



**City of Tacoma
Environmental Services Department
Stormwater Pond Rehabilitation – Various Areas
RFB Specification No. ES21-0455N**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler by June 17, 2021. 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 / Services / Supplies / 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.

Question 1: Is there water in all the stormwater ponds?

Answer 1: Per the general note on the Plans, "Ponds tend to dry out in the summer but not always. Expect ponds to contain water." The Bid Proposal provides for a dewatering bid item to be paid for by force account for each stormwater pond.

Question 2: Are the stormwater ponds accessible?

Answer 2: All five stormwater ponds are accessible and viewable by vehicle from residential streets with the exception of the Harbor Ridge Pond. All stormwater ponds are kept locked from the public and entrance is limited to maintenance and construction work. Entrance into each stormwater pond will be made available to the Contractor during construction.

Since the Harbor Ridge Pond is not viewable from the road below are some more pictures of the pond.





Question 3: How much quantity of material is to be removed from each site?

Answer 3: Per General Note 2 on the Plans, "The 'LIMIT OF EXCAVATION' may include water, cattails, grass like material, and sediment." See each plan sheet for approximate quantities of excavation for that particular pond

Question 4: What plant species or soil types will be removed?

Answer 4: Per General Note 2 of the Plans, "The 'LIMIT OF EXCAVATION' may include water, cattails, grass like material, and sediment." No other information regarding soil type is available.

Question 5: Where in the Specification does it address bypassing the existing stormwater pipe?

Answer 5: The City's estimates of gravity flows in the existing storm sewers, assuming full pipe, are addressed in Specification Section 7-08.3(5) Temporary Bypass Pumping. Also, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to maintain operation of the existing storm and/or sanitary sewer systems throughout the duration of the project without any interruption of sewer service. The Contractor shall divert all inlet flows directly to the outlet. This can be accomplished via a combination of pumping and/or gravity flow.

Question 6: How is vegetation removal quantified?

Answer 6: Per General Note 2 of the Plans, "The 'LIMIT OF EXCAVATION' may include water, cattails, grass like material, and sediment." The limit of vegetation removal shall be the same as the limit of excavation. Vegetation removal shall be quantified per lump sum.

Question 7: Is a Bid Bond required for this Project?

Answer 7: Per the City's Purchasing Policy Manual, whenever the estimated cost of the project is \$200,000 or less, there is no bid bond required.