



**City of Tacoma
Tacoma Power
15kV Power & URD EPR CABLE AND 600V NETWORK EPR
CABLE
RFP Specification No. PT20-0067F**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Alex Clark by October 1, 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 / Supplies*, 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: Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?

Answer 1: We will extend the due date to 10/20/20. This will be captured in Addendum No 1.

Question 2: What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?

Answer 2: All submittals will be evaluated based on the criteria included in Section 1.13.

Question 3: Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com/free?

Answer 3: It was not.

Question 4: Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?

Answer 4: The solicitation was posted in the Tacoma Daily Index, in addition to our website.

Question 5: In the current spec:

Conductor

Sec 2.03.1B specifies compressed conductors in accordance with ASTM B-8.
Sec 2.03.1B.1 Permits "compact round" per B-496 as an acceptable alternative.

Conductor Screen

The Table in Sec 2.04.2 lists the conductor screen thicknesses that match the thicknesses for "compressed round conductors".
However the text above the table says "reduced shield thicknesses are NOT permitted". This contradicts 2.03.1B.1 above as ICEA specifically permits a reduced conductor screen thickness for "compact round" conductors.

Which conductor screen does Tacoma Power desire if we quote a compact conductor:

A compact round conductor with a screen thickness that is permitted, by ICEA, to be reduced

or
a compact round conductor with a conductor screen that is intended for use on a
compressed round conductor? Note this option is not traditional for any cable
manufacturer and adds un-needed cost with no electrical benefit.

A proposed solution would be to remove the sentence “**Reduced shield thicknesses
are not permitted.**” from Sec 2.042 and move to 2.062.

Answer 5: This was addressed in Addendum #1.