ADDENDUM 1

This addendum contains clarification and additional information, which modifies the conditions of the above referenced RFP. Below are a list of questions submitted my potential bidders for the web design RFP. The Questions are shown in black and Merced College responses in blue.

1. Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like, from India or Canada)
   No, we will only contract with U.S. companies.
2. Whether we need to come over there for meetings?
   Meetings can all be Zoom type meetings.
3. Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA (like, from India or Canada)
   We will only contract with a U.S. company, but they can outsource.
4. Can we submit the proposals via email?
   No electronic proposals for this type of project.
5. Does Merced intend to host the website in-house?
   The bidder may propose a cloud hosted solution as part of the scope. Cloud hosting is not a requirement. The current web server only hosts HTML/PHP web services, when planning the hosting server requirements bidders should consider the requirements for what they are creating and not what exists. The OMNI CMS runs on a separate server and will remain unless it is replaced by a bidder's proposal.
6. Under "Project Objectives", it states the directory should be "dynamic" and the events calendar should be "interactive" -- could you provide additional details around how the team envisions the dynamic/interactive elements for these tools? For dynamic, we would like to connect the directory with our Colleague database that HR has. For interactive, we would like there to be filters by dates or categories.
7. Another project objective mentions integrating with your student information system -- could you provide details about the technology this system us built on? Also, how deep does the integration need to be? We are currently in the process of redoing our student portal, but we will just need a clean way of linking students over to it.
8. How many current total visitors per month does mccd.edu get? There are approximately 46,000 sessions in one month and 21,000 users.
9. On the current site, are there any concurrencies to be aware of (i.e. pages or events that result in multiple visitors taking the same action all at once)? If yes, what action(s) are they taking, and approx. how many visitors are hitting the site at once? The main concurrencies we are aware of are the pages that support student applications and registration during our registration cycles.
10. What is the current total storage for mccd.edu? The main web server only holds about 10GB of static content. The CMS server hold closer to 30GB. We also do not host large files or video on our current servers.

11. Budget – You indicate a budget of $100,000.00, Does that include the cost of the CMS Implementation and Content Migration? The $100,000 does include the cost of CMS implementation, but content migration is a service that we are going to complete on our own. If you do include it please add a separate line item.

12. Questions/Clarifications are due by 9/20/21 – When do you expect responses to be provided to vendors? Will you be responding to questions as they come in or holding them until the questions due date? We will be responding to the questions as the come in and issue an Official response to all of the questions for this project and send the response to all of the bidders of record.

13. What are your launch timeline expectations for the website redesign? We would like to launch before Fall semester begins (August 2022).

14. You mention that your "ideal web platform solution is an open-source platform". Have you demo' d any open-source platforms? We have not had any official demos, but we have seen a few.

15. You mention the current CMS as Modern Campus Omni CMS.
    - Are you willing to stay on this CMS? We are willing to stay with Modern Campus
    - Please explain what you don't like about your existing CMS. Lack of plugins and limitations of some features.
    - All else being equal, would you prefer to stay with Omni CMS or migrate to a new CMS? There are perks for staying such as reducing difficulty of training, but there are some limitations in terms of some of their features.

16. If you choose to remain with Modern Campus, would Merced plan to implement into the cms or would you expect that Modern Campus complete the implementation?
    We would intend to have Modern Campus complete the implementation.
    a) If Modern Campus will complete the implementation, do we need to include their cost proposal for implementation and content migration along with our proposal for the Website Redesign?
    b) Or do you plan to secure the CMS implementation and content migration work directly with Modern Campus outside of this RFP?
       Please explicitly state in your proposal if there will be additional costs to implement into the CMS that you are not including in your quote.

17. What modules, if any, are you currently using from Modern Campus? A legacy open-source calendar was implemented in 2015.

18. Are you planning to add any new Omni CMS modules or discontinue the use of any modules as part of the redesign? We would like to implement a new calendar as a part of the redesign.

19. Are copywriting and messaging development services needed? No

20. In section 11, there is mention of a "full set of drawings, construction documentation" etc. We're assuming this doesn't apply since this is not a construction project? Or, should this be interpreted in a different way. No, please disregard.

21. Will preference be given to local firms? Or is geography not an issue? No preference will be given to local firms, though we would like to work with firms within the US.

22. Are meetings expected to be in-person, or will video conference meetings suffice? Conference meetings will suffice, but in-person is always preferred.

SPECIAL NOTE:
It is the responsibility of each Bidder to acknowledge all addenda by signing below and submitting a copy of each addendum with their respective bid.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE MODIFICATIONS TO THE ABOVE RFP:_____