



# Central Falls High School

## 100% Construction Documents

Central Falls, RI

Ai3 Project #2202.02

### **Addendum #5**

January 17, 2024

The attention of Bidders submitting proposals for Central Falls High School 100% Construction Documents is called to the following changes to the Bidding Contract Documents dated October 13, 2023 as prepared by Ai3 Architects, LLC. The items set forth therein below, whether of revision, omission, addition, substitution or clarification are all to be included as changes to Information to Bidders, the Conditions of the Contract, Specifications and Drawings of the Contract.

**The number of this Addendum (Number 5) must be entered in the appropriate spaces provided on the Bid Form.**

#### **CLARIFICATIONS:**

ADD 5-001

**Bidder Question:** Central Falls Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article 3, Division 2, Section 2.83 requires a “goal” to award a minimum of 25% of the dollar value of the entire procurement or project for every city bid or project in excess of \$10,000. Also, recovery by the city of 25% of the contract award price as liquidated damages for noncompliance. Considering there is a Project Labor Agreement, there is not a pool of certified and qualified union minority subcontractors we can utilize to meet the specified requirements. We therefore request the City allow a good faith effort with goals of 10% combined MBE/WBE participation and no recovery clause as this is a goal and not a requirement. **Response:** The City of Central Falls cannot allow good faith efforts with goals of 10% combined MBE/WBE participation. The City of Central Falls must maintain the goal of 25% per CFO 2-83. Furthermore, RIGL 37-14.1-6 requires a minimum of 15% participation (7.5% MBS, 7.5%

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WBE). The language in the statute is not discretionary, it states "...shall be awarded a minimum of fifteen percent (15%).

**ADD 5-002**

**Bidder Question:** No liquidated damage amount can be found in the documents. Will the contract include liquidated damages and if so, what is the amount and conditions?

**Response:** The Central Falls High School contract does not include liquidated damages.