

### ADDENDUM NO. 1

## **AND QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

# Water Meter Replacement & AMI Replacement Project

### Project No. PWD 25.604

The additions, changes, and/or deletions contained in this ADDENDUM shall be made a part of the proposal solicitation documents for the above-referenced project, and shall be subject to all applicable requirements thereunder, as if originally shown and/or specified. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to inform any affected sub-bidder of the content of this Addendum.

The Contract documents are modified/revised as follows:

### **ADDENDUM:**

1) RFP-1 Processes and Timelines, section 20 is changed to reflect that the Contractor shall possess a valid Class A General Engineering Contractor license. Revised language is as follows:

### 20. Contractor's License Classification

As provided in California Business & Professions Code Section 7028.15, the City has determined that at the time of bid, the Contractor shall possess a valid Class A General Engineering Contractor license. The Contractor's failure to possess the specified license shall render the Bid as non-responsive and shall act to bar award of the contract to any Bidder not possessing said license at the time of bid, unless exempted by federal or state law.

2) RFP-4a is replaced with RFP-4a Rev1 to provide clarification as noted in the response to Question 2, below.

#### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

- 1) Will the City schedule a pre-deployment survey to help vendors understand field conditions such as meter lids, access challenges, etc.
  - a) The City will not be scheduling a survey. Specific conditions have been described in RFP-2 Scope of Work; line items and quantities have been provided in WB-C Financial Workbook. Bidders should provide their responses and pricing based on the information provided.

- 2) In many network cases, we have used City sports park ballfield lights that are typically 60-90' tall for mounting network equipment. Are any of these in play, or only what is provided?
  - a) Two Musco ball-park light structures may be available for use mounting data collectors at the softball complex and Bernal Community Park. More details are available in RFP-4a Rev1.
- 3) Please confirm the expected Notice to Proceed (NTP) dates for each project phase (Startup, Proof-of-Concept, Installation & Deployment, and Closeout).
  - a) Project start-up is expected to begin on or around April 2026. The only Notice to Proceed is anticipated between Proof-of-Concept and commencement of Installation and Deployment, which and is expected to take place in February 2027.
- 4) Please clarify whether the project schedule anticipates any periods where the installation contractor will be required to stand down between the POC installation work and the start of full deployment.
  - For example, evaluation periods tied to RSR testing, network readiness, or system performance validation
  - If stand-down periods are anticipated, please provide the expected duration and whether these periods are considered non-productive time for the installation contractor
  - a) Assuming the POC is successful, we do not expect a delay in moving to full deployment. Please refer to RFP-2 Scope of Work for periods of evaluation related to Acceptance Testing.
- 5) If evaluation-related stand-down periods are not anticipated, please confirm whether the contractor should assume continuous deployment readiness following POC installation or whether interruptions should be expected.
  - a) Contractor should assume continuous deployment following the Notice to Proceed.
- 6) Please confirm the total number of meters included in the Proof-of-Concept (POC) phase, including meter sizes, retrofit quantities, and locations.
  - a) Please refer to RFP-4b Metered Addresses. The POC will include all meters in Group 1.
- 7) Please confirm whether the meter counts and meter sizes provided in the Pricing Workbook represent the final quantities for all phases, including the POC.
  - a) Confirmed.
- 8) Please confirm whether any existing fittings, adapters, tailpieces, or extension components are required to be reused, and under what specific circumstances such reuse is expected.
  - a) The Contractor is expected to reuse existing fittings and components where they are serviceable and meet the requirements of the Contract Documents. Reuse is at the Contractor's sole risk and shall not relieve the Contractor of providing a fully functional and compliant installation. New parts shall be furnished when existing components cannot reasonably meet performance or compliance requirements. The City does not expect the Contractor to include wholesale replacement of all existing parts in its bid. Any replacement parts reasonably required to

complete the work shall be included in the Contract Price, and no additional compensation will be provided. The City reserves the right to approve or reject the reuse of any component.

- 9) For meter boxes that require excavation, removal, and reset to access meter connections, please confirm that the contractor should assume full responsibility for these activities.
  - a) Confirmed.
- 10) Please confirm whether the contractor is responsible for furnishing replacement meter boxes when an existing box breaks during removal/reset or when the existing box is not structurally suitable for installation.
  - a) Confirmed.
- 11) The RFP states that approximately 20% of meter boxes will require digging and/or significant cleaning.
  - Is it the City's expectation that this work be included in the unit price?
  - If more than 20% of locations require digging, will the contractor be eligible for a change order or additional compensation?
  - a) Please refer to WB-C Financial Workbook. Tab C2 Installation Services includes line items and estimated quantities for dewatering and debris removal.
- 12) Please provide the City's definition of "digging" or "significant cleaning" for purposes of quantifying the 20%.

