



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Disaster Debris Removal Service RFP Specification No. ES21-0658F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Dawn DeJarlais, Senior Buyer by May 12, 2022. 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 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: Payment and performance bonds are a hard cost to the contractor for a contract that may not be activated. Can the City confirm payment and performance contracts will be due immediately upon notice to proceed?

Answer 1: Yes. An addendum will be issued with a revised RFP language and an updated Cost Proposal Form.

Question 2: If the answer to the above questions is no, will the City consider changing the payment and performance bonds to be due upon notice to proceed?

Answer 2: See response to Question 1.

Question 3: Will all line items be evaluated equally? Or will some line items carry more weight than others?

Answer 3: No the items are not evaluated equally. Yes, some items will carry more weight than others. Refer to Section 9 for the Evaluation Criteria scoring.

Question 4: With Regard to Responsibility Criteria - Have a current certificate of registration as a contractor in compliance with chapter 18.27 RCW, which must have been in effect at the time of bid submittal, would the City of Tacoma consider amending this Criteria to either (i) must have applied for a current certificate of registration as a contractor prior to bid submittal or (ii) must have a current certificate of registration as a contractor at the time of contract award or contract execution. Or, alternatively consider extending the due date by a few weeks.

Answer 4: The bid submittal date will be revised to July 12, 2022 in order for contractor's to meet the Responsibility Criteria – State of Washington items listed. An addendum will be issued extending the submittal date.

Question 5: With the solicitation date currently being May 24, 2022 will the City consider an extension of time until the question is answered? Additionally, the State of WA is stating that there is a 6–8-week backlog of processing new or submitted applications for licenses. Each day that passes brings us to a tighter turnaround time and if there is no consideration given for backlog, this may restrict fair and open competition that is out of the respondent's control.



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Answer 5: See response to Question 4.

Question 6: Will landfill/tipping fees be treated as a pass-through expense whereby the contractor pays the tipping fees and invoices the City at a cost with no markup?

Answer 6: An addendum will be issued with revised RFP language and an updated Cost Proposal Form to indicate where landfill/tipping fees will be paid.

Question 7: Can you please provide the bid tabulation from the previous billing cycle?

Answer 7: This question is not understood. A clarification is needed to respond to this question.

Question 8: Will annual contract price increases based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) be allowed?

Answer 8: An addendum will be issued with revised RFP language.

Question 9: With the solicitation due date currently being May 24, 2022, will the city consider an extension of time until the question is answered? Additionally, the State of WA is stating that there is a 6–8-week backlog of processing new or submitted applications for licenses. Each day that passes brings us to a tighter turnaround time and if there is no consideration given for backlog, this may restrict fair and open competition that is out of the respondent's control.

Answer 9: An addendum will be issued extending the bid submittal date to July 12, 2022.

Question 10: Will an approved bid bond form be provided? Only a payment and performance bond form is located in the Specifications of the RFP?

Answer 10: A bid bond is not required. Refer to Section 20 of the RFP and Appendix B for the requirements for a Letter of Surety.

Question 11: According to the RFP, "Submittals should be limited to a maximum of 30 pages, double sided, or 40 pages total, excluding any required forms or resumes". Please confirm this should read "60 pages total".

Answer 11: An addendum will be issued indicated 60 pages total as the correct page numbers allowed.

Question 12: Section 12.2.1: "Provide a general description of the Contractor's experience with OSHA, FEMA and in the industry. Provide Contractor compliance information with OSHA and FEMA as outlined in Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy. Provide references for



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Maximum Allowable Points 20.” Please clarify: are you requesting our clients’ references?

Answer 12: The request is asking for a general description of the Contractor’s experience with these regulations, programs and in this industry. Refer to Version 4 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy. References are required.

Question 13: Are we required to mail the original hard copy Bid Bond to the City, or will a scan of the bond submitted with our electronic proposal be acceptable?

Answer 13: Bid Bond is not required for this RFP.

Question 14: Section A, Responsibility Criteria – State of Washington (RFP page 4): please clarify if items 3a-c are applicable.

Answer 14: These items are required.

Question 15: Section 3.16, List of Subcontractors: “Respondent shall submit as part of the bid, the names of the subcontractors, with whom the respondent, if awarded the contract, will subcontract performance of the work of heating, ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing as described in chapter 18.106 RCW, and electrical as described in chapter 19.28 RCW, or to name itself for the work.” Please confirm that we are not required to include the names of the subcontractors that will perform heating, ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical work, since this contract does not include these types of work.

Answer 15: The General Provisions and subsequent General Provisions for Washington State Facility Construction and Supplemental Conditions as Modified by the City of Tacoma are general specification applied to many different City of Tacoma project. The applicable provisions should relate to the work being contracted for in this solicitation.