



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR
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(RFB)
RFB# N00049294C

FOR

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES FOR RESEARCH IN ASTRONOMY, INC.
(AURA)

“MCMATH-PIERCE DISCOVERY CENTRE - Exhibit”

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Aura is seeking a partner to fabricate exhibits for the a new Discovery Center that will be located within the envelope of the former McMath-Pierce Solar Telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory.

The following questions were received by the deadline prescribed in RBF # N00049294C. The full listing of Questions and Answers will be posted on the AURA Bid Opportunities webpage. [AURA Bid Opportunities – AURA Central Administration Services \(aura-astronomy.org\)](http://aura-astronomy.org).

General RFB Questions:

Q: Do you have a target installation or opening date? Even a general timeframe would be helpful.

A: Target schedule has been added to the RFB materials on the AURA Bid Opportunities Page.

Q: Can a full-size tractor trailer (53') access the site?

A: Yes

Q: Is there a loading dock in the building? If not, what is the access to the building and how close can a truck get to the building?

A: Yes, all the way up to the loading dock in the back.

Q: When will the graphic files be supplied to the exhibit fabricator? Will they be supplied all at once or in batches?

A: Files are ready and will all be provided together.

Q: Will the clients AV Hardware supplier provide and ship to the exhibit fabricator one (1) of each type of equipment for fitting to the exhibit?

A: This can be arranged, Coordination between AV equipment supplier and fabricator is expected.

Q: What are the meeting requirements? Can most of the meetings be done by Zoom type calls?

A: Yes, most meetings can be done by zoom, we are expecting a couple of visits to the fabricator's shop to review progress.



Q: Are there any special check-in procedures for the installation crew?

A: Very basic signature on a few forms to get the access badge.

Q: What are the normal working hours during installation?

A: You have free access to the site from before sunrise until after sunset. People work on the mountain 24 hours, 365 days a year.

Q: Will the space be closed to visitors during installation?

A: Yes, mostly. The Science on a Sphere room will be visited by a smaller group of guests once a day, but they can access from the back where the loading dock is located to minimize interference with the installation work.

Q: Will there be a place for the installation crew to store exhibit components, tools and equipment in the building during installation?

A: Yes, the building itself can be locked with all tools and equipment inside.

Q: Pertaining to the forms included in the RFB, they are filled in with ie., [INSERT DATE] and highlighted in yellow for the areas we need to fill in and respond to. Can you please provide clean copies of forms in .pdf format for Appendix A Bidder's Form, Appendix B Bidder's Budget and Justification Spreadsheet, and Appendix C Representations and Certifications without the yellow highlights and/or blank without any text so that we may enter our own text data and provide all of the required signatures?

A: A Microsoft Word editable version of Appendix A – C has been made available on the AURA Bid Opportunities Webpage.