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ADDENDUM Eight (8) TO:
Small Business (SB) Solicitation, 1CA07508
Fire Alarm Monitoring, Repairs, Inspection, and Maintenance
Notice to Prospective Bidders

08/21/2026

Please review the following **Addendum** to Small Business Solicitation, entitled 1CA07508 Fire Alarm Monitoring, Repairs, Inspection, and Maintenance with the Sonoma Lake Napa Unit (LNU).

1. Bidder Questions and Answers are included on the attached page.

2. <u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Submit Bid and Documents Due Date:	08/21/2025	05:00 p.m.
	09/02/2026	05:00 p.m.

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Please note that no *verbal* information given will be binding upon the State unless such information is issued in writing as an official addendum.

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Contracts Analyst

Questions and Answers

- 1) What are the brands and models of the existing fire alarm systems at each location? How does each FACP communicate via cellular, internet, radio etc. Are there any zone lists or existing fire alarm inspection reports available to provide a quote for the inspection, and maintenance?

Answer: Program doesn't know which zones will need maintenance

- 2) Will there be a scheduled job walk for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection contract 1CA07508?

Answer: Walkthroughs were scheduled in early June 2026

- 3) Can CAL FIRE provide the fire alarm and security system inventory for each site? Specifically, we are looking for the panel make/model, device counts, communicator type, sprinkler monitoring points, NAC devices, and security alarm zones.

Answer: There were scheduled walkthroughs. Based on the contract manager's response, there is one alarm panel and an unknown number of stations and zones.

- 4) Please confirm if the inspection/testing pricing line should include annual, semiannual, and quarterly visits. Exhibit A references all three frequencies, while Attachment 1 only provides a single annual pricing line.

Answer: Each location is required to be inspected once a year.

- 5) Is NFPA 25 sprinkler inspection/testing included in this contract, or is the scope limited to sprinkler supervisory device testing through the fire alarm system? Does CAL FIRE expect full sprinkler system testing under NFPA 25, Chapter 5?

Answer: Yes, CAL FIRE expects full sprinkler system testing under NFPA 25, Chapter 5 annually.

- 6) Are existing communicators operational at all three sites, or should the contractor provide and configure new IP/cellular communicators as part of the base bid? If new hardware is required, which pricing line should include these costs?

- 7) Are internet connections available at each site for IP monitoring, or will CAL FIRE provide network access?

Answer: There are copper pairs and internet at all 3 facilities

- 8) Please confirm if security alarm monitoring is required at all three sites. The rate sheet lists "Security and Fire Alarm Monitoring," but the scope primarily focuses on fire alarm monitoring?

Answer: There are copper pairs and internet at all 3 facilities unless any have changed.

- 9) Is a payment bond required if the total contract exceeds \$25,000?

Answer: Yes

- 10) Will CAL FIRE allow inspections and testing to be performed during normal business hours, or should after-hours labor be included in the proposal?

Answer: Yes, please coordinate with the contracts manager to schedule.

- 11) Can CAL FIRE disclose the incumbent vendor and previous contract pricing for this scope of work?

Answer: CAL FIRE does not have any records for these types of services for all locations.

12) We are looking at the LNU fire alarm monitoring and inspection bid on the SRBX. Do you know what brand of fire alarms currently exists at these sites?

Answer: Contracts manager doesn't have this information currently.

13) If you have an old inspection report for each location that would also be very helpful so that I can get a device count at each location to properly bid.

Answer: Contracts manager doesn't have this information currently. They haven't been inspected in years.

14) What is the make and model of each panel to be monitored? Please specify the quantity of fire, intrusion, or combination panels, by location.

Answer: The contracts manager does not have the information. The scheduled walk-through was supposed to give vendors a first look and verify the make and model of the alarms.

15) What is the current form of communication (landline or cellular)?

Answer: Contracts manager doesn't have this information currently. The vendor must inspect each location to verify

16) Do you wish to upgrade to IP communications at each location? If so, how will this be billed?

Answer: We are open to options; if they need a dedicated connection, that may have to be a separate contract, or they can offer it as part of the service. We have Starlink, limited cell service at Las Posadas, but cellular at the other facilities.

17) If using a landlines, please provide the phone number. If cellular, please provide the make and model of the cellular communicator.

Answer: Contracts manager doesn't have this information currently.

18) For all intrusion and fire panels and cellular communicators, please confirm the current vendor will release all lockout codes upon the award of a new contract. If not, new equipment will need to be installed at your expense.

Answer: These should be on the panel and can be provided.

19) Please provide the most recent zone list for all individual panels.

Answer: Contracts manager could not get this information

20) Please provide the most recent inspection reports for all three locations.

Answer: Contracts manager doesn't have them currently and will be provided if found

21) Do you require monthly open/close reporting?

Answer: Contracts manager will discuss the winning vendor if open/closing reporting is required.

22) Do you require remote code changes, remote phone service, or remote troubleshooting?

Answer: Yes

23) Do you currently utilize a remote arm/disarm function?

Answer: No

24) Is there any service currently required? If so, please clarify if this should be a separate line item or if you prefer full maintenance to be included in the monthly monitoring cost.

Answer: The State Fire Marshall requires it.

25) Are there any known issues with the current systems? If so, please provide a detailed description of the problems.

Answer: Yes, there is a tree through an app bay setting off one of the alarms. One of the systems was installed off-contract and needs to be replaced.