

*East Providence Window Replacement Projects  
Pre-Bid Request for Information (RFI) Responses*

UPDATED PROJECT DATES AND INFORMATION

- + RFI submission period has been extended to **Friday, April 1, 2022, at 3:00pm.**
- + RFP submission deadline is now **Friday, April 8, 2022, at 1:00pm.**
- + The Contractor will purchase the Windows 60 days after the project has been awarded.
  - Windows will be stored by East Providence School Department
  - Windows, storage, and insurance for the windows in storage will be paid for by East Providence
  - From final project completion, a 1-year warranty on installation.
  - Contractor is responsible for proper ordering, ensuring the correct inventory is received, and the windows are stored safely at the designated storage location.
- + Monthly project meetings are anticipated until June 19, 2023 (Start of Construction).
- + There will be an opportunity for the Contractor to start work during the February and April 2023 school vacation weeks. (Feb 18 to Feb 26<sup>th</sup> and Apr 15 to Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>)
  - o Work would be coordinated with the individual schools.
  - o Please submit a proposed plan for work that could be completed during these 1-week periods.
- + The Contractor shall submit a detailed work plan and schedule for work during the Summer of 2023.
- + The Last Day of School is June 19, 2023.
- + Substantial Completion will be August 23, 2023.
  - o Ligated damages would apply after this date
- + Final Completion will be September 29, 2023.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

1. Impact rated windows are called for in the specifications. Typically, these are only used in high wind/coastal zones. The upcharge for this style of window is significant. Is the impact rating necessary or can non-impact be included in the proposal.

**RESPONSE: Based on a Risk Category II, RISBC-1 Table 1608.1 states the ultimate design wind speed used for East Providence shall be 134mph. The windows provided must meet the requirements outlined above.**

2. The published schedules for both projects indicate a start date of April 2022 with a completion date of September 30, 2022. Due to current supply conditions, windows would not be able to be procured within this time frame.

Please advise as to whether the schedule can be amended to accommodate the lead time for windows, which can be 4 - 6 months after receipt of approved drawings.

**RESPONSE: Yes, please see the updated project dates and information.**

3. Lead times for the windows have a potential time frame of 16 – 25 weeks, with delivery potentially not possible until after the summer break. Should this happen installation would not be able to happen until after the new school year starts.
  - a. What would be the work hours if work needs to be done during the school year?
  - b. How many rooms could be taken out of service to facilitate the installation of the windows at any given time?
  - c. Will the contract time and liquidated damages be changed to allow for the modified delivery schedule?

East Providence School Department has issued separate bid packages for Silver Spring Elementary and Orlo Avenue Elementary Window Replacement projects but the bid forms in each bid package combine the two projects. Please clarify what is expected on bid day for a submission. Is the GC to bid the projects separately or combined? Is East Providence Schools expecting two bid packages (bid form, schedule, bid bond, etc.) from each GC with the same prices on both bid forms? Are the GC's obligated to bid on both projects?

**RESPONSE: Contractors are not required to bid on both projects. East Providence is requesting pricing for both schools individually and a combined bid to perform both projects with efficiencies. Please provide 3 bids: 1) Silver Spring, 2) Orlo, 3) Combined**

4. Is the builders risk policy cost the responsibility of the owner or the GC?

**RESPONSE: Builders Risk is the responsibility of the Contractor.**

5. Will permit fees be waived for this project?

**RESPONSE: Yes, all City fees will be waived.**

6. If this project is over one million dollars, will it be required to follow the RIDLT apprenticeship requirements?

**RESPONSE: Yes, if the project is over \$1 million.**

7. Due to current market conditions, if the windows do not arrive in time for an end of summer completion date, will the owner work with the contractor to establish a completion date based on long lead items?

**RESPONSE: See revised project schedule and dates.**

8. If this project becomes a fall project due to material lead times, will the work hours be regular time?

**RESPONSE: See revised project schedule and dates.**

9. If not a fall project would this become a summer 2023 project?

**RESPONSE: See revised project schedule and dates.**

10. Will the school provide staging space inside the school for the work to be completed during the fall?

**RESPONSE: No interior staging spaces can be provided during the school year. During the Summer Break interior staging spaces can be coordinated.**

11. Would the owner be open to us submitting a phasing plan with our bid?

**RESPONSE: A detailed project schedule must be included with each bid. The project schedule shall highlight key project milestones and completion by the substantial and final completion dates.**

12. On the bid form there is a breakdown per school. Will the owner possibly only select one of the schools?

**RESPONSE: Please provide 3 bids: 1) Silver Spring, 2) Orlo, 3) Combined**

13. Are we to submit these projects as (2) separate bids?

**RESPONSE: Please provide 3 bids: 1) Silver Spring, 2) Orlo, 3) Combined**

14. On the bid form we are to provide a separate price per school, will the owner possibly award the schools to two different contractors?

**RESPONSE: Please provide 3 bids: 1) Silver Spring, 2) Orlo, 3) Combined; The Owner reserves the right to award the schools to two different Contractors.**

15. Will the alternates if selected be taken in order?

**RESPONSE: No. The Owner reserves the right to award any or none of the alternates.**

16. Can you provide a spec for the ceramic tile that is to be installed on the interior window returns?

**RESPONSE: Yes, please see attached Spec Section 09 30 00 for Tiling.**

17. Can you confirm if both schools are to receive security films?

**RESPONSE: This will be Alternate #3: Provide security films for all first-floor windows.**

18. Can you confirm the design pressure of Risk Category II – 134mph?

**RESPONSE: Windows shall be provided to meet the requirements for Risk Category II, RISBC-1 Table 1608.1 (134mph).**

## ORLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

19. Re: A-101; Eight (8) windows in the library have the “A” tag but on A-200 the “A” window is cross out and “B” windows are shown in elevation. Please confirm that these should be “B” windows.

