



**ADDENDUM NUMBER TWO
FOR CONTRACT FY2014-115**

DATE: March 7, 2014

TO: ALL BIDDERS OF RECORD

BID FOR: Fiber Optic Cable Splicing and Testing Labor Contract

This addendum forms a part of and modifies the "INVITATION TO BID" package for the above item scheduled to open March 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., local time at the City of Oak Ridge, Central Services Complex, 100 Woodbury Lane, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

ITEM 1 – Questions, Comments and Requests for Clarification received from Bidders

1. **Question:** We do not wish to be inaccurate in our response, however in order to complete a response to Section 4.0 WORK SCHEDULE A.2; we would need to know the constructing schedule for completion of the fiber installation. Can you provide a schedule for the completion of the fiber installation?

Answer: Not at this time. The dates are left blank so we can coordinate with the hanging of the fiber. We want the fiber hanging to be well in advance of the splicing being started. We are planning on starting the fiber installation in April. FY2014-115 Addendum One Question 5 states an estimated time to start.

The notice to proceed will be issued only after a significant amount of fiber is installed on the system. After the notice, how long will it take your company to mobilize? We understand this is an estimate. Likewise, after mobilization, assuming that the construction is able to stay on schedule, how long will it take you to complete the project?

2. **Question:** Will award be made to the low bid absent other considerations?
It is understood that this Contract is based on completing the terminations and testing in the most efficient and timeliest manners. In lieu of a schedule would a response of "TBD" or "Based on Construction" be acceptable?

The Bidder agrees that Bidder has reviewed this schedule and understands that time is of the essence of the resulting Contract. Compliance with this schedule is necessary for the complete success of the work and the successful Bidder will take all precautions in preparation and management which may be necessary to ensure completion of the work in accordance with this schedule.

Section 16300 Splicing and Testing Specifications state the following in reference to the Schedule:

F. Splice Schedules and Progress Reports:

1. The Splice **Schedule** agreed upon by the Contractor and Owner shall provide for timely and orderly performance of the work in accordance with the specific requirements stated in this specification.
2. The work must adhere to the approved Splice Schedule. If any phase of the work is lagging, the Contractor shall present a plan to show how he will return to the approved schedule.

Answer: The contract has a place for dates to be agreed upon with the winning bidder. FY2014-115 Addendum One Question 6 also addresses this.

3. Question: I noticed you are providing splice cases and heat shrinks, who is providing the splice trays for the splice closures and LIU's?

Answer: Section 01010 Summary of Work, Page 2 of 10, 7.0 MATERIAL answers this question.

It is expected that all bidders read the contract document and specifications prior to submitting their bid. The information provided in this addendum along with the contract document and specifications provides each potential bidder the same information to submit their bid.

******* Acknowledge receipt of this addendum when you submit your bid *******