Questions and Answers

City of Tacoma

Water Ditch Trail IIIA
RFB Specification No. PW23-0130F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City’s website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org: Navigate to Current Contracting Opportunities / Public Works and Improvements Solicitations, and then click Questions and Answers for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: I am wondering about the plan, profile, and proposal call out for the structures. I found the 3 area drains, the 2 concrete inlets, but the other structures do not match the proposal and some have a catch basin number and some just have a station number. For example on sheet C-3 it shows CB15 being a type 1 CB with combination inlet and vaned grate, but on the profile sheet SD-1 it just shows CB15 type 1 CB.

Answer 1: CB’s with call outs have profiles in the SD sheets where ones only marked with station and offset do not. In regards to the discrepancy please bid as the proposal states.

Question 2: On the water you are asking for 3 - 6”x2” caps for the temporary blowoff and asking for 4 temp blowoffs (BI W25). I don’t see any 12” plugs (BI #W21) but I do see a 12”x2” tapped plug on sheet WT4 with no pay item.

Answer 2: Bid items W21 and W23 cover the 12” plugs. The permanent plug is W21 and the temporary plugs are W23, covering the tapped 12” plug.

Question 3: I did see 4 – 6x2 caps. (bid item #W20 asking for 3) On sheet WT-3 Found 2, 1 at north side and 1 on the south side. On Sheet WT-4 Found 2 more 6x2 caps but also that 12x2 plug I mentioned earlier.

Answer 3: Bid item W20 covers the 6x2 caps as you state. Please bid the quantity shown in the proposal.

Question 4: Where is the HMA 3/8” PG 58H-22 Trail Edge paving?

Answer 4: Please see note 14 on the Roadway Plan and Profile Sheets.

Question 5: Is the excavation for the tree wells and landscaping (Notes 2,3, and 4) of the Landscaping Plans, going to be paid for in Roadway Ex.

Answer 5: Yes.

Question 6: Due to the location and construction activity of the tree well excavation, it is going to be nearly impossible to maintain the existing grass areas per
Note 4 of the landscaping plans. Will the restoration of this area going to be paid for Items R92, and R94?

Answer 6: Restoration will be dependent on the contractors means and methods. Disturbed areas will be restored as stated in Note 4, which corresponds to the pay items noted.

Question 7: What is the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit fee from the City of Tacoma?

Answer 7: The City has no fee. Any fee issued would be by the State.

Question 8: Is the existing concrete pavement under the asphalt concrete reinforced?

Answer 8: Unknown.

Question 9: When will the existing power lines be relocated by Tacoma Power?

Answer 9: Per Note 29 of the plans relocations will need to be coordinated during construction.

Question 10: Bid item #W24 – 1 – 2” blow-off assembly.

Answer 10: The bid item is correct.

Question 11: Bid item #W25- 4 – 2” temporary blow-off assemblies

Answer 11: The bid item is correct.

Question 12: Sheet WT3: 2 - temp blow-offs.

Answer 12: On this sheet the temporary blow offs are: 6” Cap Tapped 2” Bid Item: W20 2” B/O Assembly Bid Item: W25

Question 13: Sheet WT4: 3 – temp blow offs

Answer 13: On this sheet the temporary are (Installed & removed) - 2-6” Cap Tapped 2” Bid Item: W20; 3-2” B/O Assembly Bid Item: W25; 12” Plug MJ Bid Item: W23

Question 14: Didn’t see any normal blow-offs on the plans.

Answer 14: Assuming you mean permanent blow offs. On Sheet W3 - Permanent (installed) - 6” Cap Tapped 2” Bid Item: W22; 2” B/O Assembly Bid Item: W24; On Sheet W4 - Permanent (installed) - 12” Plug MJ Bid Item: W21
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Question 15: Also, W21 (installed) and W23 (installed and removed) are asking for the same thing and so is bid item #W20 (installed and removed) and #W22 (installed)

Answer 15: Installed means permanent and installed and removed means temporary.

Question 16: It looks like there may be an error on add 3. In the final bullet it refers to addendum #4. Is there another one coming or should it have been Add 3.

Answer 16: This should say Addendum #3.

Question 17: I don't see anything in the plans/spec. for the load rating requirement on the Trench Drain Frame and Grate – Spec. 7-05.3 – is a pedestrian load rating acceptable?

Answer 17: Yes.