

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AMENDMENT NO. 002

Request for Proposal Amendment no. 002 is raised for the following reasons: Questions and answers.

Question 2:

The ability to print double sided with exact registration is a feature that is only available on 54" wide latex devices.

- a) Most roll feed aqueous plotters are not designed with duplex printing as a feature and certainly not with a tolerance of +/- 1mm.
- b) Have the requirements on the bid been listed with a possible device type already in mind, and if so can you provide the make and model?
- c) Or, are the requirements a "wish list" of possible features?

Answer 2:

- a) Disagree.
- b) No particular make and model has been identified.
- c) If a requested feature is not attainable, alternative solutions will be considered.

Question 3:

In Annex A - Section A.1 - A1.4 states "Be fully automated (feed system) capable of paper rolls and able to handle up to 60 inches/1524 mm wide and up to 300 feet/91.44 m rolls. The feed section must be able to precisely position each sheet for registration"

- a) Is the goal here to have full duplex printing without operator intervention? (similar to small format duplex printing on MFP's?)
- b) Production would require side one be printed, and if multiple prints being done at once, remain un trimmed and wound back into a roll. Side two would then be imaged once the pre-printed roll was re-loaded onto the plotter.
- c) If so, has the cutting and trimming of individual plots from the roll been considered? Automatic cutting would not be possible.

Answer 3:

- a) Correct.
- b) No. Double sided printing will be done in one step.

c) The double side product will be trimmed, if necessary, prior to folding. Automatic cutting is possible.

Question 4:

In Annex A - Section A.1 - A1.5 states "Be capable of printing on various media up to and including but not limited to, 36lb bond paper, coated paper, uncoated paper, photo paper and Tyvek;

a) full coverage map printing on media such as 20lb and 24lb uncoated bond papers may lead to ink bleed through and poor copy quality due to over saturation.

b) is duplex printing a requirement for all media's listed?

Answer 4:

a) Double sided printing will be done mostly on 27lb paper and up.

b) No Double sided printing on Photo or Tyvek.

Question 5:

Is the 8 ink requirement an absolute? Or would prints produced with a wide enough colour gamut work in the same application (red light readable)?

a) There are new devices on the market that provide a wider gamut with less than 8 ink colours.

b) Is there a requirement for waterfast or waterproof ink?

Answer 5:

a) Less inks is acceptable, if the gamut stays big enough.

b) No.

Question 6:

In Annex A – Section A.2 - is the expectation that the offline folder be able to fold to the enclosed finish sizes for ALL media's listed on Sections A.1 and A.3?

a)Tyvek and 36lb may pose problematic for folding.

Answer 6:

Expected to fold the 27lb and Tyvek material.

Question 7:

In Annex A – Section A.3 - the statement of work indications 4 (four) 44” wide plotters, which in the actual A.3 section the specification is for 44” plotters capable of duplex printing. Is the requirement for single or duplex printing?

Answer 7:

44” printers are single sided only.

Question 8:

In Annex A – Section A.6 - there are a number of requirements for “software” that are typically beyond normal submission methods. These requirements are found on full license RIP software packages that have significant costs associated to them, usually on a subscription basis.

- a) Should there be an “annex B” specific to this software solution and on going costs?
- b) Would the requirement be one operating copy of said software capable to drive both the 60” and 44” plotting devices?
- c.) Or would individual licenses be required?

Answer 8:

- a) Not for software. Whatever software comes generic with the 66” double sided printers will suffice as long as I can colour manage the printers. The 44” can be printed direct with drivers and our adobe products.
- b) Same as question 7a.
- c) Same as question 7a.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) REMAIN UNCHANGED.