

RFP #BLR-240001

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Response to Questions

1. Will the vendor be responsible for providing connectivity to the 4th floor and for providing cabling going out to the 4th floor offices?
Answer: No. BLR will have single-mode fiber going from our 5th floor MDF to the 4th floor IDF closet. Cat6 structured cabling will also be in place from the 4th floor IDF out to the offices on the 4th floor. The selected vendor will just need to provide the equipment on both ends to provide the requested AV services and the ability for the offices to select between the Committee Room A and Committee Room B video feeds on their office displays.
2. Will the mics at the witness stand locations be request-to-talk or configured as on/off ready?
Answer: They will be press-to-talk (on/off) and not request-to-talk.
3. Is this a total replacement or will there be any repurposing of existing equipment?
Answer: This is a total replacement and new solution.
4. Who controls the request-to-talk in each Committee Room?
Answer: the Committee Chair and Committee Staff locations within the Committee Room, with the ability for it to also be controlled in our Production Control Room if possible.
5. Are pack telecoil hearing abilities desired or the ability to utilize personal devices?
Answer: pack telecoil is required.
6. What is the occupancy of each Committee Room?
Answer: Committee Room A: 250 (Members/Staff: 110 and Audience: 140)
Committee Room B: 102 (Members/Staff: 39 and Audience: 63)
7. Is there a need for wireless mics in the Committee Rooms?
Answer: Not currently but the ability to add the wireless solution to utilize in the future if needed.
8. Should everything be 4k ready or just the cameras in the Committee Rooms?
Answer: The cameras are to be 4k ready and plan for 1080p out to the displays.
9. What quality of audio recording is desired for the Committee Room audio recorders?
Answer: mono single track recording is fine
10. Can Conference Room A be designed for a wireless solution since there currently is not wiring coming into the center of the conference table?
Answer: Yes wireless is fine in Conference Room A. Outside of this, the solutions will need to have a similar user experience and room controls for both Conference Rooms.
11. Will the selected vendor be responsible for the demo of the cabling connecting the existing AV equipment?
Answer: Yes the selected vendor will need to demo the existing AV cabling and provide new AV cabling to your solutions.

12. Does each individual audio source need to go back to the Production Control Room area or can they be grouped?
Answer: They can be grouped for output to the Tricasters and do not need each individual audio source. We will still desire to control the individual mics volume as needed in the Committee Rooms and also the Production Control Room.
13. Can you clarify the correct quantities of mics for each Committee Room?
Answer: Committee Room A will have 94 and B will have 33. These numbers include the witness mics needed in the rooms.
14. Would a joystick be preferable to control the PTZ cameras located in Committee Rooms in the Production Control Room?
Answer: Yes a joystick control located in Production Control Room is desired.
15. Do we want the ability for the mics to vote and roll call along with the ability for request-to-talk?
Answer: The microphones should not have the ability to roll call. The microphones shall have the ability to request-to-talk.
16. Can BLR provide any detailed floor plans, detailed ceiling floor plans, and/or schematics of existing solution?
Answer: No.
17. Would BLR need the ability to distribute video and digital presentations, displaying them on a small screen in front of each member? This would be a small display at each member chair location.
Answer: We would like the ability to install but are not requesting to install under this RFP.
18. Are the press connections/outputs located in Committee Room A/B columns still required/needed?
Answer: No
19. Who will handle any required patching and/or painting of the walls and/or ceilings?
Answer: BLR
20. If the displays located outside of Committee Room B in the lobby are moved, ADA compliance will need to be considered. Is BLR okay with this as it will possibly require the purchasing of new displays?
Answer: Yes
21. Can the selected vendor use any licensed electrician or will BLR provide the electrician? Will Arkansas Building Authority (ABA) be required to be involved?
Answer: The selected vendor may use a licensed electrician as a subcontractor but per the RFP, the subcontractor shall be approved by BLR.