

1090000 ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (4-1-13)

Last sentence should read: ...water service charges, and sewer service charges, telephone and internet provider charges, and charges necessary to provide, furnish, maintain, and remove the field office, furniture, and equipment.

Payment will be made for each day the field office is available for use by Department personnel during the period described in 109-2.3. Price and payment will be full compensation for all labor, material, equipment, furniture, *lease fees, electrical service charges, water service charges, and utility-sewer service charges, and telephone and internet provider charges, and charges* necessary to provide, furnish, maintain, and remove the field office, *furniture, and equipment. The Department will pay all telephone charges.*

Response: From the Specs Office – You are correct. Changes will be made.

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Comments: (4-1-13)

109-1: In first paragraph, first line, delete “furnish” as “provide” and “furnish” mean the same thing. No other comments.

Response:

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Comments: (4-2-13)

We had a question from our PM's about the Engineer's Field Office recently. They questioned the “for exclusive use” clause, and what that truly meant. In looking over this Industry Review document, I noticed that 109-1 Description says “for exclusive use by the Department”, while 109-2.3 Occupancy and Maintenance says “for Department use”. Perhaps a clarification would be in order?

Response:

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Comments: (4-4-13)

Have one comment on the proposed specification. Concerns with having the contractor provide the All in One (copier, fax, scanner and printer) and telephones. Generally, most furniture and equipment provided by the contractor is a very used condition. It would be best for CEI's to continue to provide all office equipment so that we can be assured that they will work properly when needed. The down time waiting for replacement equipment and or repairs could be a problem on a fast moving project.

Response:

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Comments: (4-8-13)

First let me say that I am very pleased to see this specification is finally being updated. I have been advocating that this specification be updated for a very long time. Additionally, the changes seem to clarify items the Contractor's should be providing and that are not included in the CCEI scopes. I do have the following comments:

1. In section 109-1 the specifications call for fencing for security, and that is appropriate for a construction trailer on a rural project. However, some of the time, the office provided is a store front office. In lieu of fencing, the contractor should supply security system with monitoring if a fence is not appropriate.

Response:

2. In section 109-2.1 the specifications call for two keys. Sometimes these keys are 'Do Not Duplicate' keys. More keys would be better. I recommend 1 key for each 100SF of office space.

Response:

3. In section 109-2.3 the specification states "Do not begin work before the field office is available for Department use." The office should be available earlier than that. The specification should read something like "Work on the project shall not begin less than 21 calendar days after the field office has been made available for Department use."

Response:

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Comments: (4-8-13)

As long as the specification is being revised to make it clearer, perhaps the Department will consider adding a section to the spec. I am not sure how often this comes up, but it has been an issue personally on previous projects.

1. Would the FDOT consider adding a section to the specification that includes pre-mobilization checklists noting any damage that is not typical?

2. Furthermore, would the FDOT also consider reimbursement to the contractor of items that are damaged?

Response:

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Comments: (4-9-13)

If field office is used for storage of nuclear testing equipment, door to storage area must have two locks and must be clearly labeled.

Response:

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Comments: (4-15-13)

1. The Origination Form appears to indicate in the Summary of Changes that the Department will be responsible for phone and internet service. The proposed specification clearly indicates that the Contractor must arrange and pay for those services. What is the Department's intent?

Response:

2. If phone service is to be provided by the Contractor, how many lines are required? Is a separate line for a fax machine required?

Response:

3. Is Voice Over Internet Protocol acceptable for telephone service?

Response:

4. If FDOT is requiring the Contractor to provide internet service, what is the minimum acceptable level of service?

Response:

5. 109-1 requires that the office location include "adequate" exterior lighting for security. What is adequate?

Response:

6. Would FDOT consider WIFI instead of a hard wired ethernet connection in every office?

Response:

7. What defines a conference chair. What differentiates it from an office chair?

Response:

8. If the Department is not responsible for phone charges, what amount should the contractor budget for charges above and beyond the standard monthly service charge?

Response:

9. This proposed specification appears to add phone and internet service, telephone hardware, print/fax/copy/scan hardware, additional furniture and additional wiring infrastructure to the requirements that the Contractor must provide. It does not seem likely that this will not result in an increase in project costs as indicated on the Origination Form.

Response:

10. Does the Department benefit from a government rate with phone providers that is less expensive than standard business rates and, if so, wouldn't it be cheaper to have the Department set up and pay for the phone services? Would contractors be able to utilize any existing rate agreements between service providers and FDOT if they are responsible?

Response:

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Comments: (4-29-13)

Conference tables: 3x12. 4x8 is more typical of the size.

Internet connection: Please add the word "high speed" or "broadband" before "internet services" in the first paragraph.

Do we need to add ADA compliant access to the office (e.g. ramps in the case of trailers)?

Plans racks aren't needed.

Fire resistant file cabinet is considered excessive.

Response:
