



**City of Tacoma
Tacoma Water
Aluminum Chlorohydrate
RFB Specification No. TW20-0285F**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Alex Clark by October 9, 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: I'm currently processing the above mentioned bid for Aluminum Chlorodrate which is due on October 20th. Regarding the submittal checklist form, do I need to include the entire bid package or just the items listed?

Answer 1: Your bid needs to include the four items listed on the submittal checklist to be responsive.

Question 2: Will you please advise the current price the City is paying for Kemira's PAX XL-19, or the current ACH Product?

Answer 2: The current price for PAX XL-19 is \$627 per ton.

Question 3: What is the specific application Tacoma Water uses for ACH for?

Answer 3: ACH is used as a primary coagulant for drinking water at the Green River Filtration Facility. At this time, the facility switches between aluminum sulfate and ACH as primary coagulants based on the time of year, although the City reserves the right to modify this practice as operations require. ACH is typically used as the coagulant during the spring and summer months when the plant is operated as a direct filtration facility, while the facility switches to aluminum sulfate when the plant is operated as a conventional filtration facility in the winter months.

Question 4: The bid states "Tacoma Water will be the sole determiner of suitable and unsuitable products." What would this process be in order to get an an alternative product to ACH approved?

Answer 4: At this time, Tacoma Water will only accept products that are classified as aluminum chlorohydrate, having a basicity of no less than 80 percent. Polyaluminum chloride products of lesser basicity or other alternative coagulant products will not be allowed. Aluminum chlorohydrate products from manufacturers other than Kemira are acceptable per the specification.