



**Halifax**

Regional Centre for Education

**RFP# 4268 - Supply Portables – Various Locations  
Addendum #2**

To: All Bidders

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**The bid documents shall be amended, and new drawings and clauses added, and shall become part of the contract documents as follows:**

**No further questions will be accepted for RFP# 4268.  
Closing of the RFP is extended till May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 2.00 pm (Atlantic Time)**

**Q1: Please confirm ready for take over date, August 9 is a Saturday, also “on or before” or “before” the specified date.**

Response: The Ready for Takeover date has been set as August 9, 2025. Portables are required to be ready for the HRCE on this date. The vendor is expected to complete their work prior to this date, with no exceptions.

**Q2: We have an existing design that provides 69m<sup>2</sup> inside finished space per classroom that complies to Dept of Education standards for 32 students, will you accept this?**

Response: A finished floor area of 69m<sup>2</sup> is acceptable as the tender requests a floor area of approximately 70-100m<sup>2</sup>.

**Q3: The exterior security screen will hamper egress, has this been approved by the OFM?**

Response: Exterior security screens are standard for HRCE portables. Egress is achieved by two exit doors in each unit.

**Q4: Will a powder coated steel handrail be okay instead of galvanized steel?**

Response: For consistency across bids and overall product quality, galvanized is the tender specific requirement, no exceptions.

**Q5: The heat pump model number specified does not align with mechanical specifications in 2.2.2.3, please clarify.**

Response: The performance requirements of the heat pump are as specified. Revise the specified unit to Mitsubishi Electric ZUBA Single PLUS Series, MSZ-FS18NA (indoor unit) and MUZ-FS18NAH (outdoor unit).

**Q1: Finish grade of portables to be 1.2 meters / 47 inches  
Is this a maximum or allowance of the height.  
The 1.2 meters seems to be high based on previous installations.  
Previous installs have been approx.16 " high (two concrete blocks).  
Please confirm if the minimum is 19 ": and maximum 47 " (1.2 meters)**

Response: The assumed height of 1.2 meters is from existing grade to finish floor elevation in the portable. This will be the basis of stair, ramp and skirt estimates and configurations, which should be conservative for bidding. Actual finished elevations will be site-specific as confirmed by HRCE.

**Q2: Site Fencing -Construction projects require to protect the work site for workers and public safety.  
Who is to provide the required site safety fencing c/w safety signage to encompass the delivery route on school property, portable area, lay down area for crane?**

Response: No. Construction site fencing will be provided under the site preparation contract (yet to be tendered), and maintained on site until units are transferred to HRCE.

**Q3: Crane Pad, Tender indicates that clear path of delivery and pad site will be completed by others.  
Who is responsible for a level pad area for the crane?**

Response: Bidders should assume crane placement is available on level ground.

**Q4:           Re: Security, After Hours - Is security required after hours to monitor the portable once on site and under construction since it will not be connected to the school's security system at this time period?**

**Building materials and vandalism - Will HRCE ensure that access to the school property is clear of vehicles when portables and large equipment are being delivered? Portables will be able to be transported during daytime hours due their size.**

Response:   HRCE will provide site security, if warranted, once units are installed and ownership transferred.

HRCE will ensure vehicles are cleared on site, but the contractor is responsible for ensure the nearby roads have clearance and neighbours who may impact deliveries are informed. HRM may need to be involved with delivery, which is the responsibility of the portable moving contractor.

**Q5           Electrical Power - With unknown of how the portables are to be connected to a power source (NSP Pole or school) could you confirm the scope of work / equipment that is expected or acceptable?**

***Electrical service entrance rated complete with a mast/ pole, weather head, utility metering cabinet and meter socket to meet the requirements of Nova Scotia Power. We don't want to include too much equipment and not be competitive. Or too less and not meet HRCE's expectations / scope.***

Response:   Assume all power will be sourced from the main school via overhead feed. Vendors will supply exterior mast on the portables with connection to portable power panel as specified. Connection from the school to the portable panel by others under the direction of HRCE.

**Q6.           Data Outlets - Spec calls for two data outlets at every plug. This could mean over 20 data outlets. Please confirm amount data outlets required.**

Response:   As a minimum:

- two data outlets are required near the center of the ceiling for projector connection,
- two near each back outlet of the classroom for teacher's desk connection (both sides of the room), and
- two high outside the closet for WAP.
- Data outlets in closet will also require a single power receptacle.

**Q7:            Paint - No paint is indicated on the spec. Is this to be completed in this tender? If so, please provide paint specifications including sheen.**

Response:    Yes, paint is required. Interior walls and ceiling are to be primed and painted. Two coats of pearl finish, latex paint for the walls in off-white. Flat white on the ceiling.

**Q8:            Wall Assembly - Fire Rating.  
Please confirm that all 4 exterior walls of portable are to have denshield.**

Response:    Yes, all four exterior walls are to be 1 hour fire-rated construction.

**Q9:            Wall base - Please confirm type of wall that is required.**

Response:    Wall base meeting the vinyl flooring shall be 100mm wide vinyl.

**Q10:          Doors - Vision Window. Please confirm window size.**

Response:    Vision window in door to meet school lockdown protocol.  
Window shall be a minimum size of 150mm wide and 1 meter high.

**Q11:          Access Control / Security Devices. Please confirm locations and number of devices required.**

Response:    No. Access control devices will not be required as part of this tender. However, each classroom will require a minimum of 1 motion sensor and two door contacts connected back to the school security system by HRCE.

**Q12:          ERV/ Heat Pumps / Electric Heat  
Controls - Please confirm if the ERV unit, heat pumps and any electric baseboard heaters are separate pieces of equipment and that controls are either required in order to communicate to all three systems. Specs indicate three separate units. Please confirm.  
Controls is a costly piece or work that could affect pricing.**

Response:    Heating systems will require a combined, single control for the applicable portable systems, meeting the outlined specification.  
The ability to connect back to the main school automation system will be HCRE responsibility, if warranted.

**Q13:          Fire Alarm/ Devices - During the site visit it was indicated that the portable we visited had no FA devices and therefore we would not allow. Spec indicates to allow - Could you confirm the type of FA system and distances the main building has in order to obtain pricing for connections of these FA devices?**

Response: Fire alarm devices and wiring to meet NFCC shall be included.  
Connection back to main school panel by HRCE.

**Q14: PA / Intrusion Alarm –  
Please provide locations, types, number of devices in the portables**

Response: Include wiring for one PA device near closet.  
Equipment and connection back to main school panel by HRCE.

**Q15: Rain Gutters/ Down Spouts –  
Are these required in this tender? If so, please provide spec.**

Response: Yes, they are required. Seamless aluminum rain gutters and downspouts  
must be included in the design proposal.

**Q16: Permits - Are HRM building permits required?**

Response: No, HRM building permits are not required for this project.

**RFP# 4268 - End of Addendum #2**

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***PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN WITH BID DOCUMENTS:***

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