



Halifax

Regional Centre for Education

**RFT# 4269 - Addendum #2
Site Preparation, Service Disconnection,
Relocate and Installation Services
Various Portable Sites throughout Halifax**

To: All Bidders

Date: June 12, 2025

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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 RFT# 4269.
The Closing Date of the RFT will be 17th June 2025 – 2pm (ATL)**

1. **Question: Access into school property may require removal of gate posts and fencing. Will HRCE be taking care of this work and provide clear access?**

Response: Any and all damages and removals to acquire portable access must be repaired and replaced by the successful contractor under this contract.

2. **Question: Site Fencing – Tender indicates safety fencing around work area. Does this include all around the portable plus landing area to perform construction and landing of portable upon delivery ?**

Response: Fencing expected to surround work area and pad with appropriate offset to allow placement with ramp and stair installation, as well as site safety considerations. Supply contractor is expected to adjust fencing as required and ensure site safety for delivery equipment. For bidding purposes, assume 200 linear feet per unit for each site.

3. **Question: Power supply - Will HRCE provide power sources to portable construction area.**

Response: Contractor will supply power sources to portable construction area from existing site services. Assumed connection distances are estimated in the table provided in Question #4, below.

4. **Question: School interiors - there are no distances measurements in the RFP for routing of power supply, communication wiring, PA system, fire alarm and BAS - Will HRCE provide the distances?**

Response: Provide costs based the following:

	Power within School (m)	Power overhead from School to Portable (m)	Comm (Within the school & Overhead) (m)	PA (Within the school & Overhead) (m)	Fire (Within the school & Overhead) (m)	Security (Within the school & Overhead) (m)
Cunard JH	40	25	45 & 10	65 & 10	50 & 10	60&10
Bedford South	25	15	35 & 15	35 & 15	35 & 15	35 & 15
John MacNeil	50	15	50 & 15	50 & 15	50 & 15	50 & 15
Ridgecliff	25	20	35 & 20	35 & 20	35 & 20	35 & 20
Park West	50	25	40 & 30	40 & 25	40 & 25	40 & 25
Fairview Elementary	30 (removal)	45 (remove)	*	*	*	*

Notes:

- Assume the distance in the school will be within accessible ceiling areas with core through exterior wall rear portable location, as per typical HRCE portable installations.
- Assume no issue with Hazardous Materials during installation, as per referenced reports provided in RFP.
- Refer to school summary details in RFP package.
- Routine furniture movement and cleaning shall be included in bid.

- * Disconnect in Portable and coil back to school left suspended from mast.

5. **Question: School interiors - Will clear access under ceilings in classrooms and corridors be made available to the contractor by HRCE. Rooms cleared of furniture and summer clean up ?**

Response: Contractor is expected to work around furniture, relocate and replace, as required. This will require some level of coordination with summer cleaning staff.

6. **Question: Bedford South - It was mentioned portable location would change during site visit, please confirm changes.**

Response: Assume no changes for Bedford South from the proposed program.

7. **Question: Ramps and stairs - Will the ramps and stairs require steel handrails to meet accessibility requirements as per previous tenders for new portable and modular classrooms?**

Response: Yes, handrails to be 1 1/2" diameter space 1 1/2" from guard or wall. All handrails to be continuous, galvanized, and fastened to wood structure. Provide 12" horizontal handrail extensions at the top and bottom of stairs and ramps. Return to a wall where available. If that is not available, curve them back towards the wood ramp/stair structure not less than 865 mm and not more than 965 mm high and have a clear width of not less than 1000 mm. Access ramps and stairs shall also have a level area not less than 1700 by 1700 mm at the top and bottom and at intermediate levels of a ramp leading to a door.

8. **Question: Ramps and Stairs - It was indicated at the mandatory site meeting that ramps and stairs are to be reused. Please confirm direction as drawings indicated they are to be removed and disposed of.**

Response: Please disregard the comment as the Bedford South move is not confirmed. Please prepare bid based on original scope for all schools.

9. **Question: Fire Alarm - Could HRCE provide a list of portables that already have fire alarm devices installed? this would avoid a double dip on allowances.**

Response: All portable interiors were not visited during the mandatory site visit. Assume three portables moving from Fairview Height Elementary have appropriate fire alarm devices.

10. **Question: Portable Contents Moving - Could HRCE provide a description and quantity of furniture to be removed from the portable, stored and transported to the future site ? Provide Fairview Heights furniture inventory.**

Response: Assume contents of portables will be moved to school or transported to new portable location for re-installation, assuming 60 – 2 cubic foot boxes and furniture for a typical 28 student classroom. Assume Hammonds Plains portable inventory will be moved to school for future re-use. Assume 100 – 2 cubic foot boxes.