Examples include:

- Dirt up to the meter body
- Dirt up to the register
- Dirt to the underside of the meter box lid
- Any other criteria used to identify these conditions
- a) Debris removal will apply on a meter exchange when there is dirt covering part of the meter body. Debris removal will apply on a radio transmitter retrofit if there is dirt up to the underside of the meter box lid.
- 13) The RFP assigns the contractor responsibility for damages caused during installation to both utility-side and customer-side service components. Please confirm this applies to failures due to deteriorated or fragile infrastructure encountered during routine installation.
  - a) Please refer to RFP-2 Scope of Work, Section 4.2.15. The Contractor is responsible to identify poor plumbing in advance of performing work. If the Contractor chooses to perform work on fragile infrastructure without prior coordination with the City, the Contractor shall bear responsibility for any failures caused by Contractor work.
- 14) Please confirm the documentation and approval process for reporting such incidents to the City before repairs are performed.

- a) Please refer to RFP-2 Scope of Work, Section 4.2.4 for the approval process for extra work.
- 15) Please confirm that lid replacement is only required when necessary to support the endpoint mounting solution provided by the AMI manufacturer.
  - a) Confirmed.
- 16) Please confirm whether the City has any seed stock of compatible lids or meter box components available for contractor use.
  - a) The City does not have seed stock of compatible lids or meter box components available for contractor use.
- 17) Please confirm whether the City is aware of any meter box areas that may require alternative endpoint mounting solutions due to lid type, depth, or box configuration.
  - a) The City is not aware of any areas that may require alternative mounting solutions due to lid type, depth, or box configuration.
- 18) If the contractor elects to use the City's staging yard, please confirm whether power and restrooms will be available.
  - a) Contractor is responsible to establish the staging area with fencing, security, insurance, temporary power, restroom or any other features needed. City is not responsible for the Contractor's staging area.
- 19) Please confirm whether the staging area will have adequate space for contractor vehicles, employee parking, materials storage, and meter handling.
  - a) Space is available for materials storage and meter handling. Space is not available for contractor vehicles or employee parking.
- 20) Please confirm whether forklift or pallet jack equipment will be available at the City yard for contractor use.
  - a) Contractor is responsible to provide its own equipment. Contractor may not use City's equipment.
- 21) Please clarify the City's expectations for disposal when using the City yard, including:
  - a. Spoils
  - b. Excavated debris
  - c. Broken lids or boxes
  - d. Hazardous waste (legacy radio batteries, etc.)
  - a) Regardless of location of contractor facilities, the Contractor shall be responsible for disposal of all listed materials.

- 22) Please clarify who retains ownership of scrap and recyclable materials, including brass meters and batteries, and whether contractors should assume entitlement to proceeds.
  - a) The Contractor shall be responsible for all disposal and recycling, including the costs or proceeds thereof.
- 23) Please confirm whether the full project dataset (all service locations, meter attributes, GPS, box information, notes, etc.) will be provided at project kickoff for planning purposes, even if Areas are released in phases.
  - a) Confirmed.
- 24) If the full dataset will not be provided at kickoff, please clarify how far in advance each Area will be released and in what format.
  - a) The dataset will be provided at kickoff.
- 25) Please confirm whether dataset revisions will overwrite previous versions or be delivered as incremental updates.
  - a) The cadence, format, and processing of data integrations will be agreed upon during the Start-Up phase of the project.
- 26) Please identify Areas that include non-contiguous or scattered accounts and provide counts for these locations.
  - a) Please refer to RFP-4b Metered Addresses.
- 27) Please provide the estimated number or percentage of meters located in restricted-access or special conditions (indoors, behind gates, backyards, alleyways, driveways, roads/streets).
  - a) The City estimates approximately 500 meters may be located in such conditions. Note that City staff will be responsible for replacing meters in vaults, confined spaces, etc.
- 28) Please confirm whether the City will assist in locating difficult-to-find meters or those lacking GPS accuracy.
  - a) The Contractor is expected to make reasonable efforts to find meters without the City's assistance. Where meter boxes cannot be located, the City will provide assistance.
- 29) Please confirm whether any portion of the project will require traffic control, and if so, specify the expected conditions and required permits.
  - a) Traffic Control is not anticipated.
- 30) The RFP references a 5% post-installation QA requirement. Please confirm that this refers to field-based physical inspections, not only photo/office QA.
  - a) Confirmed.

