

BID/ RFP ADDENDUM

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BID/ RFP TITLE: INTERIOR LOCK BUTTON PROJECT

MERCED COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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ADDENDUM 1

This addendum contains clarification and additional information, which modifies the conditions of the above referenced BID/RFQ as follows:

Note: **The Bid Proposal Deadline has been extended to July 28, 2026.**

1. **QUESTION:** Please explain in detail the Commissioning process for each button and panel?

ANSWER: See Sections 28 08 11 and 28 10 01. Each installed point shall be contractor-tested and documented in SBD ASSIST, then certified as Tested once confirmed to be 100% complete and fully functional. Work will be reviewed and confirmed as Completed in ASSIST by SBD prior to Final Acceptance Testing with the Integrator, SBD, and Owner representatives. Panel and device testing shall include the specified functional, wiring-state, battery, programming, documentation, and event-report requirements.

2. **QUESTION:** RFP mentions retesting of existing system, please explain in detail?

ANSWER: See Sections 28 08 11, 3.01.B.6, and 28 10 01, 3.01.M. When wiring or panel changes may affect existing points, all potentially affected points shall be retested. Existing points re-terminated due to panel upgrades shall receive field testing and Final Acceptance Testing. The Contractor's correction responsibility is limited as stated in Section 28 10 01, 3.01.M.

3. **QUESTION:** When is Wire Mold and when is Conduit supposed to be used?

ANSWER: See Section 28 05 01 and the Security Drawings. Concealed spaces and locations specifically shown require conduit, boxes, and fittings. Exposed wiring shall be installed in EMT or another Owner-approved raceway. Wiremold shall be used only where specifically listed on Point Schedule or approved in writing by the Owner.

4. **QUESTION:** Is Patch and Painting required?

ANSWER: Yes. See General Conditions Section 4.16 and the Security Drawings. The Contractor shall perform cutting, patching, firestopping, and restoration required for a complete installation and restore affected finished surfaces to match adjacent existing finishes.

All other bidding contract, construction drawing documents and stipulations remain unchanged, in full effect and by reference become a part of this addendum.

5. **QUESTION:** Will Fire retardant backboards be required by contractor for new controllers?
ANSWER: Contractor is required to furnish and install fire rated plywood behind new Access Control Panels in scope, refer to Detail 07.05.001.
6. **QUESTION:** Please provide the required sequence of operation for each interior lock button.
ANSWER: Refer to Details MM & MO as well as the Lockdown Button System Configuration document provided with this addendum.
7. **QUESTION:** When a button is pressed, does it lock down:
- The entire building?
 - A floor?
 - o A department/zone?
 - o Selected doors only?
- ANSWER:** Detail MM buttons lock down entire building; Detail MO buttons lock down entire campus.
8. **QUESTION:** Is the button intended to be momentary, maintained, or latched in software?
ANSWER: The buttons are to be momentary, as reflected in the button models specified in the Equipment List in Details MM and MO. Refer to the Lockdown Button System Configuration document provided with this addendum for information regarding software configuration.
9. **QUESTION:** What is the required reset method?
- RS2 operator reset?
 - Physical key reset?
 - Credential reset?
 - Time-based reset?
 - Security/police reset only?
- ANSWER:** Remote reset at Acre AccessIt! client workstation.
10. **QUESTION:** Should each button generate an alarm event in RS2 Access It!?
ANSWER: Refer to the Lockdown Button System Configuration document provided with this addendum.

11. **QUESTION:** Should the event be routed to campus police, dispatch, facilities, or another workstation?
ANSWER: Refer to the Lockdown Button System Configuration document provided with this addendum.
12. **QUESTION:** Should the alarm require operator acknowledgment?
ANSWER: Refer to the Lockdown Button System Configuration document provided with this addendum.
13. **QUESTION:** Are lockdown events required to send email, SMS, pop-up, workstation alarm, or audible notification?
ANSWER: Email notifications to be sent, Owner will provide list of addresses at time of configuration.
14. **QUESTION:** Are event priorities, alarm colors, or custom RS2 alarm instructions required?
ANSWER: Refer to the Lockdown Button System Configuration document provided with this addendum.
15. **QUESTION:** Are different buildings to have different lockdown logic?
ANSWER: No.
16. **QUESTION:** Are the Business Resource Center and Los Banos Campus to operate independently from the Main Campus?
ANSWER: Yes.
17. **QUESTION:** Are any doors required to remain unlocked for egress, emergency response, ADA, or operational reasons?
ANSWER: All doors shall maintain code-compliant free egress and required fire/life-safety operation. All doors allow mechanical egress and any required to unlock on fire alarm do so independent of AccessIt! programming.
18. **QUESTION:** Are any outputs required to trigger strobes, annunciators, horns, intercom messages, or third-party systems?
ANSWER: Not required in this scope.

19. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether fire alarm interface is required or not required for this project.

ANSWER: Not required in this scope.

20. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether the lockdown button is for interior threat response only and does not modify fire/life-safety egress operation.

ANSWER: Yes. The lockdown button scope is for interior threat response and shall not modify code-required fire/life-safety egress operation.

21. **QUESTION:** Is the Contractor required to be an ACRE / RS2 authorized dealer or certified technician?

ANSWER: All Access Control System components must be furnished and installed by Acre AccessIt! authorized dealer. All work on the Access Control System, including terminations on panels and any system programming must be performed by Acre AccessIt! certified technicians.

22. **QUESTION:** Does Security By Design require review and approval of the proposed RS2 programming before implementation?

ANSWER: Yes.

23. **QUESTION:** Please provide the Owner's current RS2 database naming standards for:

- Panels
- Inputs
- Outputs
- Alarm points
- Door groups
- Lockdown groups
- Time schedules
- Alarm instructions

ANSWER: Refer to: Panel Naming Guide, Detail 00.05.501 Cable Labeling Format, Lockdown Button System Configuration.

24. **QUESTION:** Please provide the required naming convention for each lock button input.

ANSWER: See Detail 00.05.501 Cable Labeling Format

25. **QUESTION:** Please confirm whether the Contractor is responsible for creating new RS2 alarm instructions.

ANSWER: Not required in this scope.

26. **QUESTION:** Please confirm whether programming shall be completed in a test environment before being applied to the live system.

ANSWER: Not required in this scope.

27. **QUESTION:** Is after-hours programming required to avoid disruption to active access control operations?

ANSWER: After-hours programming is required only when directed or approved by the Owner to avoid disruption. See Section 28 00 01, 1.18 through 1.20. Provide required notices and coordinate all system impacts with the Owner.

28. **QUESTION:** Will the Owner provide administrative credentials, or will programming be performed under Owner supervision?

ANSWER: Programming will be performed under Owner supervision using access authorized by the Owner. The Owner will not provide unrestricted administrative credentials. See Section 28 05 11, 1.04.A.2.

26. **QUESTION:** Who provides final programming approval: Owner, Security By Design, campus police, IT, or all parties?

ANSWER: Final programming approval shall be by the Owner, with review/validation by SBD and coordination with the District's IT and Campus Police representatives as applicable.

27. **QUESTION:** Confirm that no installation work may begin until the Contractor's plan of operations and project schedule are submitted and approved.

ANSWER: Confirmed. See Section 28 00 01, 1.10.C. No work may begin before Owner approval of the complete plan of operations and project schedule.

28. **QUESTION:** Confirm the required format for point-to-point wiring drawings.

ANSWER: PDF format.

29. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether Security By Design will provide the point-to-point drawings or whether the Contractor must create and submit revised point-to-point drawings.

ANSWER: SBD will furnish the point-to-point detail drawings and equipment schedules. The Contractor shall submit only proposed revisions, clearly marked on the affected drawings or schedules. See Section 28 00 01, 1.08.B.1.b.

30. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether only revised drawings are to be submitted, as indicated in the SBD submittal requirements.

ANSWER: Confirmed. Submit only point-to-point drawings or equipment schedules containing proposed revisions. See Section 28 00 01, 1.08.B.1.b.

31. **QUESTION:** Confirm the required format for cable labeling, panel labeling, and device labeling.

ANSWER: See Section 28 05 01, 3.02; Security Detail 00.05.501; and the applicable panel/device details. Labels shall be machine-printed and installed as specified.

32. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether label samples must be approved before installation.

ANSWER: Confirmed. Submit cable, panel, and typical device-label samples for approval before installation. See Section 28 00 01, 1.08.B.1.c.

33. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether the Contractor must submit an equipment schedule for every lock button, panel input, relay, power supply, and related device.

ANSWER: See Section 28 00 01, 1.08.A and 1.08.B. SBD furnishes the point-to-point drawings and equipment schedules; the Contractor shall submit manufacturer/model information for all bid equipment and submit proposed revisions to affected equipment schedules after award.

34. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether substitutions are prohibited unless approved through the formal prior approval process.

ANSWER: Confirmed. Substitutions are permitted only as expressly allowed and through the formal prior-approval process. See Section 28 00 01, 1.04.C and 1.07.C.

35. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether any proposed "or equal" products must be submitted at least 10 working days before bid closing.

ANSWER: Confirmed. Proposed 'or approved equal' items must be submitted no later than 10 working days before bid closing. See Section 28 00 01, 1.07.C.

36. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether unlisted variances from the specified equipment will require replacement at no cost to the Owner.

