

City of Tacoma

## Questions and Answers

### Ashford Parcel Commercial Thinning RFB Specification No. PG23-0092F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Dawn DeJarlais, Senior Buyer by January 30, 2024. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://www.TacomaPurchasing.org). Navigate to [Current Contracting Opportunities / Surplus 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: Do you know if these roads were rocked during the harvest before?**

Answer 1: The roads have not been rocked or surfaced for many years. Some rock may be necessary to import prior to initiating work. This should be considered in the bid for the contract.

**Question 2: Are you putting a seasonal restriction on the site? Seems pretty wet not 100% on the soil conditions (Clay, gravel etc.) Not a problem just wanted to ask.**

Answer 2: We are not defining the exact time frame but will work with the contract on the timing of the work in relation to weather. The soils are mainly well drained in the work area.

**Question 3: Is the trucking also paid by the mill or is that something I invoice Tacoma Power for?**

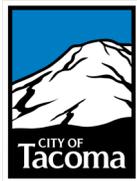
Answer 3: The trucking will not be paid by the mill; that is something you'll invoice the City of Tacoma for. Only the harvest costs for the dimensional lumber will be paid by the mills.

**Question 4: We are both confused about the pulp. There is nowhere for it on the bid sheet and there is quite a bit of pulp. Pulp is basically worth nothing right now.**

Answer 4: You are correct in your observation about the pulp; that was a mistake I made trying to get this contract out and I failed to add a pulp line item. I have requested our purchasing staff to modify the bid page to add that. See Addendum 1.

**Question 5: Can the time frame be manipulated and if so by how much?**

Answer 5: I anticipate it will be at least a handful of months (I would expect 3-4 months) before we have the contract awarded and all the information from the contractor and signatures on everything. The job clock won't even start until that point, and even so, I can extend the job time frame if I have sufficient reasons to do so. Working with the contractor's schedule would be a sufficient reason.



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**Question 6: Is this a prevailing wage job?**

Answer 6: This is NOT a prevailing wage job; I (along with the forester at Tacoma Water) have determined that timber harvest is exempt from prevailing wage requirements.

**Question 7: Regarding the 100% performance bond - first sentence #12 on the Ashford Parcel Commercial Thinning job #PF23-0092F. At this time, will the 100% performance bond be needed, and if so, what is the timing that it would need to be submitted?**

Answer 7: The performance bond is not required the time of submission. Performance bonds will be requested at the time a contractor is selected.

**Question 8: Is the pre-bid meeting Mandatory?**

Answer 8: No. The pre-bid is not mandatory.

**Question 9: At the pre-bid meeting will we be able to ask questions regarding the process of the bid, etc.? If not, should I make a list of all the questions I have and email them to you?**

Answer 9: You will be able to ask questions at the pre-bid meeting. You can also submit question in writing any time up to the question deadline stated in the specification.

**Question 10: The 5% down, is that for the entire bid, logging, trucking and road work? This can be in the form of a bond?**

Answer 10: This is for the value of the bid submission. Yes, It can be done in the form of a bond. You must use the City's document provided in Appendix B.

**Question 11: Does prevailing wage need to be paid on all who work on job and if so, where do I find what prevailing wage is for this particular job?**

Answer 11: This is not a prevailing wage project.

**Question 12: Am I able to go take a look at the project at any time?**

Answer 12: yes, you can visit the project area at any time. It is behind a locked gate so foot or bicycle travel may be required if you missed the pre-bid meeting.



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**Question 13:** It appears that it is prevailing wage? If so I was wondering what the pay scale would be or where I could find that information?

Answer 13: This is not a prevailing wage project.

**Question 14: Is this a timber sale or a bid for the logging?**

Answer 14: This is a bid for the logging (service contract). This is not a timber sale.