



City of Tacoma, WA

**TACOMA POWER/TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

KELMAN TRANSPORT X2 DISSOLVED GAS ANALYSIS (DGA)

SPECIFICATION NO. PT23-0176N



**City of Tacoma
Tacoma Power/Transmission and Distribution**

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Kelman Transport X2 Dissolved Gas Analysis (DGA)**

Submittal Deadline: 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time, September 18, 2023

Submittals must be received by the City's Procurement and Payables Division prior to 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

For electronic submittals, the City of Tacoma will designate the time of receipt recorded by our email, sendbid@cityoftacoma.org, as the official time of receipt. This clock will be used as the official time of receipt of all parts of electronic bid submittals. Late submittals will be returned unopened and rejected as non-responsive.

Submittal Delivery: Submittals will be received as follows:

By Email:

sendbid@cityoftacoma.org

Maximum file size: 35 MB. Multiple emails may be sent for each submittal.

Bid Opening: Submittals in response to a RFB will be opened at the time listed in the submittal deadline.

Solicitation Documents: An electronic copy of the complete solicitation documents may be viewed and obtained by accessing the City of Tacoma Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org.

- [Register for the Bid Holders List](#) to receive notices of addenda, questions and answers and related updates.
- Click here to see a [list of vendors registered for this solicitation](#).

Project Scope: Purchase of one Kelman Transport X2 Portable DGA

Estimate: \$70,000

Paid Sick Leave: The City of Tacoma requires all employers to provide paid sick leave as set forth in Title 18 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and in accordance with State of Washington law.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Information: The City of Tacoma, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. Specification materials can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the contact listed below in the *Additional Information* section.

Title VI Information: "The City of Tacoma" in accordance with provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. sections 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin in consideration of award.

Additional Information: Requests for information regarding the specifications may be obtained by contacting Merry Mitchell, Buyer by email to mmitchell@cityoftacoma.org.

Protest Policy: City of Tacoma protest policy, located at www.tacomapurchasing.org, specifies procedures for protests submitted prior to and after submittal deadline.




Meeting sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities can be arranged with 48 hours advance notice by calling 253-502-8468.

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SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

This checklist identifies items to be included with your submittal. Any submittal received without these required items may be deemed non-responsive and not be considered for award. Submittals must be received by the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division by the date and time specified in the Request for Bids page.

The following items make up your complete electronic submittal package (include all the items below):	
Signature Page (Appendix B) To be filled in and executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the bidding entity. If the bidder is a subsidiary or doing business on behalf of another entity, so state, and provide the firm name under which business is hereby transacted.	
Price Proposal Form (Appendix B) The unit prices bid must be shown in the space provided. Check your computations for omissions and errors.	
After award, the following documents will be executed:	
City of Tacoma Purchase Order	

HEALTH & SAFETY: Be sure to comply with all City of Tacoma health and safety requirements.

This project has been deemed to be an essential project by the City of Tacoma and it is anticipated that the contract will be operational during the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore the contractor shall complete a health and safety plan describing how the contractor will complete the work while combating the COVID-19 spread (social distancing practices) and what Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be in place.

1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Provide a bid for the Kelman Transport X2 Portable Onsite DGA.

2. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS / GENERAL PROVISIONS

City of Tacoma [Standard Terms and Conditions](#) apply.

3. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) is soliciting bids for the purchase of one Kelman Transport X2 Portable DGA. That will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder based on price, product quality and availability.

4. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM

This is a one time purchase

5. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This is a tentative schedule only and may be altered at the sole discretion of the City.

The anticipated schedule of events concerning this RFB is as follows:

Question Deadline:	09/11/2023
City response to Questions:	09/13/2023
Submittal Due Date:	09/18/2023
Anticipated Award Date, on or about:	09/22/2023

6. INQUIRIES

- 6.1** Questions can be submitted to Merry Mitchell, Buyer, via email to mmitchell@cityoftacoma.org. Subject line to read:
PT23-0176N – Kelman Transport X2 DGA – *VENDOR NAME*
- 6.2** Questions are due by 3 pm on the date included in the Calendar of Events section.
- 6.3** Questions marked confidential will not be answered or included.
- 6.4** The City reserves the discretion to group similar questions to provide a single answer or not to respond when the requested information is confidential.
- 6.5** The answers are not typically considered an addendum.
- 6.6** The City will not be responsible for unsuccessful submittal of questions.
- 6.7** Written answers to questions will be posted alongside these specifications at www.tacomapurchasing.org.

