



City of Tacoma
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DRY POLYMER FOR BIOSOLIDS DEWATERING
RFB Specification No. ES16-0524F

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing to Jessica Tonka by 3:00 p.m., Pacific Time, January 27, 2017. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: The bid states that the bulk bag will weigh between 1000 and 1500 pounds. Our standard bag is 1650 pounds. Is this acceptable?

Answer 1: 1650 pounds is not acceptable.

Question 2: It is stated in the bid that one 55 pound bag is needed for the trial. Is this enough polymer? The trial procedure is stated to be 7 hours. Four hours of optimization and three hours of sampling. Using the estimates (from page 15) for usages in the bid, 7 hours could take 280 pounds of polymer. Please advise.

Answer 2: This question has been addressed in Addendum 1.

Question 3: On page 19 within the award criteria, the bid states that low cost will be considered as the winner but performance will be considered if it is significantly better. What is considered "significantly better"?

Answer 3: Award will be based on polymer cost per dry ton processed. Determining factors in this calculation include highest solids capture rate, cake solids, and lowest filtrate solids. Each polymer will perform variably in each category impacting the overall outcome of this calculation.

Question 4: The timeline for the bid is not feasible. Jar tests are supposed to be conducted between 1-31 and 2-10. Then trials start on 2-13. There is not enough time to produce and ship the chosen product between the given jar testing dates and the start of the trials. We are asking for the trials to be pushed to allow time to provide the trial material.

Answer 4: This question has been addressed in Addendum 1.