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DATE: November 6, 2015

OWNER: New Haven Unified School District

PROJECT: RFQ #766 - Request for Proposals
INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM,
DISTRICTWIDE

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM NO. 1

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CHANGES, CLARIFICATIONS, AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE
RFP DOCUMENT AS FOLLOWS:

Attached please find the following:

1. Responses to Vendor Questions.

New Haven Unified School District
Akur Varadarajan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Varadarajan", written over a horizontal line.

Co-Superintendent/
Chief Business Officer

**NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Response to Vendor Questions

Question 1: Question regarding the minimum qualification as outlined in the RFP. Our company has 3 years of solar construction experience, although our team has more than 5 years of solar experience when you combine their work at our company and at their previous company. Also, please note that our company is part of a national specialty construction company founded in the 1980s. With our national presence including multiple California offices, \$1Billion+ in annual revenues, and ability to bond projects up to \$75 million each, we bring unique financial capabilities to this project.

Given this, are we qualified to bid, or are those above requirements a must-have?

Response: *The District will need those qualifications. CA public school projects require state approval from Division of State Architect. Prior experience with DSA is a must since it can be difficult and have additional requirement not common outside of CA. The GC must meet all of the requirements set forth in the RFP.*

Question 2: In reviewing your RFP, you are asking for a 10% cashier's check or bond upfront. This is highly unusual and frankly something our company would never do. We have done billions of dollars of work for K-12 throughout the State and are one of the more qualified companies in working with DSA. Your requirement will eliminate us from bidding on this project. Please advise if this is a mandatory item.

Response: *A Bid Bond is required. Please refer to Public Contract Code 20111(b).*

Question 3: We plan on attending the mandatory site walk on Monday for the solar RFP you just issued. Does the District need to know our attendee list ahead of time or if I can simply show up at the referenced time and location.

Response: *No Attendee List is required prior to bid walk.*
