



**OCTOBER 11, 2016**  
**RESPONSE 1 TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**New Boiler and Heating System Changes**

**At**

**Former Talon Headquarters Building  
Crawford County Government  
Meadville, PA**

**Is there a schedule showing the number of radiators to be retrofitted from steam to hot water?**

The radiators to be converted from steam to hot water as part of this project scope are specified on drawing C.1 of the RFP. To be specific, there are four (4) radiators. These are located in rooms 1, 2, 6, and 13 as specified on drawing C.1.

**Does the system have to be drained and flushed?**

The hot water system, including the retrofitted radiators, is to be drained and flushed as part of the project scope, because this is standard practice when a system has sat idle, or when work is done on a system. The makeup water system is functional and the hydronic system is designed to be operated on city water with no further treatment.

**Does the bidder have to repair interior surfaces?**

There are drywall ceilings and walls in room 9 (room numbers are specified on drawing C.1 of the RFP). Any modifications in this room must maintain the fire rating of the room surfaces. Repairs which are for aesthetic purposes only will not be required. If the bidder chooses to submit a bid for Alternates 1 or 2 which includes installation of a boiler in the space occupied by rooms 4 or 5, the bidder must include the cost of bringing that space up to fire code as it applies to boiler rooms.

**Is there a specific bonding form?**

As specified on page 2 of the RFP, the bidder is to provide a bid bond. The bid bond is to be 10% of the bid amount and may be a certified bank check, cash, or bond. The bid bond is to be specified in section

1.3 of the bid form which was included with the RFP, and the bond itself must accompany the completed bid form. The bidder will be provided with a receipt and the bond will be held until the contract has been signed, and then returned to the bidders. A performance bond will be required of the winning bidder only, and must be provided to the County once notice of award is given and prior to County signing the contract.

**Would the County consider an atmospheric boiler?**

The County would be open to an atmospheric boiler as opposed to a forced draft boiler if it provides value for the county or allows the project to meet the schedule. Note that alternate boiler submittals must be provided to specifying engineer (Tom Wilson) at least seven working days prior to bid opening as specified on pages B.2 and B.3 of the RFP. These submittals will be shared with appropriate county staff but will not be shared with other bidders. Note that if the boiler is to be installed in room 9 (room numbers are specified on drawing C.1 of the RFP), it is the responsibility of the bidder to determine what repairs or modifications are necessary for the existing stack, up to and including total replacement, depending on the manufacturer's recommendations and code requirements.