**Arecibo Observatory Main Telescope Suspension Cable Replacement - UCF-598**

**Question and Answers**

**General Questions:**

1. ***Bidder request more information / documentation such as Blueprint, recent photos, height measurements and accesses to get to the area where the cable to be replaced is located.***

Per the RFP Bidder will need to contact John Settle at John.Settle@ucf.edu and complete and sign a Nondisclosure Agreement. Then John would be able to share the drawings with the Bidder. If the Bidder have specific bid questions, they should be submitted to Eddie Nieves at Eddie.Nieves@UCF.edu. If the Bidder have a question on how to submit the bid, it should be sent Bill Martin at Bill.Martin@ucf.edu.

1. ***Bidder wants to obtain the estimated construction cost of the project?***

We cannot share that being as it is a competitive bid based on low cost.

**Specific Questions:**

1. ***Do all Observatory activities must be suspended for this work to proceed. Is there a specified schedule for the work?***

Yes, we will need to suspend operations while the replacement is ongoing. We are flexible, and can suspend operations when needed, the only constraint is that the actual replacement work cannot be performed during hurricane season in order to minimize risk. So more than likely the work should start early in a given year (Jan-Feb) and be completed by end of May at the latest.

1. ***Can AO provide the Observatory safety protocols so the Bidder can coordinate their safety plan with ours?***

Arecibo Observatory EHS will provide the typical safety procedure we use for contractors on site. Certainly, we there will be special measures needed for this particular project, but the general guidelines will give the Bidder a good idea.