



**City of Tacoma
TPU/Power Management
Smart Water Heater Installation
RFB Specification No. PM21-0028N**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Erica Pierce by April 7, 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 / 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: Do they have to be installed by a licensed electrician

Answer 1: Yes, Residential Electrical 02 license is required.

Question 2: Are there any resources to help small firms navigate the prevailing wage and public works requirements?

Answer 2: Yes – there is assistance available! Our MBDA Center partners with Washington PTAC (Procurement Technical Assistance Centers) – who provide no-cost, confidential, one-on-one technical assistance in all aspects of selling to federal, state, and local governments. Feel free to direct the small businesses to our office and Washington PTAC for support in these matters. Contact: Trena Payton - Phone: 253.964.1745 - Email: tpayton@thurstonedc.com

Question 3: How many units total is Tacoma looking to install?

Answer 3: 200-250 total. Installation preference (top of tank vs. wall mount) will be determined by cost.

Question 4: Does TPU have a sense of the density and geographic distribution of targeted customers and installation sites? For example, approximate installation counts by zip code?

Answer 4: Tacoma Power's service territory is a fairly compact urban service territory (about 180 square miles). Installations may occur anywhere within the service territory. Map included below:



Question 5: May bidders elect to install all controllers over a condensed period (i.e. one month), rather than spread installation across multiple months?

Answer 5: Tacoma Power is willing to condense the installation period. Details will be worked out during the Preparation Phase.

Question 6: Does TPU have a targeted/estimated split between single-family and multi-family installation numbers?

Answer 6: Tacoma Power is targeting 100% single family installations. This may include a few condominiums located in multifamily style buildings.

Question 7: Is TPU seeking fixed-price bids for all 250 units? May vendors propose per-unit bids, with a different per-unit price for multi-family and single-family installations?

Answer 7: Please bid all 250 units as single family installations.