilings vary from 15'-0" at lowest point of open ceilings to 24'-0" at highest points.

2. Additionally, are as-built drawings available? The FA plans only show sheet notes 5 and 6, but they do not indicate the types of ceilings currently in place. Having the as-builts will help us understand the drops between the decks and the drop ceilings, as well as the construction above the drop ceilings for our conduit installations.

Answer: refer to Addendum #1 for the original drawings.



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3. General Conditions 6.3 requires the Contractor to maintain Builder's Risk "All-Risk" Completed Value coverage, described as providing "extended coverage and insurance against vandalism and malicious mischief, perils of fire, sprinkler leakage, civil authority, sonic boom, collapse and flood upon the entire Work." Separately, General Conditions 8.3.6.2 conditions any payment for materials delivered and stored at the Site on the Contractor making arrangements satisfactory to the District "including without limitation, insurance reasonably satisfactory to the District, covering and protecting against the risk of loss, destruction, theft or other damage to such materials or equipment while in storage." Please confirm whether the District intends the Builder's Risk required by 6.3 to respond to theft of materials and of work in place before Final Acceptance, or whether theft is intended to be covered by the separate insurance described in 8.3.6.2, so that bidders are pricing the same coverage.

Answer: Builder's Risk policies are commonly written on an "all-risk" basis and may provide coverage for theft of materials and work in place, subject to the specific terms, conditions, exclusions, and endorsements of the policy. It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that its proposed Builder's Risk coverage satisfies the requirements of the Contract Documents, including coverage for theft if required to comply with those requirements.

While Builder's Risk policies commonly provide coverage for materials stored on site and intended for incorporation into the Work, coverage is dependent upon the specific policy terms and limits. A separate sublimit is required for off site and stored materials, so the second section essentially requires that the sublimit be purchased with the coverage provided for the first section.

The provisions appear intended to work together and do not present a material conflict. However, adding express reference to theft coverage may provide additional clarity and help ensure all bidders are pricing insurance requirements consistently. To provide additional clarity, the District may revise Section 6.3 to include "theft" to the list of perils to ensure clarity ("...insurance against theft, vandalism and malicious mischief, perils of fire, sprinkler leakage, civil authority, sonic boom, collapse and flood...")

4. Section 01 5000, 3.04, specifies the physical measures: a minimum six foot tall enclosure fence with lockable entrance gates before excavation begins, a substantial



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temporary enclosure of partially completed areas with locking entrances "to prevent unauthorized entrance, vandalism, theft, and similar violations of security," and a secure lockup where stored materials are "of value or attractive for theft." Special Conditions 1.22.1(3) then provides that "The District may provide such watchman services deemed necessary to protect the District's interest, but any protection so provided by the District shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for the safety and condition of the work and material until the completion and acceptance thereof. The Contractor shall employ such watchman services as he may deem necessary to properly protect and safeguard the work and material." Please confirm whether the District considers the Section 01 5000 measures sufficient to satisfy 1.22.1(3), or whether a watch presence is expected outside working hours, and please confirm whether any District or campus police coverage extends to the construction enclosure and to the Contractor's storage and laydown area during the 180 day contract period.

Answer: Contractor is responsible for securing and protecting the Work, materials, and equipment, including providing watchman if the Contractor deems necessary. No dedicated District security is provided.

5. The Bid Proposal contains no item for site security or protection of the work, and 8.3.6.2 provides that the costs of complying with the stored materials requirements "shall be borne solely and exclusively by the Contractor and no payment shall be made by the District on account of such costs and expenses." Please confirm where bidders are to carry the cost of the 1.22.1(3) watchman services and the 8.3.6.2 insurance, so that every bid is prepared on the same basis.

