

City of Falls Church, Virginia and Falls Church City School Board

**Request for Conceptual Proposals Pursuant to the PPEA to include a New or Renovated George Mason High School,
Expansion of the Existing Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School and Commercial Development**

RFP No.: 0730-15GMHS-PPEA

Responses to Questions and Requests for Clarification

October 7, 2015

RFP Section Reference	Question	Response
NA	The RFP contains an educational specification that indicates a 30% core factor for the referenced facilities but as well asks for innovative design concepts. For typical high school core factors the Virginia Department of Education identifies 38% in their 2013 “Guidelines for School Facilities in Virginia’s Public Schools” and a planning document from the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) “Creating Connections” identifies 45%, which we believe is a more appropriate range. Following best practices, we request FCCPS increase the core factor to a minimum of 43%.	The reference in the question to the 30% “core factor” for non-programmed space shown in the program of each facility is not a design requirement. The factor is included to provide a rough estimate of building gross square feet. While the specified size of programmed spaces is required, the final building gross square feet and the associated core factor will vary based on a Proposer’s design.
NA	The educational specification does not indicate a preference for individual student storage. While school systems grapple with lockers in corridors, lockers in pod areas or no lockers at all --what is FCCPS' preference?	Provide 12” wide x 15” deep, single tier 5’ high standard metal lockers along corridor walls. Provide one locker for each student (1,500). Provide lockers with provisions for charging electronic devices.
NA	During the public information meeting on the Project Falls Church stated that the track does not need to encircle the soccer field. Please confirm this.	The descriptions of outdoor sports facilities in Section 4 of the Scope of Work portion of <u>Appendix C</u> (“Outdoor Sports Facilities”) reflect the optimal configuration of compatible uses (soccer/field hockey/running track), but not the only acceptable configuration. Alternative solutions that provide the same number of outdoor sports facilities, and of the same sizes as described in Section 4 of the Scope of

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		Work portion of <u>Appendix C</u> , will be considered.
Section 4.5, B	Do key team resumes count towards the page limit in Tab 1? Can they be included in an Appendix?	Please see Addendum No. 1 (items no. 2 and no. 6).
Section 4.5, C	Can we include additional relevant team project experience in an Appendix (to supplement the information required in RFP Section 4.5) and have it not count towards the page limit?	Please see Addendum No. 1 (items no. 2 and no. 6).
Section 4.5, H	In Tab 1, we assume that the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of General Services Form 30-168 was not intended to count towards the 15 page limit, but please confirm.	This is confirmed; the General Services Form 30-168 does not count toward the applicable page limit.
Section 4.5, H	Does the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of General Services Form 30-168 need to be filled out separately by the prime construction contractor <i>and</i> all of the designers (architects) on the team? The Form itself says “Standard Form for Contractor’s Statement of Qualifications” – can you please clarify?	Please see Addendum No. 1 (item no. 3).
Section 4.6	For Tab 2, can we include additional conceptual design and layout graphics/drawings in an Appendix and have it not count towards the 20 page limit?	Please see Addendum No. 1 (items no. 4 and no. 6).
Section 4.9	Due to the nature of any confidential information (specifically financial information for privately-held firms, etc.), can the limit of “Confidential” volumes be 1 original and 4 copies rather than the one original and 20 paper copies for the non-confidential “Conceptual Proposal”?	Please see Addendum No. 1 (item no. 5).