



City of Tacoma

## Questions and Answers

### Links to Opportunity Streetscape – Bid Package 3 RFB Specification No. PW23-0021F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Tina Eide, Senior Buyer by March 31, 2023. 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: Insurance Question: Section 3.5 Excess or Umbrella Liability Insurance - \$5M but it lists pollution liability. So is this saying you need a \$6M pollution policy (\$1M underlying plus \$5M?) but it doesn't lists pollution liability required in any insurance section. Standard umbrella policies don't extend over pollution liability policies.**

Answer 1: The section states "if required herein". Since Pollution is not needed for this contract, it does not apply. What is needed would be a \$5M Excess or Umbrella policy.

**Question 2: Insurance Question: Section 3.7 Inland Marine (Cargo) Insurance. Are they saying you need a builders risk/installation policy for the full limit of the project or are they saying you need Cargo coverage while you are hauling property and if that is the case what limit?**

Answer 2: For Cargo insurance section 4.7, the coverage shall be in the replacement cost of the equipment being hauled from point A to point B and to be determined by the contractor. An example of items listed, but not limited to, in the bid proposal and Section 2-18 of the Special Provisions that shall be covered are:  
Planter Pots - 17  
Signs - 9  
Trash Cans - 10  
Bus Shelter - 4  
Kiosk - 1  
Mail Drop Box - 1  
Security Pole – 1

**Question 3: Spec Section 8-20 has RRFB, traffic devices and cabling issues is in the specification. We do not see any of these on the plans.**

Answer 3: RRFBs are not proposed as part of Bid Package 3.

Traffic signal and cabling items were included because proposed improvements will require for various traffic signal hand holes and other utility structures to be adjusted and/or replaced due to proposed sidewalk and illumination improvements.



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**Question 4:** I was doing a take off on the electrical work scope on Links to Opportunity Streetscape Bid Package 3. On the Bid Proposal Form, BI R-69, Service Connection to Tacoma Power. I have pulled all the plans and do say where the job has to make any connection to Tacoma Power. Please resolve this issue.

**Answer 4:** Connections to existing Tacoma Power conduit are shown on the Illumination Plans (IL-01 - IL-03). These points of connection are located where the proposed electrical conduit ends and ties into the existing Tacoma Power system at either an existing or proposed power handhole/vault. Total quantity of connections increases from 7 to 12, as addressed in Addendum #3.

**Question 5:** Is the EIC (Equity In Contracting) requirement mutually exclusive for all three contracting requirements (percentages of minority/women/small business?)

**Answer 5:** No, the requirements are not mutually exclusive. One subcontractor that is qualified in all categories may meet all requirements of such enterprise - 10% MBE, 8% WBE, 14% SBE (not required to have three separate subcontractors to meet each requirement).

Note: Please ensure the EIC Bidding Form is filled out correctly. Enterprises must be certified w/ OMBWE (Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprise). Email the EIC office with any Questions at [EICOffice@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:EICOffice@cityoftacoma.org)

**Question 6:** Is the City supplying both types of light poles and arms on this?

**Answer 6:** No, the contractor is responsible for procuring and installing both types of light poles and arms.

**Question 7:** Is the city also supplying the heads if the poles are supplied?

**Answer 7:** No, the contractor is responsible for procuring and installing heads for light poles.

**Question 8:** I see on sheet IL-00 general notes 8 and 12 refer to the light standards as city owned but I don't find in the specs anywhere that the city is supplying these items.



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**Answer 8:** Contractor is responsible for procuring and installing the light poles. Light poles will be owned by the City once installed by the Contractor and inspected/approved by City.

**Question 9:** **Spec section 7-20.1 A. Trench Drain – the project spec calls for a prefabricated modular trench drain system, Detail 6 / plan sheet UT-04 shows a frame and grate with a cast in place concrete trench, Do you want a prefabricated modular trench drain system or a frame and grate with a cast in place concrete trench?**

**Answer 9:** Specifications have been updated to specify a frame and grate with a cast in place concrete trench as shown on the plans. See Addendum 3

**Question 10:** **Plan Sheet UT-1, Key Note #10 & #11 – will you please provide a detail/model # for the type of Meter box and Lid you want at these installations?**

**Answer 10:** Answer to this question requires coordination with Tacoma Water. It will be answered in a future Addendum.

**Question 11:** **Plan Sheet UT-1, Key Note #5 – will you please provide a detail/model # for the type of replacement lid that might be required at the water meter locations?**

**Answer 11:** Answer to this question requires coordination with Tacoma Water. It will be answered in a future Addendum.

**Question 12:** **In the initial bid forms, there was pricing for dedicated pedestrian spotters and in the addendum bid forms that line item was removed but was left in the specifications. Are dedicated spotters still required on this project or just the standard signage per MUTCD?**

**Answer 12:** Spotters duties are specified in Special Provision 1-10.3(1)A Flaggers and Spotters. Per Special Provision 10.5 Payment, All costs incurred for “Temporary Pedestrian Access” and “Spotter” shall be included in the price per lump sum for “Pedestrian Traffic Control”, according to Section 1-10.