ANSWER: Confirmed. Any unlisted variance later found unsatisfactory shall be replaced or modified at no cost to the Owner. See Section 28 00 01, 1.07.C.1.c.

37. **QUESTION:** Please confirm whether all installed points must be tested through the SBD ASSIST web portal.
- ANSWER:** Confirmed. See Section 28 08 11. All installed work and each defined point/element shown on the drawings and details shall be tested and documented through SBD ASSIST.
38. **QUESTION:** Please provide access requirements for the ASSIST portal.
- ANSWER:** See Section 28 08 11, 1.01.B and 1.03.B. Complete the mandatory training and provide each user's name, company, email, and, if text OTP is desired, mobile number and carrier. SBD will create accounts and send the ASSIST link and login information. Each user is required to create and use their own unique account. Sharing of an ASSIST user account with other users is not allowed under any circumstances.
39. **QUESTION:** Who creates the ASSIST test forms?
- ANSWER:** The ASSIST test forms are created by SBD.
40. **QUESTION:** Who approves completed ASSIST test forms?
- ANSWER:** The Owner and/or SBD reviews submitted test data and certifies points as Completed.
41. **QUESTION:** Are test forms required for every button input, relay output, panel, power supply, battery, and associated device?
- ANSWER:** ASSIST test forms are assigned per point. All of the various components that make up any given point within one test form.
42. **QUESTION:** Is testing required to include open, short, normal, alarm, supervisory, and trouble conditions?
- ANSWER:** Yes, as applicable to the point type. See Section 28 08 11, 3.02.B for the required 2-state and 4-state open, short, normal, alarm, supervisory, and trouble testing.
43. **QUESTION:** Are all lock button alarms required to be witnessed by Security By Design?
- ANSWER:** Yes. Final Acceptance Testing includes the Integrator, SBD, and other Owner representatives. See Section 28 08 11, 1.01.C.4 and 3.01.B.7.

44. **QUESTION:** Are all final acceptance tests required to be performed in the presence of the Owner?

ANSWER: Yes. Final Acceptance Testing includes the Integrator, SBD, and other Owner representatives. See Section 28 08 11, 1.01.C.4 and 3.01.B.7.

45. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether final acceptance cannot occur until O&M manuals, test reports, and asbuilt drawings are approved.

ANSWER: See the closeout and acceptance requirements in Sections 28 00 01 and 28 08 11. Final Acceptance will occur only after required installation, testing, documentation, punch-list correction, and closeout submittals are complete and accepted.

46. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether the warranty start date begins only after the Owner issues the Letter of Completion.

ANSWER: Confirmed. The warranty begins on the date of the Letter of Completion issued after the Final Acceptance Test and completion of punch-list items. See Section 28 08 11, 3.01.B.7.

47. **QUESTION:** Please provide a pathway schedule identifying which lock button locations have existing usable pathway and which require new conduit/raceway.

ANSWER: No separate pathway schedule will be issued. See the Security Drawings and Bid Response Workbook and verify existing conditions at the mandatory site walk. Exact routes and usable existing pathways shall be field verified; include all pathway required for a complete system.

48. **QUESTION:** For each button, confirm the designated ACS panel or SJB termination point.

ANSWER: This information is provided in the Point Schedule.

49. **QUESTION:** Are the line routes shown on the drawings diagrammatic only, or are they intended to represent required pathway routing?

ANSWER: The drawings define design intent and scope; exact routing shall be determined from field conditions and coordinated with the Owner. See Section 28 00 01, 1.12 and 1.13.

50. **QUESTION:** Are concealed pathways required in finished spaces, or is surface-mounted EMT/wiremold acceptable where concealed routing is not practical?

ANSWER: Locations where surface-mounted raceway is approved have been clearly identified in the Point Schedule. Surface-mounted raceway in any other locations requires written approval from Owner. See Section 28 05 01, 3.01.B.

51. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether all exposed raceway must be submitted for Owner/SBD approval before installation.

ANSWER: Confirmed. Obtain Owner approval for the location and appearance of all non-concealed cable or raceway before installation. See Section 28 05 01, 3.01.B.

52. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether pathway routing must be field walked and approved by Owner before rough-in.

ANSWER: Confirmed. Verify exact locations of boxes, cable, and wiring runs with the Owner before installation. See Section 28 05 01, 3.01.A.

53. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether the Contractor is responsible for core drilling, sleeves, firestopping, patching, and painting for new pathways.

ANSWER: Yes. Include all cutting, core drilling, sleeves, firestopping, patching, painting, and finish restoration required for a complete pathway installation. See General Conditions Section 4.16 and Section 28 05 01, 2.02.G-H.

54. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether existing ceiling spaces may be used for cable routing with J-hooks where accessible.

ANSWER: Yes. Accessible suspended-ceiling spaces may be used with UL-listed plenum-rated J-hooks/cable hangers at 4-foot maximum intervals, subject to the requirements of Section 28 05 01, 2.02.A and 3.01.F-G.

55. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether any buildings require underground or inter-building cabling.

ANSWER: Exact routing shall be determined from field conditions and coordinated with the Owner. Provide inter-building or underground cabling only where shown or required by the Security Drawings. Where installed, comply with Section 28 05 01, 3.01.I testing requirements.

56. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether existing spare conduits, sleeves, or cable tray are available.

ANSWER: Availability and usability of existing spare conduits, sleeves, or cable tray are not guaranteed. The Contractor shall verify existing conditions during the mandatory site walk and provide all pathway needed for a complete installation.

57. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether any pathways cross rated walls, smoke barriers, or fire barriers.

ANSWER: The Contractor shall field verify pathway conditions. Any penetration of rated walls, smoke barriers, or fire barriers shall be properly sleeved and firestopped in accordance with applicable code and Section 28 05 01, 2.02.H.

58. **QUESTION:** Confirm if pathway quantities in the bid workbook are allowances or exact required quantities.

ANSWER: The bid workbook quantities define the bid scope and pricing basis. The Contractor remains responsible for field verification and for providing a complete, operational system in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications.

59. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether shell replacement locations require new cabling/pathway or device replacement only.

ANSWER: Device replacement only. See Section 28 10 01, 3.01.L. MO detail points are existing buttons; replace only the colored shell and secure it with a tamper-resistant screw. Reuse existing colored shells at MM detail locations as specified.

60. **QUESTION:** Confirm whether the new panel shown in the Interdisciplinary Academic Center Building B requires new pathway from the button locations to the new panel location. The drawing excerpt identifies an existing ACS panel and a new panel included in scope for that building.

ANSWER: See the Security Drawings and Section 28 05 01. Provide all pathway and cabling required to connect the indicated button locations to the new panel unless an existing usable pathway is verified in the field and approved for reuse.

61. **QUESTION:** Please confirm that the prime and all subs needed to be on the Mandatory Job Walk?

ANSWER: Prime is okay

62. **QUESTION:** Please clarify the required California Contractor license classification for this project?

ANSWER: At least one Classification: **A** General Engineering, **B** General Building, **C-10** Electrical,

63. **QUESTION:** The Notice Calling for Bids lists “A – General Building B - General Building CElectrical Contractor.” Please confirm whether this means:

- A General Engineering,
- B General Building,
- C-10 Electrical,
- or any one of the above.

ANSWER: Any one of the above

63. **QUESTION:** Since the scope is Division 28 access control/security low-voltage work, please confirm whether a C-10 Electrical Contractor license is acceptable as the prime bidder.

ANSWER: Yes. A valid C-10 Electrical Contractor license is acceptable for the prime bidder.

64. **QUESTION:** Please confirm whether a C-7 Low Voltage Systems Contractor license is acceptable for any subcontracted low-voltage/security portion of the work.

ANSWER: Yes. A C-7 Low Voltage Systems Contractor license is acceptable for the subcontracted low-voltage/security work. See the Procurement Requirements and Qualification Forms.

65. **QUESTION:** If the District requires a B or A license for prime contracting, please confirm whether the access control/security work must still be performed by a properly licensed C-10 or C-7 subcontractor.

ANSWER: Yes. Regardless of the prime bidder's license, installation of the lock buttons and associated low-voltage systems shall be performed by a contractor holding a C-7, C-10, or C-28 license, as stated in the Procurement Requirements and Qualification Forms. All work done on the Access Control System must be performed by Acre AccessIt! certified personnel.

66. **QUESTION:** Please confirm whether RS2/ACRE programming must be performed by a manufacturer authorized/certified technician in addition to CSLB licensing.

ANSWER: Yes. RS2/Acre programming shall be performed by a currently Acre AccessIt!-certified technician/installer in addition to compliance with CSLB licensing requirements.

67. **QUESTION:** Please confirm whether DIR registration is required for the prime and all subcontractors. The bid documents require DIR registration verification as part of the bid package.

ANSWER: Yes, Both must be Registered

68. **QUESTION:** Please confirm distance in miles of awarded contractor from the college?

ANSWER: 100 Miles

69. Are these bids to be submitted in person or through Planet Bids

ANSWER: Proposals can be submitted by either Person or on Planet Bids.

SPECIAL NOTE:

It is the responsibility of each Bidder to acknowledge all addenda by signing below and submitting a copy of each addendum with their respective bid.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE MODIFICATIONS TO THE ABOVE BID:

(sign)