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February 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Addendum No. 6

**REFERENCE:** Invitation To Bid (ITB) for the HOU ARFF Station #81 Phase 2-4 William P. Hobby Airport; Solicitation No. HHG-ARFF81-2023-006; Project No. 669

To: All Prospective Bidders:

This Addendum is issued for the following reason:

**I. To Respond to Question.**

1. **Question:** I received a VE recommendation form one of our flagpole subcontractor bidders. Below is an excerpt from our email conversation of Earlier today. The question being: Can this be reviewed by the engineer to allow a more conventional installation that will lower our bid costs on this item?

With the 10' ground sleeve - it makes the flagpoles installation and flagpoles themselves very expensive. I had to estimate a 35' flagpole to accomplish the 25' requirement. We will also have to get the manufacturer to install the access door and winch 8' higher on the pole (so it's not buried inside the ground sleeve). They will do that, no problem. But why do they want to do that? The stamped engineer's drawings will show wind loads, foundation data, and all other data. (The .250 wall thickness specified is the thickest available). The Xtreme flagpole I quoted is designed for Hurricane prone areas installed in the standard 3' ground sleeve. The wind speed for the 25' Xtreme is 197 mph with a 5' x 8' Nylon flag and 287 mph with no flag flying.

**Response:** It is acceptable to use a 3' deep ground sleeve but overall depth of footing should be the result of license engineer calculations that take in consideration soil characteristics. Deferred submittal with calculations and stamped drawings shall be submitted to EOR for review.

When issued, Addendum shall automatically become part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Addendum. Addendum will be incorporated into the Agreement as applicable. It is the responsibility of the bidder(s) to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidder(s) shall be deemed to have received all Addendum and to have incorporated them into their bid.

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