



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Medium Voltage Circuit Breakers - Rebid RFB Specification No. PT21-0782N

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Erica Pierce, Senior Buyer by January 28, 2022. 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: As far as the existing breakers, are these magnetically actuated breakers or spring operated?

Answer 1: Spring operated

Question 2: Do you have a preference on a magnetic or spring-operated mechanism for the new breakers?

Answer 2: The current ones in use by TPU are spring operated breakers, this is preferred.

Question 3: Previously there was discussion of a spare breaker/reconstruction being done for a fourth unit while the current scope only lists 3 – is there a plan to include the fourth at a later time?

Answer 3: At this time, there are only three breakers planned to be purchased but we may do a RFQ for a fourth in the future.

Question 4: What was the cause of the last bid to reject all bids?

Answer 4: Many of the vendors have not completed the required Public Works training by the State of Washington. It is suggested that all vendors make sure they check with the State of Washington to make sure that they are current with all accounts such as Workers Compensation, etc. This link was provided: [Labor & Industries \(L&I\), Washington State](#)

Question 5: In the schematics included with the bid documents, there is a bubble going around the feeders and there is also a CPT on the auxiliary compartment – is this part of the work requested in this specification?

Answer 5: The auxiliary cubicle will remain as-is for now. TPU's current concern is maintaining legacy breakers.



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Question 6: Does this line up have 4 cubicles?

Answer 6: Yes, but the 4th cubicle is a future only work item.

Question 7: Would TPU consider a modification to include a remote racking device on the breaker, would TPU consider it on the cubicle?

Answer 7: Make sure this is included as a separate option on the bid as currently we are working on the assumption that we will use our current remote racking device.

Question 8: Is the pre-bid site visit required?

Answer 8: No – this is an option to take field measurements and a visit is not required to submit a bid.

Question 9: Will the recording from this meeting be available?

Answer 9: Yes, this will be available on our website. We will also post a written document with the questions and answers from this meeting and any received in the written question period.

Question 10: This work went from an RFQ to RFB, what is the reason for that?

Answer 10: When it was determined that we would not be able to source replacement breakers without additional work to the site taking place, Public Works rules apply, and therefore had to become a RFB.

Question 11: Please provide the bid bond sheet as I do not see the specific form the City wants to use.

Answer 11: There are no bid bond requirements for this particular specification. The bid bond referenced and provided in the bid documents are examples only.

Question 12: Are there any onsite facilities for contractor use? Water, sanitation, etc.

Answer 12: A sani-can will be available at the site, but not running water.

Question 13: Are there any onsite/owner furnished material handling equipment for contractor use? Forklift, etc.

Answer 13: The City will not be supplying any material handling equipment.