Answer: Please refer to the answer to question # 3

6. From RFI TT-001: Drawing Reference : E700
THE SINGLE LINE DIAGRAM ON SHEET E700 SHOWS A 'Y' CABLE INSTALLED BETWEEN THE NEW FIRE ALARM CONTROL AND THE EXISTING ALARM CONTROL IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. THE 'Y' CABLE IS LISTED AS A HANDSET/COM CABLE. THE CONNECTIONS SHOWN APPEAR TO REFERANCE ARCHNET SYSTEM NETWORKING CONNECTIONS. IS THE INTENT OF THIS PROJECT TO NETWORK TWO STAND ALONE FIRE ALARM PANELS?



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IF SO, TECH-TIME SUGGESTS USING FIBER OPTIC CABLE TO DO SO AS PER MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS. OTHERWISE TWISTED PAIR MUST BE INSTALLED ALONE IN ITS OWN CONDUIT PATHWAY. ALSO NOTE THAT NETWORKING THE TWO STAND ALONE PANELS WILL CREATE DUAL REPORTING OF ALARMS AND TROUBLES.

Proposed Solution: IF THE INTENT IS TO NETWORK THE TWO CONTROL PANELS, TECH-TIME SUGGESTS USING FIBER OPTIC CABLE BETWEEN PANELS, ADD A REPEATER CARD WITH FIBER MODULE TO THE EXISTING PANEL, ADD FIBER MODULE TO THE NEW PANEL AND DELETE THE CELL DIALER ON THE NEW PANEL.

Answer: Site wide communications is shown on E140 from the new E3 to the Campus wide master FACP as noted on E140 and shown on E700. The AQ245 is not shown again on E700. The INCC-C intelligent command center is in both E3 FACP and will allow to voice communication between FACP

Please see sheet E140 which shows the West Penn AQ245 between the building E3 and the sitewide master E3 in the administration building. See next page for ability of the AQ245 to provide adequate connectivity at this less than 3000 foot limitation.

There will not be dual reporting if programming is properly accomplished via CAMWORKS with peer to peer token ring network configuration with the E3 panel at the Administration Building.

Communication between two Gamewell-FCI E3 Series fire alarm systems can use either fiber optics or unshielded twisted-pair (UTP) copper wire. The network runs on a 625K baud ARCNET protocol and supports mixed configurations, allowing you to use copper or plug-in fiber loop modules (FSL-E3 for single-mode or FML-E3 for multi-mode) depending on the installation requirements. Fiber Optic Support: Used via optional plug-in modules on network repeaters (RPT-E3-UTP) or voice gateways (INI-VG) for long distances or immunity to electrical interference. West Penn AQ245: This is a 16/4 (16 AWG, 4-conductor) unshielded Aquaseal water-blocked direct burial/outdoor cable. It is commonly used as a rugged copper physical medium to wire low-voltage control, audio, or alarm signals between buildings or in wet environments where moisture/direct burial resistance is required.

7. From RFI TT-002: Drawing Reference : E500 and E700
PLAN SHEET E500 SYMBOL LEGEND SHOWS THE FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL TO INCLUDE A "FIREFIGHTERS HANDSET", BUT NOT AT THE ANNUNCIATOR. PLAN SHEET E700 SINGLE LINE DIAGRAM CALLS FOR A



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HANDSET AT THE REMOTE ANNUNCIATOR, BUT NOT AT THE CONTROL PANEL. IS IT THE INTENT OF THIS PROJECT TO INCLUDE FIREFIGHTERS HANDSETS TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CONTROL PANEL IN THE ELECTRICAL ROOM AND THE REMOTE ANNUNCIATOR IN THE OFFICE?

Proposed Solution: IF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CONTROL PANEL AND THE ANNUNCIATOR IS NOT NEEDED, TECHTIME SUGGESTS DELETING THE HANDSETS

Answer: Firefighters handset is not needed, handset at the remote annunciation location and at the FACP are required. The FACP is covering 4 buildings and being able to address each one individually from either the FACP or the annunciation station (which is occupied normally is desired)

8. From RFI TT-003: Drawing Reference : E500

PLAN SHEET E500 SYMBOL LEGEND SHOWS THE FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL TO INCLUDE AN 'INI-7100-UTP' NETWORK CARD. THE MANUFACTURER HAS DISCONTINUED THE 7100 SERIES CONTROL PANELS AND SYSTEM PARTS.

