Listed below are vendor questions that were received prior to the requested deadline and the corresponding answers for RFB# AA17-RH-5163 – Contract: Consulting Services to the Upgrade to the IBM TRIRIGA System per the following specifications or approved equal.

The original bid opening date will remain as scheduled for February 15, 2017 @ 1:00 pm EDT

Question #1: Reference page 7 – Section 1.7.4 – Is the evaluation criteria listed in order of highest priority for the University of Massachusetts Amherst? If not, would you consider ranking the criteria in order of priority?

Answer #1: Please refer to Section 1.7.4 – The points assigned to each criterion are not made public until after the bid is awarded to preserve the integrity of the quoting process.

Question #2: Reference page 25 – Item # 23 –This section states, “UMA requires expenses to be capped at a fixed number of percentages…”. Will UMA please clarify what expenses are to be capped and whether they are to be capped at a fixed dollar amount or as a percentage of labor costs?

Answer #2: This statement is requesting that the vendor provide estimated costs for specific non-labor functions (i.e. installation, travel, etc.) and/or a not-to-exceed amount. When the contract is awarded, we will agree to those amounts, and will reimburse actual expenses that fall below those amounts. Any overages will need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis. The University may seek to negotiate any actual cost numbers prior to awarding the contract.

Question #3: What is the anticipated award date for this project?

Answer #3: Our current plan is to award the contract no later than four (4) weeks after the bid opening date, however, this date may be modified based upon the bid responses that the University receives.