



City of Tacoma
City of Tacoma / Tacoma Power / Power Generation
Consulting Services for Five Year Inspection and Safety Reports
RFP Specification No. PG21-0493F

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Seth Hartz by 3:00 p.m., Pacific Time, July 19, 2021. 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 please clarify the proposal requirements in Section 12.5 (Estimated Number of Staff Hours)? Are you looking for both an hours estimate by staff for each hydro project, as well as a labor rate schedule?

Answer 1: The estimated staff hours and the labor rates are two separate requests with two separate purposes. The estimated staff hours will help us to establish that the potential consultant has a clear understanding of what is required to complete the Part 12 inspection and report. The rate schedule will be used as an exhibit / appendix in the final contract documents and we have found that it is best to get that up front.

Question 2: Under Item 12 – Content to be Submitted on page 15/105 of the RFP, the text states “Submittals that are incomplete or conditioned in any way that contain alternatives or items not called for in this RFP, or not in conformity with law, may be rejected as being non-responsive.” In regards to items not called for, does that include covers, tabs, and a cover letter, or can we include those with no penalty or rejection?

Answer 2: You can include covers, tabs, and a cover letter in your response.

Question 3: Question 1 In Appendix C requires identification of previous studies’ potential structural, hydrologic, etc. deficiencies which would require updates or re-analysis. Generally, deficiencies in past studies and analyses are identified as part of the document review during the Part 12D safety review effort. Reviewing studies and analyses requires substantial time and effort. Is a comprehensive review of the STIDs and other applicable documents required as part of this proposal response? Also, without complete access to all relevant documents it may not be possible to completely review all past studies and analyses. In the event that not all potential studies and analyses deficiencies are identified within this proposal response, how will this be addressed in the contract?

Answer 3: Please respond to this question in general terms with respect to any emphasis the FERC is using following the Oroville Dam incident and the ensuing report titled *Independent Forensic Team Report Oroville Dam Spillway Incident*. How could that new emphasis affect what is required in this current Part 12 Report?

Question 4: Questions 2, 3, and 6 in Appendix C are considered inaccessible feature examinations generally done separately or in advance of the Part 12D

inspections. Is the intent of this RFP to include these three inspections (penstock interior coatings, plunge pool/stilling basin/tailraces, and power tunnels) as part of the Part 12D safety review?

Answer 4: Please state, in general terms, if you expect to personally inspect these features or are you willing to review and consider the previous, relatively recent, inspection reports. What is your preference versus what are your requirements with respect to these inspections? If it is determined that the individual structure must be inspected, how would you propose to do it?

Question 5: The RFP does not explicitly state that the STIDs and DSSMPs be updated as part of the Part 12D review. Please confirm if the Part 12D review will require updates to the STIDs and the DSSMPs.

Answer 5: Tacoma Power will continue to make the necessary updates to the STID and DSSMP.

Question 6: In relaying the drawings to our proposed IC for this proposal, he was wondering if any additional material or information specific to each dam will be made available and if so when we might expect to see it?

Answer 6: No, we do not plan on providing any additional information at this time. Please keep your proposals brief, general and compact.