NOTIFICATION

The notification below will be posted to the City’s website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their bid submittals.

Questions from the February 25, 2020, Pre-Proposal Meeting and via emails:

1. Can maturity meters be used to limit the number of concrete breaks?

   Maturity meters may be used at the discretion of the City and/or the Contractor. If used, these may be placed and read by the City/Contractor or the Materials Testing Lab, as directed by the City. Maturity meters have been used in past projects to quickly open concrete driveway approaches.

2. Will materials testing be the responsibility of the City?

   All material testing will be the responsibility of the City.

3. What is the tentative start date for both the Taylor Way and Fawcett/S. 21st Projects?

   The tentative start dates listed in the RFQ for each project are generally correct, however, April 2020 is more likely than March for both projects. Construction schedules will be provided to the awarded firm(s) when available to the City.

   The Taylor Way bid opening is Tuesday, 2/25/20, the work/start date for this project will be based on the submitted bids and their evaluation.

4. What is the expected turnaround time for material testing?

   The standard industry turnaround time for material testing is expected on each project. In select instances, however, one-day concrete cylinder breaks may be required at select locations by the City.

5. Will tests be strictly pass/fail or will some tests rely on a statistical evaluation?

   The City will rely on the WSDOT Standard Specifications, as amended for each project and as directed by the City, for the use of pass/fail and/or statistical evaluations.

6. Who will the Project Manager be for the Fawcett/S. 21st St. Project?

   Darius Thompson, 253-573-2410, darius.thompson@cityoftacoma.org, will be the Project Manager, and Larry Rybachuk, 253-591-5438, rybachuk@cityoftacoma.org, the Construction Manager for the Fawcett/S. 21st St. Project.
7. Will the work be in a single contract or individual contracts by project?

It could be one or two contracts and will be determined by the City at a later date.

8. Is the City looking for a Construction Consulting firm that have 1 individual for both Material Testing AND Inspections?

This RFQ requests services for material testing only.

9. Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?

The RFQ was posted to the City of Tacoma’s website and advertised in the Tacoma Daily Index and Washington’s Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) website.

10. Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?

The bid due date has been extended to 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, per Addendum No. 2.

SBE questions should be directed to Clifford Armstrong III, Workforce Development Program Manager, 253-591-5826, carmstrong@cityoftacoma.org.

Please note, though not discussed at the meeting, per Section 6.0 of the RFQ, the City reserves the right to award the projects to different Proposers.