

7840000 ITS – NETWORK DEVICES
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Under the “Warranty” portion of each specification, we noticed the proposed changes are eliminating the verbiage from each ITS spec that requires the Contractor to, “ensure that all equipment warranties are fully transferable from the Contractor to the Department.” We have a concern that some equipment vendors might have a clause that their warranty is non-transferable. This language makes it the Contractor’s responsibility to ensure all vendor equipment warranties are transferable. If you keep this language in the specifications it should be changed to have the warranties transferable to the Department or maintaining agency. Thanks!

Response: The warranty language has been moved to 608-2; 781, 782, 784 and 785 reference Section 608 in regard to warranties.

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Our standard warranty is 36 months from the date of shipment which can be extended to 60 months from date of shipment. The challenge with “from the date of final acceptance” is that as a vendor we don’t have control over the project schedule including potential delays between receipt of products and final acceptance.

Response: The contractor must ensure that equipment warranties are transferrable and have enough remaining duration from the date of final acceptance. If the standard warranty is based upon the date of shipment, the contractor must still ensure that the remaining duration is sufficient to cover the duration specified to remain from the date of final acceptance.

2. 784-3.2.2. We respectfully request FDOT to consider separating hardware encoder and software decoder into two separate line items as opposed to requiring each encoder to be supplied with software decoder with full PTZ support.

Arguments supporting separation of hardware encoder and software decoder into two line items:

- 1) Standard H.264 and MPEG video streams can be decoded with freeware players such as VLC.
- 2) Stand alone decoders don’t provide centrally managed control for user rights and arbitration. Having that many SW decoders with full PTZ capability “floating around” could create security risk especially from PTZ camera control point of view.

- 3) FDOT uses SunGuide central software primarily for software decoding and PTZ. Therefore we believe that SW decoder with full PTZ supplied with each encoder would not be necessary in practice.
- 4) Encoders could be offered at lower price point without being bundled with SW decoder with PTZ capability.
- 5) Since the proposed specifications states in section 784-3.3 “DVD may be hardware or software based” it is conflicting that SW based decoder should be provided free of charge whereas HW based decoder is separate pay item.

Response: The intent of the specification is to require that encoders are always provided with a means to view their streams on a computer in order to provide a functional system. Typically, this means that manufacturers provide a standalone, single user software decoder that is able to play video streams from their encoder (and others). Software decoders are frequently and commonly provided at no-charge along with encoders in order to provide the purchaser a functional system. A freeware player may satisfy this requirement as long as no licensing or usage terms are violated. It is not necessary for the standalone software decoder to incorporate PTZ control. The requirement in the specification for PTZ control is typically satisfied by other control software (such as SunGuide).

The specifications and pay items also allow for the purchase of standalone software-based decoders that are not included as a required accessory to a purchased encoders (for instance, in cases where only a software decoder is required, and no encoder hardware is being purchased).
