



City of Tacoma
Tacoma Power / Generation / Natural Resources
Laboratory Testing and Analytical Services
RFB PG20-0236F

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Samol Hefley by September 17, 2020. 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: Bid Item 15 and 16 – what is the list of metals?

Answer 1: Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Zinc (plus mercury method 7471B if not already requested in Bid spec).

Question 2: Bid Item 23 and 24 - The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) developed the acute fish toxicity test (WDOE Method 80-12, Part A) to determine if a waste meets the definition of dangerous waste in the *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, Chapter 173-303 WAC. Is this what is being requested by the City as "fish bioassay"?

Answer 2: Yes

Question 3: If so, WDOE 80-12 specifies two designation categories: Extremely Hazardous Waste (WT01) and Dangerous Waste (WT02). Does the City wish pricing for just one of the designation levels, or for both?

Answer 3: Both, the majority of tests requested will be for WT02. However, the City is looking to have both designation levels included as part of this bid process.

Question 4: Bid Item 47 through 50 – what is the specific analyte list?

Answer 4: All analytes listed for Method 8260 and 8270 for RCRA

Question 5: What regulatory limits are being followed? IS it MTCA A?

Answer 5: For Item 47 through 50 the regulatory limits we look at for soil sampling will be MTCA A.

Question 6: It is stated that TCLP RCRA metals needs to be performed on a 24 to 36 hour TAT. The TCLP tumble is 18 hours and then digestion would take that to over 24 hour. Can we show an exception that TCLP fastest TAT is 5 days?

Answer 6: Yes, however TAT for each/all test methods will be a consideration as part of the bid selection process.

Question 7: Are we allowed to no bid any items?

Answer 7: No, bid submissions will be considered non-responsive if items are "no bid". Subcontract testing is allowed, assuming it meets Bid conditions/requirements.

Question 8: To clarify, Bids only need to be submitted via email, we can ignore the hard copy and SAP Ariba wording in the document?

Answer 8: That is correct. Paper and SAP Ariba submittal is not required. Email submittal is acceptable

Question 9: Who is the current laboratory providing these services?

Answer 9: We are unable to provide the supplier information at this time. However, the Public Disclosure Request process is available for use by the public.

Question 10: Can you provide a copy of the current pricing?

Answer 10: We are unable to provide the supplier pricing at this time. However, the Public Disclosure Request process is available for use by the public.

Question 11: Is there a mandatory small business requirement?

Answer 11: There are no Small Business requirements associated with this bid process.

Question 12: In bid Items 1-4 it mentions compliance with TSCA, what exactly do you mean by that or what are you looking for?

Answer 12: Analysis shall comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 761 (TSCA). TSCA means the Toxic Substances Control Act.