**RESPONSE: Yes.**

20. Re: A-101; Is a new wood soffit panel to be installed at window “F” in the Boiler Room?

**RESPONSE: No.**

21. Re: A-701, Detail #10; Please clarify where this detail occurs. Is this detail to be used at each of the “B” windows in the Library?

**RESPONSE: Yes.**

22. Re: A-101; Detail notes in the “Courtyard” (i.e.: 7A/A-702, 9/A-702) do not exist. Please clarify details that should be referenced.

**RESPONSE: Correct, please see detail call-outs on A-200 Window Elevations / Types.**

23. Re: A-701, detail #S-2 & A-702, detail #H-6; Please provide specification, type, color, etc. for new Ceramic Tile noted in detail.

**RESPONSE: Please see attached Spec Section 09 30 00 for Tiling.**

## SILVER SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINDOW REPLACEMENT

24. Re: A-701, detail #S-2 & A-702, detail #H-6; Please provide specification, type, color, etc for new Ceramic Tile noted in detail.

**RESPONSE: Please see attached Spec Section 09 30 00 for Tiling.**

## Tiling Specification

East Providence School Department  
Silver Spring Elementary School Window Replacement

March 14, 2022

### SECTION 09 30 00 TILING

#### PART 1 GENERAL

##### 1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Tile for wall applications.

#### PART 2 PRODUCTS

##### 2.01 TILE

- A. Glazed Wall Tile: ANSI A137.1, standard grade.
  - 1. Size: 4-1/4 by 4-1/4 inch (108 by 108 mm), nominal.
  - 2. Edges: Cushioned.
  - 3. Surface Finish: Matte glaze.
  - 4. Color(s): To be selected by Architect from manufacturer's standard range.

##### 2.02 SETTING MATERIALS

- A. Epoxy Adhesive and Mortar Bond Coat: ANSI A118.3.
  - 1. Products:
    - a. Custom Building Products; EBM-Lite Epoxy Bonding Mortar: [www.custombuildingproducts.com/#sle](http://www.custombuildingproducts.com/#sle).
    - b. LATICRETE International, Inc; LATICRETE LATAPOXY 300 Adhesive: [www.laticrete.com/#sle](http://www.laticrete.com/#sle).
    - c. Merkrete, by Parex USA, Inc; Merkrete Pro Epoxy: [www.merkrete.com/#sle](http://www.merkrete.com/#sle).
    - d. Sika Corp; SikaTile 350 Flex Set: [www.sika.com/#sle](http://www.sika.com/#sle).

##### 2.03 GROUTS

- A. Standard Grout: ANSI A118.6 standard cement grout.
  - 1. Applications: Use this type of grout where indicated and where no other type of grout is indicated.
  - 2. Use sanded grout for joints 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) wide and larger; use unsanded grout for joints less than 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) wide.
  - 3. Color(s): As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full line.
  - 4. Products:
    - a. Custom Building Products; Polyblend Non-Sanded Grout: [www.custombuildingproducts.com/#sle](http://www.custombuildingproducts.com/#sle).
    - b. LATICRETE International, Inc; LATICRETE 1500 Sanded Grout: [www.laticrete.com/#sle](http://www.laticrete.com/#sle).
    - c. Merkrete, by Parex USA, Inc; Merkrete Duracolor Non-Sanded Grout: [www.merkrete.com/#sle](http://www.merkrete.com/#sle).
    - d. Sika Corp; SikaTile 800 Grout Sanded: [www.sika.com/#sle](http://www.sika.com/#sle).

#### PART 3 EXECUTION

##### 3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify that wall surfaces are smooth and flat within the tolerances specified for that type of work, are dust-free, and are ready to receive tile.

##### 3.02 PREPARATION

- A. Protect surrounding work from damage.
- B. Vacuum clean surfaces and damp clean.
- C. Seal substrate surface cracks with filler. Level existing substrate surfaces to acceptable flatness tolerances.

##### 3.03 INSTALLATION - GENERAL

- A. Install tile and grout in accordance with applicable requirements of ANSI A108.1a through ANSI A108.20, manufacturer's instructions, and TCNA (HB) recommendations.

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- B. Place tile joints uniform in width, subject to variance in tolerance allowed in tile size. Make grout joints without voids, cracks, excess mortar or excess grout, or too little grout.
- C. Form internal angles square and external angles bullnosed.
- D. Sound tile after setting. Replace hollow sounding units.
- E. Prior to grouting, allow installation to completely cure; minimum of 48 hours.
- F. Grout tile joints unless otherwise indicated. Use standard grout unless otherwise indicated.
- G. At changes in plane and tile-to-tile control joints, use tile sealant instead of grout, with either bond breaker tape or backer rod as appropriate to prevent three-sided bonding.

**3.04 CLEANING**

- A. Clean tile and grout surfaces.

**END OF SECTION**

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## New Add Alternate for Security Film

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### B. UNIT COST BID

This section is not used.

### C. ADD ALTERNATE

Add Alternate #1: Remove interior stone window sills and replace with solid surface window sills. See detail.

Silver Spring ES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Orlo ES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add Alternate #2: For Orlo ES, provide power operated window openers at the Gymnasium awning windows. Electric power to be provided to these locations.

Orlo ES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add Alternate #3: Provide security films for all first-floor windows.**

**Silver Spring ES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Orlo ES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### D. DEDUCT ALTERNATE

This section is not used.

### E. ADDENDA

This section is not used.

### F. BID BOND/PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND

Cost for providing Performance and Payment Bond & Bid Bond:

Add % of Total Construction Value from \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to maximum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Add % of next Total Construction Value from \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to maximum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Add % of next Total Construction Value from \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to maximum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.