



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

J Street Bicycle Boulevard RFB Specification No. **PW23-0085F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer.

The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at 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: Under the project scope, after the DBE goal, the spec calls for a "training requirement of 800 hours" for this project. Is this training in regards to L & I? Our concern is that as a Union contractor, our training program is through apprenticeship and therefore would not meet the criteria to comply with the EEO training program specifications or its good faith effort.

Is there a method of compliance that would be acceptable for union labor? We are trying so see how it would be possible to adhere to this goal. Any clarification that can be provided is appreciated.

Answer 1: Special Training Provisions are listed in Section 1-07.11 of the Special Provisions. The training requirement is a WSDOT requirement as a result of the project receiving Federal funds.

The Trainee Approval section of the Special Training Provisions (Section 1-07.11, page 53) includes a list of acceptable training programs. One of the programs listed is the State Apprenticeship Training Council (SATC) approved apprenticeship agreement from the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries.

Please refer to the Special Provision language for additional details regarding this requirement. As indicated in Section 1-07.11 of the Special Provisions, under the subsection of Trainee Approval, on page 52 (3.a), the Contractor may also call WSDOT's OJT Support Services Coordinator at (360) 705-7090 or email ojtssinfo@wsdot.wa.gov for assistance in locating trainee candidates.

Question 2: Is the scale on page PV-05 wrong? It shows 1" = 5'

Answer 2: The scale bar on PV-05 is currently incorrect. Prior to construction, plans will be updated to show a 1"=10' scale.