Questions and Answers

I Street Overlay
RFB Specification No. PW22-0779F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Tina Eide, Senior Buyer by February 10, 2023. 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:  I wanted to know if this project will require the General Contractor to supply temporary fencing or portable restrooms and how long you estimate this project lasting.

Answer 1:

Temporary Fencing:
While specific areas are not called out for temporary fencing on the plans, in general, temporary fencing may be necessary to protect the public from aspects of the Work, such as fall protection, or from entering the Work zones. See WSDOT Standard Specifications Section 1-07.23 Public Convenience and Safety for requirements regarding installing necessary safeguards/measures for the Work. The contractor needs to assess its own risk safeguards/devices with the project conditions and bid accordingly.

Portable Restrooms:
Contractors are required to comply with governing health and safety requirements. This includes providing portable sanitary stations. See WSDOT Standard Specifications 1-07.1(2) Health and Safety, 1-07.4 (1) General and 1-07.4(2) Health Hazards regarding this requirement.

Contract Duration:
See Special Provisions Section 1-08.5 Time for Completion = 75 working days

Question 2:  Can you give me a link to the site that will post the results of the bids?

Answer 2: Bid award information can be found at Bid Results - City of Tacoma

Question 3:  The TC plans show that the project is to be constructed in 4 phases. Does the phasing just include the concrete improvements or does each phase have to be completed with the concrete work, grinding, paving, and adjustments?
Answer 3: The shown “phases” of work are for the purposes of conveying general expectations of work zone extents and allowances. The contractor may find/determine that more phases and/or subphases are needed to best align with their preferred means and methods. This presentation intent was conveyed by the Traffic Control Note provided on each page:

TRAFFIC CONTROL NOTE:
ALTHOUGH THESE TRAFFIC CONTROL SHEETS MAY BE MORE ALIGNED WITH CERTAIN STAGES OF WORK, ASPECTS OF THESE PLANS MAY BE USED/COMBINED IN OTHER WAYS BY THE CONTRACTOR TO SUPPORT SCOPE OF WORK ELEMENTS WITH THE CITY’S PRIOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

Question 4: The TC plans refer to RS sheets for X-Section details. RS Sheets are not part of the provided plans. These plans also refer to different sections than the RD plans show. Please advise.

Answer 4: The TC plans as referenced above were based on other design sheets/base mapping from the remainder of the project plans. As such, some basemap/construction notes are visible and explained (though a legend), but there may be other “artifacts” of the re-used sheets/base mapping that are not germane to the Traffic Control Plan purpose of the like-titled sheets—the cross-section notations referring to “RS” sheets is one of these examples.