

**RFP 2025-05: Furniture Consultant
Questions and Answers**

No.	Bidder Questions:	Covered CA - Response:
1.	<p>In the Solicitation Document on page 17, Section 2.1 Project Team Minimum Qualifications, #2 Portfolio: it states: "Must be the primary vendor for (1) of (4) allowed modular systems furniture (MSF) brand: Allsteel, Herman Miller, Knoll, Steelcase (include in your Understanding an Approach response)".</p> <p>Am I to assume then, that if you are <u>NOT</u> a dealer of one of these manufacturers (we are a Haworth Dealer) then we are not allowed to bid?</p>	<p>To clarify, the intention of the RFP is to ensure that we partner with a vendor who can meet the scope and scale of this large project, while still allowing flexibility for small businesses to participate. Section 2, Minimum Qualifications, was updated in Addendum 1 specifically to address this concern and provide an opportunity for vendors of other furniture lines to bid. As long as the bidder meets all of the minimum qualifications outlined in the RFP, they are eligible to propose systems furniture from brands not explicitly listed in the original request.</p> <p>We encourage small businesses to consider partnering with larger furniture vendors that have access to multiple furniture lines, which can help meet the qualifications and expand opportunities for collaboration. This approach ensures that we can meet the project's needs while fostering participation from a diverse range of businesses, including small and micro enterprises.</p>
2.	Is there any opportunity for us to propose another systems furniture vendor?	Please see question 1.
3.	Will you please include TEKNION so we may participate in the bidding process?	Please see question 1.
4.	Is there a CAD FILE we may use? If so, is there a release form we need to sign for Covered CA?	No, CAD files will be shared with the selected vendor. CAD files are not needed to develop a response to this RFP.
5.	Does Covered CA require the furniture dealer or the installer to hold the Contractor's License?	Covered California will hold a contract with the furniture dealer who will subcontract with the installer or use their own installer. The furniture dealer will need to meet all requirements in Section 4.2 Administrative requirements.

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6.	Could you please provide the CAD drawings for both floors of the building?	Please see question 4.
7.	Could you provide an updated floor plan with the project scope areas clearly highlighted?	Yes, an addendum will be sent out with updated highlighted floor plan.
8.	Can delivery and installation be completed during normal business hours?	Yes, delivery and installation shall be completed during normal business hours.
9.	Will a freight elevator be accessible for use during installation?	Yes, the building is equipped with one elevator. The elevator will be shared by both employees and bidder.
10.	Could you please let us know how to access the CAD plans? Or when will they be shared? It is essential in the planning process to access dimensions, etc.	Please see question 4 in reference of CAD plans. Covered California will be providing an updated floor plan drawing that will provide square footage of each area needing to be bid upon.
11.	It is standard in our industry for the installation company to hold the General Contractor's license, is this acceptable?	Covered California has no preference here.
12.	1st Floor Patio: Is the built in bench by the contractor or furniture dealer?	If the bidder is able to provide this, please include that information in your bid.
13.	Are the following items in the general contractor's scope or the furniture dealer? Reception Desk, Lobby/Moss Wall, Planters and Casework in Sierra Conference Room.	Please see question 12.
14.	Will the construction be completed prior to the delivery of furniture?	The selected vendor will work closely with Covered California and the General Contractor for construction on when installation of furniture will be completed.

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15.	For Delivery & Installation: Is there a project schedule other than the October 2025-September 2027 notes in the RFP introduction?	The selected vendor will be provided with a schedule once available. We are projecting that this project will be completed by end of June 2026, but no later than end of December 2026.
16.	A CAD file is needed ASAP for us to layout furniture in spaces. Delay in receiving the CAD file hinders our ability to provide furniture options for this RFP.	Please see question 4.
17.	As discussed in the walkthrough, can you please provide updated drawings of highlighted areas of all furniture that is to be included in the Cost Proposal. Can this be provided ASAP?	Please see question 7.
18.	Is this a prevailing wage, union or standard labor installation rate?	Yes, prevailing wages.
19.	Is installation to take place during regular business hours M-F?	Yes.
20.	Is this a phased installation?	No, the initial project will not be phased. There may be additional projects in the future but not know at this time.
21.	Do you have a construction schedule you can provide?	No, a schedule will be provided to the selected vendor once it is available.
22.	Page 7, line 4 requires contractor to hardwire furniture to the building. Furniture dealers are not able to hardwire electrical, as we are not certified electricians. This needs to be done by an electrician.	The selected vendor will work with the General Contractor on placement/installation of electrical needs for furniture.
23.	Can Covered Ca extend the RFP submittal deadline 2 weeks? Ideally 3-4 weeks are needed from receipt of CAD for furniture solutions to be provided.	Please see Addendum 2.

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24.	All lighting needs to be installed by a certified electrician. Detailed lighting specifications, rooms & quantities need to be provided for this RFP- otherwise lighting needs to be removed from the furniture scope.	Bidders must provide lighting options for all pendant lighting specified in Exhibit A, Attachment 1. The installation of the pendant lighting will be handled in conjunction with the GC.
25.	Are all banquettes, reception desks and casework in conference & break rooms built in and are they being provided by General Contractor. If they are to be included in the furniture scope, rooms & quantities need to be provided and included on the updated drawings with highlighted areas of all furniture that is to be included in the Cost Proposal. MTA can provide all furniture; we just want to ensure the scope is clearly identified and evaluated fairly during the RFP process.	Bidders are encouraged to include the specified FF&E in their bid if they are capable of providing it. The updated highlighted floor plan will be provided in an upcoming addendum.
26.	Should all conference/meeting tables include Power/USB? Should power be included in all ancillary spaces.	Yes
27.	Does outdoor furniture need to be attached to the ground for security or weather, or freestanding/removable for seasonal use?	The outdoor patio covers will need to be attached to the ground for security and weather. For all other outdoor furniture will need to be freestanding/movable.
28.	Will Covered CA please send a new highlighted floorplan that captures all of the areas that require furnishings?	Please see question 7.
29.	During the walk on 7/15, there were a few areas that were discussed that required furnishings, however they did not have furniture symbols in the plan. Will Covered CA be updating the plan to capture intent of those spaces with furniture symbols?	Please see question 7.

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30.	Please confirm if a light fixture is requested for the Sierra Conference room. If so, please advise general specifications.	Covered California is looking for bidders to provide lighting options as specified in Exhibit A, Attachment 1.