7. PRE-BID MEETING

No pre-proposal meeting will be held; however, questions and request for clarifications of the specifications may be submitted as stated in the [inquiries](#) section.

8. DISCLAIMER

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by the Respondent for the preparation of materials or a proposal submitted in response to this RFB, for conducting any presentations to the City, or any other activities related to responding to this RFB, or to any subsequent requirements of the contract negotiation process.

9. RESPONSIVENESS

Bid submittals must provide ninety (90) days for acceptance by City from the due date for receipt of submittals. All submittals will be reviewed by the City to determine compliance with the requirements and instructions specified in this RFB. The Respondent is specifically notified that failure to comply with any part of this RFB may result in rejection of the submittal as non-responsive. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive irregularities deemed immaterial. The City also reserves the right to not award a contract or to issue subsequent RFB's

10. AWARD

Awardee shall be required to comply with 2 CFR part 25, and obtain a unique entity identifier and/or be registered in the federal System for Award Management as appropriate.

Award will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. All bidders shall provide unit or lump sum pricing for each line item. Each line item will be added up for a subtotal price. The subtotal price will be compared amongst each bidder, including any payment discount terms offered twenty (20) days or more. The City may also take into consideration all other criteria for determining award, including evaluation factors set forth in Municipal Code Section 1.06.262.

All other elements or factors, whether or not specifically provided for in this specification, which would affect the final cost to and the benefits to be derived by the City will be considered in determining the award of the contract. The final award decision will be based on the best interests of the City.

The City reserves the right to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid will be the most advantageous to the City, price and any other factors considered. In evaluating the proposals, the City may also consider any or all of the following:

1. Compliance with specification.
2. Proposal prices, listed separately if requested, as well as a lump sum total
3. Time of completion/delivery.
4. Warranty terms.
5. Bidder's responsibility based on, but not limited to:
 - a) Ability, capacity, organization, technical qualifications and skill to perform the contract or provide the services required.
 - b) References, judgment, experience, efficiency and stability.
 - c) Whether the contract can be performed within the time specified.
 - d) Quality of performance of previous contracts or services

11. DELIVERY

11.1 Delivery shall be to the City of Tacoma, 3628 S. 35th St, Tacoma, WA, 98409.

Each vendor will be required to submit a delivery timeline they can commit to. Purchase order delivery dates will reflect this timeline. In the event a purchase order deliver date is not met, the City reserves the right to purchase these products elsewhere if they are in a time constraint. If constant late deliveries occur, the City may terminate the contract.

11.2 Hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., excluding legal holidays, as referred to in the Standard Terms and Conditions or as otherwise approved by the City.

12. WARRANTY

Labor: Minimum three (3) year warranty.

Parts: Manufacturer's warranty or minimum one-year warranty whichever is greater.

Contractor agrees to allow City to make minor warranty repairs where that is most cost effective and, if requested, contractor will credit City for cost of parts, but not labor.

Vendor will warrant goods according to the manufacturer's warranty guidelines. The start of the warranty commences once the goods are delivered and accepted by the City.

13. INSPECTION

All goods are subject to final inspection and acceptance by the City. If any inspection fails, the vendor shall be required to make arrangements to exchange the goods at their own expense and replace it in a timely manner acceptable to the City.

Material failing to meet the requirements of this contract will be held at Vendor's risk and may be returned to Vendor. If so returned, the cost of transportation, unpacking, inspection, repackaging, reshipping, or other like expenses are the responsibility of the Vendor.

14. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS

All products shall be new and unused. Any product that does not comply with any part of these technical specifications shall be rejected and the vendor shall, at its own expense, including shipping, replace the item.

15. MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish all materials necessary to perform contractual requirements. Materials and workmanship for this contract shall conform to all codes, regulations and requirements for such specifications contained herein and the normal uses for which intended. Material shall be manufactured in accordance with the best commercial practices and standards for this type of goods. All literature and products must be packaged and labeled to sell in the United States.

16. ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PROCUREMENT

In accordance with the [City's Sustainable Procurement Policy](#) and [Climate Action Plan](#), it is the policy of the City of Tacoma to encourage the use of products or services that help to minimize the environmental and human health impacts of City Operations. Respondents are encouraged to incorporate environmentally preferable products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, products, manufacturing, packaging, distribution reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product or service.

The City of Tacoma encourages the use of sustainability practices and desires any awarded contractor(s) to assist in efforts to address such factors when feasible for:

- Durability, reusability, or refillable
 - Pollutant releases, especially persistent bioaccumulative toxins (PBTs), low volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and air quality and stormwater impacts
 - Toxicity of products used
 - Greenhouse gas emissions, including transportation of products and services, and embodied carbon
 - Recycled content
- Energy and water resource efficiency information.

17. EQUITY IN CONTRACTING

This project has no EIC requirements, however, the City of Tacoma is committed to encouraging firms certified through the [Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise](#) to participate in City contracting opportunities. See **TMC 1.07 Equity in Contracting Policy** at the City's [Equity in Contracting Program website](#).

APPENDIX A - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Kelman Transport X2 with the following configuration:

TX2 -EN -CA2 -CL0 -TC1 -SC0 -B0

Kelman Transport X2

English

3-pin USA power cord

Standard silver case

Unit and Accessories Case in same Transport graphite case

No transit case

No system check kit

No Buckholz kit

APPENDIX B - SUBMITTAL FORMS

Signature Page

Price Proposal Form

SIGNATURE PAGE

CITY OF TACOMA Tacoma Power/Transmission and Distribution

All submittals must be in ink or typewritten, executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the bidding/proposing entity, and received and time stamped as directed in the **Request for Bids page near the beginning of the specification**. If the bidder/proposer is a subsidiary or doing business on behalf of another entity, so state, and provide the firm name under which business is hereby transacted.

REQUEST FOR BID SPECIFICATION NO. PT23-0176N Kelman Transport X2 Dissolved Gas Analysis (DGA)

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby agrees to execute the proposed contract and furnish all materials, labor, tools, equipment and all other facilities and services in accordance with these specifications.

The bidder/proposer agrees, by submitting a bid/proposal under these specifications, that in the event any litigation should arise concerning the submission of bids/proposals or the award of contract under this specification, Request for Bids, Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications, the venue of such action or litigation shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Pierce.

Non-Collusion Declaration

The undersigned bidder/proposer hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that this bid/proposal is genuine and not a sham or collusive bid/proposal, or made in the interests or on behalf of any person or entity not herein named; and that said bidder/proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any contractor or supplier on the above work to put in a sham bid/proposal or any person or entity to refrain from submitting a bid/proposal; and that said bidder/proposer has not, in any manner, sought by collusion to secure to itself an advantage over any other contractor(s) or person(s).

Bidder/Proposer's Registered Name

Signature of Person Authorized to Enter Date
into Contracts for Bidder/Proposer

Address

Printed Name and Title

City, State, Zip

(Area Code) Telephone Number / Fax Number

Authorized Signatory E-Mail Address

State Business License Number
in WA, also known as UBI (Unified Business Identifier) Number

E.I.No. / Federal Social Security Number Used on Quarterly
Federal Tax Return, U.S. Treasury Dept. Form 941

State Contractor's License Number
(See Ch. 18.27, R.C.W.)

E-Mail Address for Communications

Addendum acknowledgement #1_____ #2_____ #3_____ #4_____ #5_____

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH SUBMITTAL.



Price Proposal
PT23-0176N

Vendor Name: _____

Bidder agrees to furnish the following FOB Destination freight prepaid and allowed, City of Tacoma, Transmission and Distribution, 3628 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA

Enter the cost (Unit Price) for each item below. The unit price and total cost must be shown in the spaced provided. Total cost shall be determined by multiplying the unit price by the estimated quantity (Quantity). Unit costs shall be all-inclusive and include all components needed for the delivery of the goods and services as described in this solicitation.

Item	Description	Quantity	UoM	Cost	Total Cost
1	Kelman Transport X2 Dissolved Gas Analysis (DGA)	1	EA	\$	\$
				\$	\$
				Base Bid	\$
				Sales Tax @ 10.3%	\$
				Total	\$

Successful supplier can deliver materials within _____ Days/Months after receipt of purchase order.