

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Residence Hall Mattresses RFP #73843
(February 15, 2008)
Responses to Contractor Submitted Questions

Question 1

The cover of the document indicates the number of the RFP is 73843, and the second page indicates the number of the RFP is 73845. Which number is correct?

Response

The correct number is 73843.

Question 2

Is the mattress count for 608 or 620 (pages 2 and 8 state 608 and page 9 states 620)?

Response

The residence hall has a capacity of 608 occupants, but the university is ordering 620 mattresses.

Question 3

You request for the contractor to uninstall and install mattresses as well as disposal service. Does MSU have a disposal contract that provides this? Does a local disposal service come onto the campus?

Response

The University is not requesting mattresses to be uninstalled. There are no mattresses to remove from the new residence hall. However, the University is requiring the Contractor dispose of all installation, delivery, and packing material off site. The Contractor will not be able to dispose of the installation, delivery, and packing materials in a University refuse container.

Question 4

Specifications indicated an encased innerspring with a 2.5" to 2.75" rail on the side and a 4.25" rail on the end. What would be the exact IFD and density requirement of the side rail foam?

Response

The University requests side encasements with a minimum density requirement of 1.7 and an IFD of 80.

Question 5

Regarding the foam toppers, what is the exact density requirement of the toppers? What is the peak and base of the convoluting foam, as this affects the cost of the topper?

Response

The University requests foam toppers with a minimum density requirement of 1.8. The University prefers convoluting foam with a 1 1/4" difference between the peak and base of the convoluting foam.

Question 6

How is the inverted seam cover to be closed? With an externally sewn seam or is a zipper acceptable?

Response

The University prefers an inverted seam that is sewn around the entire mattress.

Question 7

Please indicate if the university wants all mattresses delivered on the same date or within the 4 days that are listed?

Response

The mattresses do not need to be delivered on the same date, but shall be delivered between July 14 - 18, 2008.

Question 8

Are there any carts available for use in the installation?

Response

All transportation, delivery, installation, and disposal arrangements shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Hence, carts are not provided by the University for installation.

Question 9

Is the elevator a freight elevator, and does it require a key?

Response

The elevators located in the building are not freight elevators and do not need a key to operate. The elevators dimensions are listed below:

Hoistway Entrance: 3'6" x 7'

Platform Size: 7' x 6'3"

Cab Height: 9'

Maximum Load: 3500 lbs.

Question 10

When submitting the RFP, the university requires proof of authority for the person signing the response. What specific type of proof is required?

Response

Completing "Exhibit A. Affidavit of Non-Collusion" qualifies as proof of authority for the person signing the response.