Questions and Answers

Medium Voltage Circuit Breakers
RFB Specification No. PT21-0622N

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Erica Pierce, Senior Buyer by November 12, 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 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: The schematics are showing the Reclosing Relays mounted on the doors. Please advise the settings (time between the subsequent reclosing operation) and quantity of reclosing attempts.

Answer 1: All three feeders reclosing is set for one operation at 10 seconds after trip.

Question 2: The notes from the Zoom meeting state the need to provide a proposal for remote racking as a “standard option”. Please clarify what this means. Should we include it as a part of the base bid, or as a separate option?

Answer 2: Circuit breakers cubicles should allow for connection to a universal remote racking device, already owned by Tacoma Power.

Question 3: Additionally, there was reference to a “universal” remote racking system that the City of Tacoma purchased. Please provide details on this remote racking system and clarify who is responsible for adapting it to the new breakers (if required).

Answer 3: The remote racking device owned by Tacoma Power is a CBS ArcSafe Model RRS-1. Tacoma Power will provide any adapter fittings required to interface with Bidder’s circuit breaker racking mechanism.

Question 4: Please advise the anticipated schedule for when this work needs to occur – following contract award, when will an outage be allowed to gather additional data and measurements from the existing equipment?

Answer 4: There is considerable flexibility in arranging future outages for detailed measurements.

Question 5: What is the anticipated outage date/duration for the cubicle alterations and breaker replacements to occur?

Answer 5: Tacoma Power can offer considerable flexibility in scheduling the date and the duration of outages for the manufacturer to do their in-switchgear work.