

RFP # BLR-240001

Final Questions and Answers – through 03/12/2024

Committee Room A

Q1. Does ninety-four (94) request-to-talk microphones include the four (4) witness microphones?

A1. Yes

Q2. Is there currently no AC power outlets at the witness desk, chairperson's desk and support staff area?

A2. There is currently power, but several outlets are faulty. Licensed electrician needed to troubleshoot and resolve.

Q3. Is the AV integrator to hire an electrical contractor for the addition of AC power outlets and at the witness desk, chairperson's desk and support staff area, along with circuit breakers and AC power feeder cabling?

A3. Only in the event that a licensed electrician deems in necessary, but power is currently in place.

Q4. Do you know the make/model of the twelve (12) 6" and fifty (50) 12" overhead speakers in Committee Room A?

A4. Unsure of the model, but they are JBL speakers.

Committee Room B

Q5. Does thirty-three request-to-talk microphones include the four (4) witness microphones?

A5. Yes

Q6. Is there currently no AC power outlets at the witness desk, chairperson's desk and support staff area?

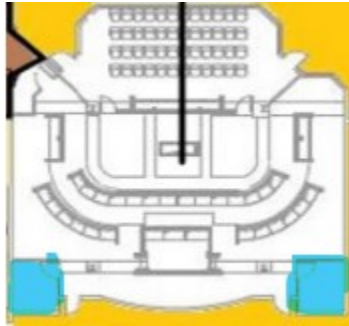
A6. There is currently power and currently no known power issues in this room.

Q7. Is the AV integrator to hire an electrical contractor for the addition of AC power outlets at the witness desk, chairperson's desk and support staff area, along with circuit breakers and AC power feeder cabling?

A7. Only in the event that a licensed electrician deems in necessary, but power is currently in place.

Q8. Are the two (2) offices referred to as "on the sides" of Committee Room B, the BLR Library and the Map Room?

A8. No, the “on the side” offices are highlighted in blue in the picture below, they are part of the committee room.



Q9. Do you know the make/model of the four (4) 6” and seventeen (17) 12” overhead speakers in Committee Room B?

A9. Unsure of model, but they are JBL speakers.

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Q10. Is the AV contractor supposed to provide sixty-three (63) displays with flat wall mounts in the sixty-one (61) offices and two (2) common areas?

A10. No. The selected AV vendor shall provide the equipment required to distribute the video feeds for Committee Room A and B to the display locations on the 4th floor. There will be a single Cat6 cable provided by BLR from the 4th floor IDF out to each of the 4th floor offices. The vendor will provide BLR with the recommended specifications required of the displays to honor the vendors feed distribution design/solution.

Q11. Does an audio amplifier and speakers already exist on the 4th floor of One Capitol Mall, which the AV contractor will connect an audio signal to the existing audio amplifier and provide one (1) volume control?

A11. No, there is no existing equipment on the 4th floor. Selected AV contractor will be responsible for audio solution.

Q12. Will the structured cabling at each of the sixty-three (63) displays be pulled, terminated, and certified by others?

A12. Yes, a single Cat6 cable will be installed in each of the sixty-three (63) locations dedicated for the displays.

Q13. If the AV contractor is to pull and terminate structured cabling to the sixty-three (63) displays, are the distances from the network switch room to the sixty-three (63) displays all within 100 meters / 328 feet?

A13. The Cat6 cabling will be provided by another vendor and all sixty-three (63) will be terminated in the same closet.

Q14. Will the network switches for the sixty-three (63) displays be provided by others?

A14. Any AV related network equipment shall be provided by the selected vendor. The vendor is to design and provide a dedicated AV network solution.

Q15. Will the AV contractor be responsible for the 10GbE fiber optic cable and SFPs from the existing network rack room to the 4th floor switch location?

A15. BLR will provide the single-mode fiber that connects the 5th floor main network rack (MDF) to the 4th floor IDF. This single-mode fiber will be in-place, terminated, and tested prior to the start of this project. The selected AV vendor will be responsible for providing the required equipment/technologies on both sides of the provided fiber and the new dedicated AV network.

Q16. What is the approximate distance from the network rack room to the 4th floor switch location?

A16. It is approximately 550 feet between the 5th floor main network rack (MDF) to the 4th floor IDF. BLR will provide the single-mode fiber between these two closets, potentially eliminating any distance limitations between floors.

Conference Room A

Q17. Is the AV contractor to place a table-mounted AV box into the table with AC power and AV connections?

A17. Yes, a table-mounted box will be required in this room.

Q18. Is AC power already located at the floor, under the table in Conference Room A?

