



City of Tacoma

## Questions and Answers

### On-Call Telecommunications System Outside Plant Construction and Maintenance RFB Specification No. PT24-0296F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Aaron Bratton, 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: What size vaults and peds are we placing and is TPU providing the grounding material with the vaults and peds?**

Answer: As this work is not planned, TPU is unable to specify the size of the vaults that will be needed until the individual work packet is produced. The biggest vault the contractor for this work will utilize is the 264TA's. The contractor will be advised of the current contract holder for production of vaults for TPU to ensure compliance with our standards. TPU will provide the grounding materials as specified in the work packet.

**2. Question: What are the average lengths of the fiber straps being placed and size on this contract, this will help with including the OTDR into the pricing of the placing**

Answer: As this work is not planned, TPU can specify the fiber straps normally used, but average lengths are not calculable as it is not determined how much work will happen and what will be needed for those projects. Please utilize the numbers on the proposal sheets as a guide for developing bid pricing. These are the closest estimates that TPU can provide at this time.

Material specification: Panduit Dome – Top Barb Ty Cable Ties 14.9in/378mm – DOME Top Head – Stainless Steel Barb – Curved tip speed installation

**3. Question: Would it be possible to have the traffic control be a passthrough cost to help reduce unit pricing?**

Answer: Traffic control can be a pass-thru cost but will be for working hours ONLY. TPU will not pay for set-up and break down charges at the work site or any additional fees. Receipts will need to be submitted with invoices for any pass-thru costs. Vendors must comply with Prevailing Wage requirements for this work.

Please see Proposal Pricing Pages updated as part of Addendum 4

**4. Question: Is TPU providing the coax parts like taps and amplifiers for the COAXIAL ELECTRONIC ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SPLICING AND ACTIVATION unit**

Answer: TPU will supply these parts.

**5. Question: On the fiber placement do all fibers need to be OTDR or just first and last of each bundle or ribbon?**

Answer: All dark fibers/inactive from point to point.