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## Questions and Answers

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation – Downtown Tacoma** RFB Specification No. PM22-0384F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Erica Pierce, Senior Buyer by date questions were due. 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](#) / *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: Where is the actual scope fully explained in the bid documents?**

Answer 1: Section 01010 – Summary of work outlines the scope of the project.

**Question 2: Has the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Public Utilities already purchased the necessary chargers or is it requested as part of the bid package?**

Answer 2: The chargers have already been purchased by the Utility. Some of them are received, some are currently on order but due to be available for the project. TPU will coordinate with the winning bidder once the project starts.

**Question 3: What are the charging payment requirements (cc readers, mobile pay, etc) for the installed EVSEs, if any?**

Answer 3: Tacoma Power has already purchased chargers that will accept payments via an app. Procurement of charging equipment is outside the scope of this RFB.

**Question 4: If there are no requirements, how will electricity charges be remitted?**

Answer 4: Tacoma Power has already purchased chargers that will accept payments via an app. Electrical billing is outside the scope of this RFB.

**Question 5: If City of Tacoma/Tacoma Public Utilities have already purchased chargers for this project, how does a vendor get their chargers considered for future projects?**

Answer 5: Procurement of charging equipment is outside the scope of this RFB. We recommend EV network companies watch the purchasing website for opportunities

**Question 6: Will the General Contractor need to supply temporary fencing?**

Answer 6: Please refer to Section 1.5 Safety, this section falls under jobsite safety and would be the contractors responsibility.



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**Question 7: Will the General Contractor need to supply portable restrooms?**

Answer 7: There are no public facilities available at the sites.

**Question 8: How long is this project expected to last?**

Answer 8: Level 2 charging needs to be in service by 12/31/2023 and DCFC charging needs to be in service by 3/1/2024.

**Questions 9 - 11 were asked during the pre-bid meeting.**

**Question 9: One of the sites has the possibility of contaminated soils, the spec seems to indicate all the sites should be tested. Do all the sites need to be tested prior to excavation?**

Answer 9: It is only the 3 sites that are at surface lots that should be tested. That would be the Market Street location (Site 1), the 14<sup>th</sup> street lot (Site 4), and the Tacoma Dome station (Site 7). From the research we've done, issues are not likely, but it was recommended to include in the bid documents. The other sites do not have digging into soil as they are in existing buildings.

**Question 10: What time is on the on-site in person meeting and what is the first location?**

Answer 10: Please refer to bid documents for the April 21<sup>st</sup> schedule on page 26 of the specification.

**Question 11: Builders Exchange had the submittal date as June 16<sup>th</sup> but the documents state May 16<sup>th</sup> – which date is correct?**

Answer 11: Submittal due date for these documents is Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am. If a change occurs to this schedule, an addendum will be issued. Please sign up for the Plan Holders list with our distribution partner ARC ([ARC Instructions](#))

**Questions 12-16 were asked during the on site walk through, at the Tacoma Parking Garage (Site 2) location**

**Question 12: Do you want us to go through the wall? Regarding conduit going from the electrical area to public parking area, or should it go around like existing conduit?**

Answer 12: On-site, the answer was given as “around”, which is incorrect. The plans show to core drill through the wall.



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**Question 13: Looks like panel goes here (by bollard)?**

Answer 13: No it goes to the right where the old lighting panels are

**Question 14: Do you have keys to access these panels?**

Answer 14: No we do not have keys at this time

**Question 15: Do you know what is in this room between the parking stalls and electrical panels?**

Answer 15: No

**Question 16: Is this a prevailing wage job?**

Answer 16: Yes.

**The following question was asked at 923 Commerce (Site 3) location.**

**Question 17: Is the panel on the 5th floor, and chargers and work on the 4th floor?**

Answer 17: Yes, passing through the existing openings between each floor.

**The following question was asked at Museum of Glass (Site 5)**

**Question 18: Where is the panel located?**

Answer 18: Main Electrical room 122

**Question 19: Do we need to refeed since its only 125A?**

Answer 19: Answer given in person was incorrect, we will be feeding a new panel from an existing panel as shown on the plans.

**The following question was asked at Tacoma Convention Center (Site 6)**

**Question 20: Do the chargers mount on the wall?**

Answer 20: No these are pedestal chargers that mound offset from the wall as indicated on the plans.

**The following question was asked at Tacoma Dome (Site 7)**

**Question 21: Are they pulling in 400A service?**

Answer 21: Yes



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**Question 22:** If we have to tear out the sawcut to trench do we need to put curb back in place?

**Answer 22:** Efforts should be made to preserve the existing curb, if needed move the curb and place back after construction.