



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

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RFB Specification No. Cushman No. 1 Debris Removal Ramp Construction

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Tina Eide, Senior Buyer. 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 / Public Works and Improvements 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: RFI re Water Levels: The plans show only the high water line but don't show the low water line or indicate where the water line will be for Installation. Please provide water elevation during period of performance.

Answer 1: Reservoir elevations will be lowered in preparation for incoming winter flows during the mid-November construction start time frame. Reservoir elevations are anticipated to be lower than the construction site.

Question 2: Also, Does it required a Cofferdam

Answer 2: The need for a cofferdam is not expected. It is anticipated that reservoir elevations will be lower than site during construction.

Question 3: Bid item 3 shows a quantity of 9,000 "square yards". Is this supposed to be cubic yards? Also, plan sheet 20.12.C1.0 includes 235cy's of anticipated excavation, but what bid item are we supposed to include excavation in?"

Answer 3: No, it is not supposed to be 'cubic' yards. 9,000 SY area was to be used with the consideration of 235 CY volume provided on 20.12.C1.0. Excavation was to intended to be part of Bid Item #3 (Site Work & Grading). Bid item #3 (Site Work & Grading) is the only bid item that contains activities that could be considered as part of excavation.

Question 4: Sheet BP313 indicates habitat rock and logs is associated with another project. Are we to include any of this work in our bid, or what is the purpose of this plan sheet being included in the bid documents?"

Answer 4: No, the Fish Habitat Mitigation is not part of this contract. The drawing was included only as part of permitting requirements. This work will be done by others after construction of Debris Removal Ramp is completed.

Question 5: There appears to be a lot of structural fill under the precast panels which is re-used on site fill. The plan sheets indicate only a couple hundred yard of cut however, with 100cy to be replaced for grading. So, what happens if there is not enough on site material and import must be brought in, will that be under force account?"



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Answer 5: If Excavated material is deemed unsuitable for backfill, Tacoma Power will require Gravel Backfill for Walls to be used for backfill that will be paid for at the contract unit price under Bid Item #7