Listed below are vendor questions that were received prior to the requested deadline and their corresponding answers to RFB# AA15-RH-4978 – Contract: Liquid Nitrogen for Polymer Science & Engineering or approved equal.

The bid opening date will remain as scheduled for October 8, 2014 @ 1:00 pm EDST

**Question # 1:** In section: 1.7 (a)(i) Worker’s Com/Employers Liability from our company is $500,000 and not $1,000,000 as required in the request for bid. Section 1.7 (d) the University wants “primary and noncontributory” – our company can give offer General Liability only.

**Answer # 1:** Under section 1.7: Insurance and Liability. The amounts listed are minimum insurance coverage that the University of Massachusetts will accept.

**Question # 2:** We will need the University to verify that the existing bulk pad can handle 6,000 gallon bulk tank. Based on your In2 usage this would be the preferred tank size. A 6,000 gallon bulk tank weighs 62,000 lbs. loaded with product and is 7ft. x 37ft.

**Answer # 2:** The University is not in a position to answer this question. It is recommended that the vendor refer to the structural information available on the concrete slab on which the bulk storage sits and then consult with a licensed qualified structural engineer to make that assessment.

**Question # 3:** If a new vendor is awarded the contract, how much of the piping on the pad, vaporizer, manifold, gauges, etc., will be left on the bulk pad after the existing tank is removed.

**Answer # 3:** Very little will be left for the new vendor unless some arrangement is made with the current vendor. Only the copper pipe that pierces the building is University property – the rest, vaporizer, manifold, gauges and regulators are all installed and owned by the current vendor.