A18. No, power is currently only located at the wall.

Q19. If AC power is not located at the floor is the AV contractor responsible for a core through the concrete floor of Conference Room A?

A19. Yes.

Q20. Will the BLR provide an Internet drop for connection of Zoom/Teams inside Conference Room A or will the AV contractor be required to extend Internet from the main network rack room?

A20. Selected AV vendor will provide required cabling to connect the conference room technologies to their dedicated AV network. BLR will provide the Internet handoff for the new dedicated AV network in the main network closet. The selected AV vendor design of the new dedicated AV network will determine if conference room technologies connect at main closet rack (MDF) or in one of the AV IDF network locations.

Conference Room B

Q21. Is the AV contractor to place a table-mounted AV box into the table with AC power and AV connections?

A21. Selected AV vendor to replace existing table-mounted AV box utilizing existing AC power and updating with new AV connections (HDMI, USB-C)

Q22. Is AC power already located at the floor, under the table in Conference Room B?

A22. Yes, power is currently located at the floor under the table.

Q23. If AC power is not located at the floor is the AV contractor responsible for a core through the concrete floor of Conference Room A?

A23. Power is currently located at the floor under the table.

Q24. Will the BLR provide an Internet drop for connection of Zoom/Teams inside Conference Room B or will the AV contractor be required to extend Internet from the main network rack room?

A24. Selected AV vendor will provide required cabling to connect the conference room technologies to their dedicated AV network. BLR will provide the Internet handoff for the new dedicated AV network in the main network closet. The selected AV vendor design of the new dedicated AV network will determine if conference room technologies connect at main closet rack (MDF) or in one of the AV IDF network locations.

Bathroom Audio

Q25. From a sanitary standpoint, as they cannot be cleaned easily, are you certain you want volume controls in the Bathrooms, or should the Bathroom controls be placed in the equipment rack room?

A25. Volume controls will be removed and speakers in the bathroom will be reconnected to hallway volume control.

Networked and Structured Cabling

Q26. Do you have a quantity of spare single mode fiber optic strands you want pulled between the any network switch locations?

A26. Outside of the BLR single mode fiber running between the 5th and 4th floors the selected AV vendor will be responsible for pulling new single mode fiber between all new network switch locations associated with the project with room for growth (extra spare pairs).

Q27. Are there conduit pathways already located in the Committee Room A and B floors, which run from the Committee Room delegate desks to the corresponding equipment rack room?

A27. Conduit is in place, but we don't have documentation on the length of the conduit.

Proposal Submission

Q28. Are we to provide one (1) original hard copy, fifteen (15) additional hard copies and one (1) electronic version of the proposal, if we are providing no redactions?

A28. Yes.

List of Optional Site Visit Attendees

Q29. Will a list of attendees from both site visits be provided to all attendees?

A29. There is no plan to provide a list to attendees. If a list were requested, it would be posted to the OSP website, similar to other questions/answers related to the RFP.

General Questions

Q30. Is this a prevailing wage/Davis Bacon Act project?

A30. No

Q31. Does this project require the use of union labor?

A31. No

Q32. Do you have AV equipment inventory lists for Committee Rooms A & B, the conference rooms, and other areas for this project?

A32. Selected AV vendor will be required to submit at full list of new equipment by end of project for inventory purposes, but existing equipment is irrelevant and to be removed.

Q33. Do you have existing drawings from Jay Stanley and Associates for the past work completed for Committee Rooms A & B, you can share for this project?

A33. No

Q34. Please clarify storage needs. It was expressed at walk-through that we are looking at approximately 2080 hours of 1080p60 recording per year and 2 years of archive space.

A34. Approximately 24TB will be needed at the beginning. With the ability to add more if needed.

Q35. Are the network switches for distribution to the 4th floor offices included in this initial effort? It was expressed that the 61 offices were not part of this project, but it was not clarified if the infrastructure for that distribution should be included.

A35. BLR will provide a single-mode fiber between the 5th floor main network rack (MDF) and the 4th floor IDF. BLR will also provide a single Cat6 cable from the 4th floor IDF closet to each office display location on this floor. The selected AV vendor will be responsible for the required network equipment on both sides of the BLR provided fiber and also whatever is required to distribute the Committee Room A and B video feeds across the BLR provided single Cat6 cable going from the 4th floor IDF to the office display locations. The AV network solution the selected vendor implements will be a new dedicated AV network, with all equipment and interconnects provided by the vendor with the exception of the two BLR provided cables.

Q36. A 27" monitor for control interface – is this for the Tricaster live panel interface? If not, please clarify.

A36. Yes, this is for the Tricaster LivePanel interface