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## Questions and Answers

### Asphalt Plant Chip Seal Oil Tanks - REBID RFB Specification No. PW24-0070

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

- 1. Question:** *Would it be possible for some of the items on the bid schedule be combined? There are a number of items that are installed together and not really feasible to split apart. Also, there are a number of items that we request further information or details on as they are unit cost basis. Please see list of items below with explanation.*

Answer:

- Please refer to Addendum 1.
- The Schedule A and Schedule B Bid Forms have been revised to combine items as requested in the question. The Schedule A and Schedule B Bid Forms follow the descriptions for bid items as presented in Specification Section 01 20 00 – Price and Payment Procedures.

- 2. Question:** *A4 and A36: these appear to contain the same items. Please verify.*

Answer:

- Please see revised Bid Forms included in Addendum 1.
- All onsite soils are considered contaminated. Bid Item A3 – Site Preparation and Site Demolition should include the costs for excavating and loading onsite soils for offsite transport only.
- Bid Item A7 – Disposal and Haul of Contaminated Materials should include costs for transporting the contaminated soils and disposal at an approved offsite facility.

- 3. Question: A7:** *Please provide an explanation of what the quantity is based on as there is no asphalt pavement limits or identification in the plans*

Answer:

- Please see revised Bid Forms included in Addendum 1.
- The cost for asphalt pavement should be included in Bid Item A3 – Site Preparation and Site Demolition. The extent of asphalt pavement has not been shown in plan views of the project.
- The extent of asphalt pavement includes restoration of pavement for electrical trenches as shown in Detail 2 on Sheet E1 and on Detail 2 on Sheet D1, and also for pavement patching between the new Asphalt Tank Foundation and Containment Wall and existing pavement where existing asphalt pavement was removed to allow for construction.



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- New pavement shall match existing onsite pavement as shown on Detail 2 on Sheet D1.

**4. Question:** *A9: There is no line item for electrical trenching nor limits or route identified on the plans. This item only covers bedding and backfill but not excavation. Please provide information on limits or expected routing.*

Answer:

- General location of electrical trenching is shown on Sheet E2. Trench Section is indicated on Sheet E1, Detail 2.

**5. Question:** *A11. The plans do not indicate an ecology block wall in the scope of work. Please clarify.*

Answer:

- There is no new ecology block wall included in the project. Old Bid Item A11 has now been included in the New Bid Item A4 (included in Addendum 1) and represents the concrete fill between the proposed northern containment wall and the existing ecology block wall located immediately north of the new foundation and containment.
- The concrete fill is indicated in Base Bid Section A on Sheet C2.

**6. Question:** *A18: asphalt tanks, note 2. Please provide note 2.*

Answer:

- Old Bid Item A18 is now included in New Bid Item A5 – Liquid Asphalt Handling System provided in Addendum 1.
- Please disregard the reference to ‘Note 2’ which does not apply to the revised Bid Items included in Addendum 1.

**7. Question:** *A20: the agitator/blades are furnished with line item A18 tank and A19 pumps. Can these items be combined into one line item?*

Answer:

- Old bid items A18, A19, and A20 are all now included in New Bid Item 5 – Liquid Asphalt Handling System as indicated in Addendum 1.

**8. Question:** *A23: jacketing is part of insulation and cannot be separated.*

Answer:

- Please see response to Question 7 above.

**9. Question:** *A30 / 32 are part of the same process.*

Answer:

- Please see response to Question 7 above.



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**10. Question:** *B1 / B2: can this be combined with A1 / A2? If schedule B tank and pumps is awarded, there will not be a separate mobe/demobe.*

Answer:

Per the revised Bid Forms included in Addendum 1, Bid Items for “Mobilization and Demobilization” have been included on both Schedule A and Schedule B. While it is up to the Contractors how they choose to fill in the Bid Forms, one option to address this situation could be to include a cost for Bid Item A1 that covers all Mob/Demob costs for both Base Bid and Bid Alternate, and include \$0 in Bid Item B1 if the Contractor has included those costs in Bid Item A1.

**11. Question:** *B3: asphalt tanks, note 2. Please provide note 2.*

Answer:

- Please disregard the reference to ‘Note 2’ which does not apply to the revised Bid Items included in Addendum 1.

**12. Question:** *B8: jacketing is part of insulation and cannot be separated.*

Answer:

- Old Bid Item B8 is now included in New Bid Item B2 – Liquid Asphalt Handling System provided in Addendum 1.

**13. Question:** *B14 / B15 are part of the same process.*

Answer:

- Please see response to Question 12 above.

**14. Question:** *B18: the design would already be part of A34.*

Answer:

- Please see response to Questions 10 and 12 above.

**15. Question:** *Please clarify if native material can be used for electrical trench backfill or if excavated material for trench in required to be disposed off site and import material for trench backfill/bedding.*

Answer:

- In the Project Manual the Geotechnical Report by GeoEngineers dated 7/14/2022 (Appendix B) Section 4.4.1 speaks to potential reuse of material as **structure fill** as long as it meets the criteria in that section. If material does not meet criteria in the GeoEngineers report new material will be required and can be performed on change order or force account.