11. **Question: Furniture storage - Where is the furniture to be stored ?**

Response: If furniture cannot remain with portable, a space will be provided in the school until final placement can be completed. Contractor expected to address all relocations.

12. **Question: Additional portable disposals or removals - HRCE indicated that the 6 portables located at Astral Dr. would be removed/ disposed of by DPW and the addendum would reflect this change. HRCE Indicated that the 5 portables located at Hammonds Plains will need to confirm if these portables are to be removed/ disposed of in this tender.**

Response: Astral scope of work to be removed from bid. Hammonds to remain in scope, including moving requirements above and furniture disposal. Assume Hammonds Plains disposal will taken place after July 28, 2025.

13. **Question: New portable sites to have all pads completed by July 10 to allow for tender # 4268 portable installation to begin. Please confirm**

Response: Yes, but please provide a schedule for review, if this is not possible. This is based on the original scope outlined at Cunard, John MacNeil, and Bedford South.

14. **Question: Portable Locations - Will HRCE provide the exact location of the portables on site prior to work starting by providing stakes/ pins of the area to be excavated and location of portables on pads ?**

Response: This will be confirmed with Dillon Consulting at startup. For bidding purposes, the proposed portable locations and anticipated civil assumptions are outlined in the original bid package, and shall be confirmed by the Bidders for submission. Please refer to the forementioned portable sizes, physical layout at each location and details provided when preparing submission.

15. **Question: Site security - Will HRCE provide overnight security to protect construction sites from vandalism and theft?**

Response: HRCE will contract security directly, at their discretion.

16. **Question: Electrical Notes on plan - Note # 7 indicates all wiring to be in EMT conduit inside the school. Is this a requirement by HRCE ? In most schools this will be very difficult and costly to install EMT above ceilings and on roof / floor deck above using 10 'lengths of pipe.**

Response: Wiring within the schools, attached to the schools and overhead shall meet electrical code requirements that may not warrant conduit routing.

17. **Question: Existing portables - Please provide confirmation modules are safe and structurally sound to transport and that contractor is not responsible for any damaged due to the current conditions of HRCE assets.**

Response: Assumption is that portables are structurally sound for relocation. All standard precautions and protections are expected. Damages sustained by moving equipment are the responsibility of the contractor (i.e. gutters, roofing, etc...).

18. **Question: Existing portables - Please provide blocking plans / structural plans for new sites or will existing blocking spacing and product be acceptable where the portables are currently located.**

Response: Blocking spacing details shall mimic current installation details for units being relocated.

19. **Question: Portable relocation/installation - Please confirm HRCE takes responsibility for site plans, including civil, architectural, structural, electrical and mechanical.**

Response: Refer to site layout drawing in tender package and civil details. Each shall be confirmed in the field prior to bid submission. Please document assumptions made for site civil improvements for Ridgecliff, Cunard, and Bedford South, otherwise build to appropriately receive the defined portable configurations for each.

HRCE assumes architectural, structural, electrical and mechanical for existing portables is competent and remain unchanged.

20. Question: Can we get the locations of the electrical rooms, fire Alarm Panel, Security Panel and communications rack for each school.

Response: See assumed distances for routing connections provided in Questions #4 Response: above and site details in the original tender package. Exact locations will be confirmed upon award.

21. Question: Size of wire and breaker to feed each portable.

Response: The electrical power connection to the portable should be an overhead single point 120/208V 1 phase connection from the school.

22. Question: Size and quantity of wires for the fire alarm.

Response: Refer to site-specific service information in original RFP attachment. Present assumption in submission.

23. Question: What wires are required from the security panel.

Response: Refer to site-specific service information in original RFP attachment. Present assumption in submission.

24. Question: What communication wire are required.

Response: Refer to site-specific service information in original RFP attachment. Present assumption in submission.

25. Question: Location at each school of where the wires are going to be leaving the school.

Response: Assume the closest point from existing school to portable location (s).

26. Question: Panel info that will be supplying the portables.

Response: Refer to site-specific service information in original RFP attachment. Present assumption in submission.

27. Question: During the site visit we were told 2 new units will be going to Bedford South. There are underground services in the proposed location and it is in close proximity to a playground. Please provide further details.

Response: Changed to Bedford South shall not be considered in this submission.

28. Question: A 24' wide unit is to be installed at the rear of Ridgecliff school. There is no access to the rear of the school for a 24' wide portable. In addition, the proposed location for this unit would require cutting into a steep slope. Please provide further details for this work and or an alternate location.

Response: Location assumes crane placement and related civil to prepare the required pad area. Civil program should meet the intent of the design details provided in the Tender package.

29. Bidders are asked to list assumptions to qualify their bids.

End of Addendum #2 – RFP# 4269

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN WITH BID DOCUMENTS:

Signature

Company Name