



**City of Tacoma
Public Works
Streets Initiative Package #32A
Specification No. PW23-0219F**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler by November 13, 2023. 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 / Services*, 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: Can you confirm the pipe type you'd like for the sewer portion? Plans call for SDR35, but spec section 7-17 refers you to a WSDOT number 9-30.1(5)A which is C900.

Answer 1: WSDOT 9-30.1(5)A states "9-30.1(5)A Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe (4 inches and Over) PVC pipe for water mains shall meet the requirements of ANSI/AWWA C900 or ANSI/AWWA C905. PVC pipe shall have the same outside dimensions as ductile iron pipe. PVC pipe for distribution pipelines shall be a minimum of SDR 18. Pipe shall be listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. PVC pipe shall be considered flexible conduit. Joints shall meet the requirements of ASTM D3139 using a restrained rubber gasket conforming to ASTM F477. Solvent welded pipe joints are not permitted."

This specification is calling out C900 only for water main pipe, this project does not have any water mains, all other distribution pipe, i.e. storm and sanitary shall be PVC with a minimum SDR of 18, our plans and specs call for SDR 35 PVC. Please use the material called out in the plans, estimate and specifications for this work.

Question 2: Within the bid proposal there are percentages listed above the lump sum unit price. Why are these percentages listed? Why aren't we allowed to put an appropriate lump sum amount in each bid item that reflects a complete total instead of a percentage? All other agencies just list a lump sum in that column and the City of Tacoma has also done the same in previous projects.

Answer 2: The percentages listed above the lump sum unit prices it to help with distribution of the total bid item cost among the various funding partners across two schedules. We have done this in other City projects. The distribution percentages for both schedules should up to 100% on the same common lump sum bid item.