Listed below are vendor questions that were received prior to the requested deadline and their corresponding answers to RFB# AA15-RH-5032 – Contract: Current, Non-Current and Out-of-Print Titles for the W.E.B. DuBois Library per the following specifications or approved equal.

The bid opening date will remain as originally scheduled for – May 6, 2015 @ 1:00 pm EDT

**Question # 1:** I am concerned that the Specifications in Section 1.2.1 (p. 2) do not match the title of the RFB and also do not match the Specifications we saw when we successfully bid for that business in 2010.

At that time instead of reading what is stated today (“…. Subscription to print and electronic scholarly, research and trade journal titles …”) we saw specifications as follows: “current, non-current and out-of-print titles / publications designated by the University Librarian. The bidder will provide consolidated distribution and invoicing for a wide variety of publishers for the University Library to acquire selected library related materials as needed.”

Please clarify the Specifications for the current RFB# AA15-RH-5032.

**Answer # 1:** The specifications have been revised to read: The bidder must be able to provide the University Library with current, non-current and out of print titles. The bidder must be able to provide current, non-current and out-of-print titles / publications designated by the University Library. The bidder will provide consolidated distribution and invoicing for a wide variety of publishers for the University Library to acquire selected library related materials as needed. The bidder will provide the University Library access to their ordering databases and services via the Internet without charge. The bidders system must be able to provide information about what the bidder provides to the University Library. This system must be capable of detecting duplicate orders. The bidder must have a database system that is compatible to the University Library’s automated library system.

**Question # 2:** Can you please clarify if your Request for Bids for Current and Out-of-Print Titles/Publications includes monographs, or is this limited to journals?

**Answer # 2:** There was an error in the specifications which has since been revised. The publications we seek are monographs and not journals.

**Question # 3:** In reference to bid # AA15-RH-5032, is the University of Massachusetts Amherst strictly wanting a catalog quote or is there an attachment I am not seeing with the title list for specific publications you are wanting?

**Answer # 3:** The bidder will provide consolidated distribution for a wide variety of publishers for the University Library to acquire selected library related materials as needed. The bidder will provide the University Library access to their ordering databases and services via the Internet without charge. The bidders system must be able to provide information about what the bidder provides to the University Library. This system must be capable of detecting duplicate orders. The bidder must have a database system that is compatible to the University Library’s automated library system.
Question # 4: Another concern is that I did not receive notification of the RFB directly from you but instead received it from our former parent company (Baker & Taylor). I request that you update your distribution list for any response to questions concerning this RFB, addenda, and future RFB’s for the Library to include my email: apery@ybp.com YBP cannot expect B & T to continue alerting us to same.

Answer # 4: Our distribution list has been updated. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.