IS IT THE INTENT OF THIS PROJECT TO NETWORK THE NEW STAND ALONE FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL WITH EXISTING 7100 SERIES CONTROL PANELS ON THE CAMPUS?

Proposed Solution: IF THE NEW PANEL IS NOT TO BE NETWORKED WITH EXISTING 7100 SERIES PANELS, TECH-TIME SUGGESTS DELETING THE 'INI-7100- UTP'.

Answer: To connect two Honeywell Gamewell-FCI E3 Series Fire Alarm Control Panels (FACPs) using AQ245 cable, you need to use the ANX-MR-UTP (Addressable Node Expander - Multi-Ring, Twisted-Pair) network interface model.

The Honeywell Gamewell-FCI ANX-MR-UTP network module utilizes a specialized sub-board (specifically, the RPT-UTP repeater board) designed to run network data over longer, non-twisted, or wet-location low-voltage cabling. Eliminate the INI -7100-UTP and use the ANX-MR-UTP

9. Special Conditions 1.01.A and B.1 state 180 Calendar Day contract Time for Substantial Completion measured from the NTP, but also a fixed Substantial Completion date of June 30, 2027, for the OE Marine Center. If the NTP is issued later than early January 2027, and the 180 Calendar Day period extends past June 30, 2027, which date would govern, and how would liquidated damages be assessed if the two are in conflict?



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Answer: The intent is to achieve Substantial Completion by June 30, 2027, or sooner based on the NTP. If the NTP is issued such that the 180 calendar day period extends beyond June 30, 2027, a revised Substantial Completion date will be established. The approved Baseline Schedule will establish the Substantial Completion date for purposes of assessing Liquidated Damages.

10. Special conditions 1.56 lists two individuals as the District's Project manager: Jacob Norris and Bishoy Elmagarisy. Please confirm the current Project Manager and their contact information.

Answer: The current Project Manager is Bishoy Elmagarisy at belmagarisy@vcccd.edu and 805-289-6253.

11. General Conditions Article 3.1.6 states the Architect's review and return of Submittals requires a minimum of twenty-one (21) days. Please confirm whether an expedited review is available for the single-sourced Honeywell FCI fire alarm since its submittals are due within 30 calendar days of award.

Answer: Confirmed. During the Preconstruction Meeting, the Contractor shall identify priority submittals requiring expedited review.

12. Please confirm the required CSLB License Classification for the fire alarm subcontractor. Addendum #1 confirms a C-51 classification for the structural steel subcontractor, but no classification is stated for the fire alarm subcontractor.

Answer: Refer to Addendum #1, Specification Section 26 4721 for licensing and fire alarm equipment supplier requirements. The fire alarm equipment supplier shall be a current factory-authorized Honeywell FCI Engineered Systems Distributor (ESD).

a) DIR certification

b) State Blue Card: Regulated by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), this certification mandates an open-book exam covering NFPA 72 (National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code), NFPA 70 (NEC Article 760), NFPA 70E, and Cal/OSHA guidelines.

c) NICET Certification: The National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) provides the most widely recognized tier-based technical competency credentials for fire alarm system layout, installation, and testing.



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d) Contractor Licensing: Individual technician certification does not replace a valid company Contractors State License Board (CSLB) license—typically a C-10 Electrical license—to contract and perform commercial installations. CA C10 and C7 State License for electrical and low voltage respectively.

13. Given the scope includes selective cutting and patching of existing concrete slabs and demo within the existing OE building, please advise whether a hazardous materials survey has been performed for the areas of work. If none exists, please confirm the District's expectations for Contractor discovery and handling procedures.

Answer: No hazardous materials survey is currently available. The District intends to complete a hazardous materials survey prior to the start of construction and provide the survey to the Contractor. Contractor shall comply with General Conditions Section 4.11.3 regarding encountering hazardous materials.

Please also see the attached documents for more clarifications:

1. "VCCCD Bid #735-Exhibit #2A-20260824"

End of Section