



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

STREETS INITIATIVE 2 (SI2) – OUTREACH AND CAMPAIGN

RFP Specification No. **PW23-0262F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler, Buyer by December 1, 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: Could you let us know if you have a local preference or are you open to a Canadian agency that has done similar work with clients across the United States, with some currently being the States of California, Colorado and Wyoming?

Answer 1: Provided the agency is able to comply with all federal, state, and City laws and policies, a Canadian agency could be considered. Please note section 1.55 (Page 19 of the Standard Terms and Conditions included in the RFP) regarding governing law and venue.

A. Washington law shall govern the interpretation of the Contract. The state or federal courts located in Pierce County Washington shall be the sole venue of any mediation, arbitration, or litigation arising out of the Contract.

B. Respondents providing submittals from outside the legal jurisdiction of the United States of America will be subject to Tacoma's City Attorney's Office (CAO) opinion as to the viability of possible litigation pursuant to a contract resulting from this Specification. If it is the opinion of the CAO that any possible litigation would be beyond reasonable cost and/or enforcement, the submittal may be excluded from evaluation.

Additionally, City of Tacoma business license will be required.

https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/finance/tax_and_license/business_license

Question 2: Do you have an incumbent and would they be participating in this RFP?

Answer 2: No.

Question 3: Could you let us know what the timeline would be to get this work completed within?

Answer 3: As described within the RFP scope of work, "The consultant shall be responsible for drafting and finalizing the ballot measure and ensuring appropriate dates are met to comply with State of Washington rules, regulations, and laws to secure the SI2 measure a place on the ballot in February 2026, or alternate date agreed upon by City staff and leadership. The bond measure submittal to the State of Washington would be targeted for December 2025." The bond measure is anticipated to go to the voters in February 2026.



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Question 4: Could we request an extension to the submission deadline?

Answer 4: No.

Question 5: For activities under scope item #1, “planning, scheduling, and cost estimating”—are you primarily seeking a partner with strong facilitation skills who can work closely with those with technical cost estimating expertise, or are you seeking a partner with technical expertise as well?

Answer 5: The ideal candidate would also have the technical expertise in cost estimating for capital projects or be able to team with a subconsultant firm to provide that expertise. If none of the respondents are able to provide the technical cost estimating expertise, the City would consider that aspect of the work being provided by staff within the Public Works Department.

Question 6: Is the \$50k project budget intended to last for the full project duration (specified in the RFP as Feb. 2024 - Feb. 2026)?

Answer 6: Yes.