

## BID 9397.8, Fire Alarm, Sprinkler Systems and Fire Hydrants, Inspection/Testing and Services/Repairs

Responses to questions received for the above Invitation For Bid:

few questions regarding the Fire Alarm Sprinkler Systems and Hydrant Systems project (BPM046924) and would appreciate your assistance:

1. **Can a site visit be scheduled** to further assess the project scope and installation details?
  - Coordinating site visits to 240 facilities in timely fashion with all prospective bidders is not feasible. The most recent Inspection report for our facilities can be found at this link – [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive_link)
2. **Can you provide the quantities** of Wet Sprinkler Systems installed per building?
  - We don't currently track that information in any more detail than the table in Appendix H. The most recent Inspection report for our facilities can be found at this link – [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive_link)
3. **Can you provide the quantities** of Dry Sprinkler Systems installed per building?
  - We don't currently track that information in any more detail than the table in Appendix H. The most recent Inspection report for our facilities can be found at this link – [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive_link)
4. The equipment list currently identifies the presence of the systems. Are there additional details available regarding their **specific Valve Size or Flow Capacities**?
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### 1. **Former Incumbents and Contract Values:**

- Who is the former incumbent or incumbents for this contract?
  - Johnson Controls
  - Anne Arundel Fire Protection
- What was the former contract value for each incumbent?
  - The approximate value for the contract –
    1. Alarm and Sprinkler Testing: ~\$300,000.00
    2. 5-year Sprinkler Inspections: ~\$90,000.00
    3. Elevator Inspection Support: ~145,000.00
    4. Plus approved Repair and Service Work
    5. No 3-year Inspections performed in 2024

### 2. **Lift Requirements for Device Testing:**

- Are lifts required to properly test any devices?
  - If so, could you specify the locations where lifts will be necessary?
- Current contractors have not indicated a need for lifts to complete inspection and testing services.

- If repair or service work requires the use of a lift, the cost can be included in the proposal submitted to perform the repair/service work.
3. **Former Inspection Reports and Device Sheet Clarification:**
- Can former inspection reports be provided?
    - Yes, reports can be accessed at this link - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive_link)
  - The device sheet does not indicate the quantity of wet, dry, or standpipes at each location. Can you please provide clarification on this?
    - We don't currently track that information in any more detail. The most recent Inspection report for our facilities can be found at this link – [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive_link)
4. **Quarterly vs. Annual Sprinkler Inspections:**
- Are we required to perform quarterly sprinkler inspections as well, or only the annual sprinkler inspections?
    - Only annual sprinkler inspections are required at MCPS facilities.
5. **Technician Requirements During Annual Tests:**
- Under the scope of work, it is mentioned that two technicians are required for an annual test, one at the Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP) and the other testing. It also mentions that a technician must be located at the graphic annunciator. Generally, the annunciator is in a different area than the FACP. Does this mean that a third technician is needed on site, one at the FACP, one testing, and one at the annunciator?
    - No. A technician at the graphic annunciator is not required.
6. **Standpipe Flow Test and Quantity:**
- The 5-year sprinkler inspection III.3 states to perform a standpipe flow test if a standpipe is present. Could we please get a total number of standpipes at each location?
    - We don't currently track that information in any more detail. The most recent Inspection report for our facilities can be found at this link – [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cF-iOvA2R7yRXbvMOQLaMlaRqqFJGix2?usp=drive_link)
7. **Testing Requirements for Wet, Dry, Standpipe, and Hydrants:**
- Does each wet, dry, standpipe, and hydrant require 3- or 5-year testing, or is it only specific systems? If it is only certain systems, please provide clarification.
    - Clarification – MCPS is contracting for three (3) primary inspection and testing events all facilities listed Appendix H and as new facilities are opened.
      1. Annual Fire Alarm, Annual Sprinkler and Annual Hydrant testing and inspection;
      2. 3-year Sprinkler testing and inspection; and
      3. 5-year Sprinkler, Standpipe and Hydrant testing and inspection.
8. **Appendix I Quotation Form Clarification:**
- Appendix I QUOTATION FORM requests a “Total Cost at Regular Rate.” Please verify that we are to enter the cost for all annual fire alarm, annual sprinkler, annual hydrant, 3-year sprinkler, 5-year sprinkler, 5-year standpipe, and 5-year hydrant testing (for each item number) in this box.

- Clarification – The cost entered in Appendix I Item #1, 2, 3 and 4 should be the sum of the cost entered in Appendix H for each facility by type – ES, MS, HS and Center, Facilities and Offices, as indicated on the table on Appendix H.
- The cost entered for each facility on the Table in Appendix H is for Annual Fire Alarm, Annual Sprinkler and Annual Hydrant testing and inspection only.
- The successful/awarded bidder(s) for the annual testing will be given the opportunity to bid on (1) the 3-year sprinkler testing and inspection and (2) the 5-year sprinkler, standpipe and hydrant testing and inspection.

Additional questions received:

Can you please also confirm the following?

Every location says “Yes” as to having a dry system, however based on the reports, only a handful do (based on the reports). Can you confirm we should go off the previous reports? Yes, please use the most current reports provided. Neither the provided device list nor the provided reports should be assumed to be 100% accurate, they do both provide information regarding site conditions. The device list was update a couple years ago, the provided reports are from the most recent completed inspection. Based in our work order system and 3-year Inspection records, there is approximately 52-schools that should have dry systems.

Can you please confirm that backflow preventers are not a part of the IFB? Correct testing of backflow preventers is NOT included in this bid. However, testing of equipment (tamper switches and control valves) associated with the backflow preventer is to be included, as is verifying the backflow preventer testing is current by reviewing the tag attached to the backflow preventer.

Finally, there is a report for Flora M Singer, but it is not listed on the bid documents. Should this school be included? Yes, Flora M Singer should be included, the report has been added to the shared folder of reports.