



**City of Tacoma
Tacoma Power / Utility Technology Services
Enterprise Data Catalog
RFP Specification No. PT21-0390F**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Samol Hefley by March 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: Functional requirement 10 - What is meant by "Annotate the data sources?" Is this annotation in the actual DBs or on the metadata level in a catalog tool?

Answer 1: Ability to comment or describe data; ability to annotate metadata level in catalog tool.

Question 2: Functional requirement 15 - What type of "version comparison" is being sought? Is Tacoma looking for a full audit history or for the ability to have multiple versions of assets managed simultaneously?

Answer 2: Audit history

Question 3: Functional requirement 18 - Not sure what is meant here, please provide an example. Is Tacoma looking for the catalog to store the data or only metadata?

Answer 3: Metadata management

Question 4: Typically when working with organizations on Enterprise Data Catalog implementations, Governance and Workflows to help with automation and standardized management of data assets are critical to long term success. Are these types of functionality being evaluated in the context of this RFP? If so, where do they rank in importance for Tacoma?

Answer 4: See requirements in RFP

Question 5: Are the sample queries in user story 9 meant to be auto extracted or would you like to have a standardized process for generating and approving the sample queries to promote best practices

Answer 5: Ability to store analyst generated sample queries

Question 6: In user story 19 is it important to have a vetting process to certify the commonly joined columns?

Answer 6: No

Question 7: What data quality tools are used today? Would existing data tools be leveraged, or, is TPU requesting the vendor include Data Quality capabilities?

Answer 7: None

Question 8: What data integration tools are used (these could be targets for scanning to determine data lineage)?

Answer 8: FME Server; Databricks

Question 9: Is TPU using any data governance tools today?

Answer 9: No

Question 10: Is TPU using any dashboard or visualization tools today?

Answer 10: Tableau

Question 11: Please provide details on the input data information - size, data dictionary, layouts, connection type, where is it hosted, etc.

Answer 11: Variety of datasets contained in the city's data warehouse platform, Snowflake.

Question 12: How much data will be anticipated annually in MBs, GBs or TBs?

Answer 12: GBs

Question 13: Where the existing data is stored/managed – on-premise?

Answer 13: Snowflake data warehouse

Question 14: Are there any 3rd party software needs to be integrated apart from mentioned in the RFP document?

Answer 14: No

Question 15: Can you please provide the number of users and their roles that will be interacting with the system?

Answer 15: Around 20 users; data stewards; analysts; data engineers

Question 16: What is the expected project start and anticipated go-live date?

Answer 16: Summer 2021

Question 17: Is there any incumbent vendor?

Answer 17: No

Question 18: Is there a budget for this project?

Answer 18: \$25,000 - \$50,000

