



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Sheridan Arterial Improvements – Phase I RFB Specification No. **PW24-0291F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer, by January 31, 2025. 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: Bid items SD17 & SD18 – will you please clarify if SDR 35 PVC for the 24” and 18” PVC is acceptable, or do you want this pipe to be SDR 26 PVC, per the City of Tacoma, Right of Way Design Manual?

Answer 1: SDR 35 is not acceptable for PVC over 15” Dia per specifications and provisions. This follows Section 7-17.2 and Std Specification Section 9-05.12(1).

Question 2: Bid note 30 on CS Plan Sheets calls for Concrete Inlets – will you please clarify what bid item these should be included in? There is also 8” PVC pipe that connects to these structures, what bid item should that be included in?

Answer 2: Added bid items to the bid proposal for 8” PVC Pipe and Concrete Inlets. See Bid Proposal labeled Addendum No. 1.

Question 3: Payment section 7-09.5 of the City of Tacoma water spec. calls out V-Bio with the pipe, but the proposal does not specify this. Will you please confirm if V-Bio is required with the ductile iron water main?

Answer 3: V-Bio is not required for this project.

Question 4: Please advise if utilizing a PWSBE certified subcontractor will count towards the DBE/SBE EIC goal that is required as condition of award for this project.

Answer 4: Not necessarily. PWSBE certified subcontractor may not meet the qualifications towards the DBE/SBE EIC requirement. Please contact City of Tacoma EIC Staff at 253-344-6632. They will address this question by looking at each listed certified firm in the OMWBE directory to verify their certification.