- 31) Please clarify whether the contractor's internal 100% photo QA will be accepted as part of the installation acceptance process, or whether both photo QA and 5% field QA are required.
  - a) Field inspections are required as outlined in RFP-2 Scope of Work, 4.6.1.
- 32) Please confirm whether installation acceptance is based solely on installation workmanship and data accuracy and is not contingent on AMI network Read Success Rate (RSR), MDMS performance, or headend performance.
  - a) Installation Acceptance is based on the definition in RFP-2 Scope of Work, 1.6.2.1 and 4.2.13.
- 33) Please confirm the required languages for all customer-facing materials.
  - a) Customer facing materials will be required in English and Spanish.
- 34) Please confirm whether the contractor is responsible for full design, printing, and delivery of all customer notifications, or whether the City will provide templates or branding requirements.
  - a) See RFP-2 Scope of Work section 4.5. Public Outreach. The City will provide templates and communication contacts.
- 35) Please confirm the required disposal procedures for:
  - a. Removed lids
  - b. Broken or replaced meter boxes
  - c. Excavated spoils
  - d. Removed endpoints and lithium batteries
  - a) Contractor is responsible to dispose in according to state and local requirements for construction material, special material and hazardous material disposal requirements and procedures. The Contractor shall use Pleasanton Garbage Service for non-hazardous waste disposal.
- 36) Please clarify whether any environmental permits are required for disposal of large volumes of spoils or debris.
  - a) The City does not require the Contractor to obtain any separate environmental permits for disposal of spoils or debris as long as all materials are transported to, and disposed of, at a properly permitted disposal or recycling facility. The Contractor is responsible for selecting facilities that are appropriately licensed to accept the material type generated by the work. If the Contractor intends to stockpile, reuse, or dispose of spoils or debris at any location other than a permitted facility, additional regulatory requirements may apply. All material shall be handled in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including provisions related to hazardous or contaminated materials, if encountered.
- 37) Please clarify whether the contractor is required to weigh, track, or report scrap and recyclable materials to the City.
  - a) Tracking and reporting of scrap and recyclable materials is not required.

- 38) Please confirm whether a bid bond or proposal bond is required.
  - a) A bid bond is not required.
- 39) Please confirm prevailing wage applicability and whether any specific job classifications require a special determination.
  - a) The Contractor shall pay general prevailing rate of per diem wages to all workers employed under this contract. The City has not requested a special determination. Contractor is responsible for validating job classifications with the Department of Industrial Relations.
- 40) Please clarify whether any MBE/WBE preference, scoring advantage, or participation requirement applies.
  - a) None applies.
- 41) Could you please clarify whether the Bidder must possess a Class A or C contractors license, or if it is acceptable to the City that a subcontractor, but not the bidder, holds the necessary license to perform the work?
  - a) The bidder must possess a Class A license.
- 42) Stated in the RFP the City mentioned the need for some remote shut-off valves on some of the meters for the project. Can you please tell me the quantity and or percentage and sizes of these valves needed for the project.
  - a) Remote shut off valves are optional to the project, and quantities are unknown at this time. Optional unit pricing for shut-off valves or integrated meters with shut-off capabilities may be included on WB-C Financial Workbook, Tab C8 Optional.
- 43) Does the cost of tariffs need to be included in the cost of the meter price, or will tariffs need to be listed as a separate line item?
  - a) Current tariff impacts should be built into Contractor's pricing. The City is willing to review tariff implications on an annual basis as changes may occur. Please provide any details on potential tariff implications in your response to the Technical Questionnaire, question 14.
- 44) In the Water Meter Specifications section 3.1.1. the RFP states that "the water meter shall be made of corrosive-resistant material."
  - For clarification: should the meter maincase (body) including the threaded connections, be constructed of a corrosive-resistant metallic material to ensure threading durability and long-term structural integrity?
  - a) The City prefers metallic main case water meters but will accept other materials as proposed. Where the proposed water meter is non-metallic, the warranty shall include a provision that will allow crossed threaded meter connections to be included in warranty coverage.

All other items of work in the contract docume copy of this Addendum shall be included in the	
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