Questions and Answers

City of Tacoma

Renewable Natural Gas (Clean Fuel Initiative)
RFP Specification No. ES23-0137F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Dawn DeJarlais, Senior Buyer by December 14, 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 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: For the subject RFP, is the biogas source available and the contractor will just need to perform the work associated in converting the biogas to RNG? Or is it the responsibility of the contractor to secure gas rights to a biogas source?

Answer 1: The City’s expectation is that the contractor will be solely responsible for securing the commodity selling rights of the Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) it provides to the City and that such RNG meets the requirements of Washington’s Transportation Clean Fuel Standards.

Question 2: Will the City accept revisions to the contract?

Answer 2: It is the intent of the City to negotiate contract terms with the selected vendor prior to executing the agreement. However, any exceptions to the City’s Standard Terms and Conditions must be included in your proposal to be considered by the City.

Question 3: To facilitate the delivery of Renewable Natural Gas requires additional contract documents in addition to the standard agreement from the City. The North American Energy Standards Board (“NAESB”) Base Contract, Special Provisions, Biogas Addendum, and Transaction Confirmation(s) are used to transfer title of the green attributes from the production facility to the end user (City of Tacoma). Does the City acknowledge that additional contract documents are required for the delivery of RNG to the City?

Answer 3: The contractor shall be fully responsible for facilitating any additional contractual documents, with other parties, to provide RNG to the City. This includes any necessary supply chain business and/or regulatory agency for legal sale of RNG as a transportation fuel to a municipality.