

Addendum #1

- **Please read the following statement in its completeness.**
- **Please Note this does not change any of the previously set dates for Questions, Pre Meetings, Submission Deadlines, etc.**

AIM Act Refrigerant Compliance Notice

The American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act of 2020 directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to phase down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). Effective January 1, 2026, the installation of new HVAC systems utilizing refrigerants with a Global Warming Potential (GWP) above 700 will be prohibited. Under the EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program, R-454B (A2L) has been listed as an acceptable substitute refrigerant.

It is our understanding that a proposal has been submitted to the federal government requesting a delay in the implementation of this regulation. However, a final ruling is not expected until all proposals have been reviewed and finalized.

Proposal Requirements:

In light of the pending regulation, proposers are requested to submit two separate proposals as follows:

1. Option 1: Proposal utilizing R-448A refrigerant
2. Option 2: Proposal utilizing R-454B (A2L) refrigerant, in compliance with the proposed AIM Act requirements

The bid is scheduled for approval at the JCPS Board Meeting on December 9, 2025. A decision from the federal government regarding a potential delay in the implementation of the R-454B (A2L) requirement for HVAC systems exceeding a GWP of 700 is expected by December 31, 2025.

If the bid is awarded based on the new refrigerant standard and the rule is subsequently delayed, the awarded contractor will be required to proceed under the original R-448A specification and issue any applicable credit adjustments accordingly.