



City of Tacoma
Tacoma Rail

Taylor Way Curve Tie Replacement
RFB Specification No. TR21-0575F

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Doreen Klaaskate, Senior Buyer. 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*, 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.

Page 6 of the bid package provided as Addendum #2 states the following:
Bidders shall complete the Equity in Contracting Utilization Form in accordance with the City of Tacoma Equity in Contracting Regulations Manual and Chapter 1.07 of the City of Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC). This form shall be fully and accurately completed and returned with submission of the Bid and will be used to determine if the Bidder is in compliance with the EIC regulations and the TMC.

However, the "Equity in Contracting Utilization Form" was not included as part of the bid package in Addendum #2, nor is it included as part of the original bid documents.

Also, we were unable to find any reference to the "Equity in Contracting" requirements for this project. Page 10 states "11. *The bidder fails to meet the EIC requirements as described in Section 1-02.6.*", however, Section 1-02.6 does not list any EIC requirements.

Contractors cannot modify the bid proposal package, however the EIC forms have not been included.

The reminder to bidders states: "FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT EIC FORMS WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL PACKAGE MAY RESULT IN THE BID BEING DECLARED NONRESPONSIVE AND REJECTED."

1. What are the EIC requirements for this project? ***There is no EIC goal on this project, hence no EIC paperwork was included.***
2. What is the proper procedure for providing the EIC documentation on our bid submittal? ***As such no EIC documentation is required as part of the bid.***