



City of Tacoma

## Questions and Answers

### Dry Polymer for Biosolids Dewatering RFB Specification No. ES24-0272F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer by January 2, 2025. 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 / Supplies 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:**

Section 1.03 underestimated usage. It states that the usage is 42,000 lbs, and 4 months' stock will need to be inventoried (approximately 84,000 lbs). Can you please verify the annual usage and inventory amount?

Answer 1:

Section 1.03 is correct.

"1.03 ESTIMATED USAGE Based on average annual polymer usage at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant, over a two-month period, it is estimated that 42,000 pounds of dry polymer would be used in the solids dewatering process. The successful vendor will be required to stock a four-month supply (approximately 84,000 pounds) of product, to make deliveries on an as-needed basis within five calendar days of order placement."

#### **Question 2:**

During the trial process will all 3 samples need to pass?

Answer 2:

No.

#### **Question 3:**

With 4 days to run 2 products, is it safe to assume the first day for each product is for optimization?

Answer 3:

Optimization during polymer trials is at vendor discretion.

#### **Question 4:**

During optimization, will any sample be run by the plant lab?

Answer 4:

All samples must be representative. Sample time will be agreed upon by the vendor and the City.



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“Samples of dewatered cake and filtrate will be taken and analyzed by the City to determine polymer performance. The City will collect three sets of samples, all of which will be considered official.”

**Question 5:**

Are there solids analyzers on site or will the vendor need to bring their own to do grab samples?

**Answer 5:**

The City will have available 1 moisture analyzer for use (Sartorius Mark 3). The City makes no guarantee of functionality, calibration, or accuracy of this analyzer.

All official samples will be performed, by the City, utilizing Standard Methods.