



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers 1 Correction

ENCAMPMENT MITIGATION, DEBRIS, AND LITTER REMOVAL SERVICES_REBID

RFB Specification No. CT25-0235F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer by October 15, 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 / Services 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 16 of QA1:

The Price Proposal Form (page 24 of Specification CT25-0235F) lists the following estimated labor classifications and hours:

Laborer, Hazardous Waste, Class C – 48,050 hrs

Power Equipment Operator – 200 hrs

Truck Driver – Other – 200 hrs

Given the scope of work described in Appendix A (Encampment Mitigation, Debris, and Litter Removal)—which includes collecting, transporting, and disposing of waste materials using trucks, trailers, and other vehicles—it appears that the estimated truck driver hours are disproportionately low relative to the overall level of site activity.

Under RCW 39.12 and WAC 296-127, truck driving and laborer work are distinct prevailing wage classifications. L&I guidance specifies that any employee who operates a truck or hauls materials to and from a worksite must be compensated at the Truck Driver rate for the hours spent performing that work. This is not based on GVWR as the specification indicates.

We request clarification on the following points:

1. Classification of Driving Duties – Does the City intend for laborers to drive trucks and haul debris as part of their normal duties, or will driving be assigned exclusively to employees classified (and paid) as Truck Drivers under prevailing wage law?
2. Wage Compliance Expectation – If laborers are expected to drive, will the City require contractors to track and report truck driving time separately on the Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages and Affidavit of Wages Paid forms?
3. Adjustment of Estimated Hours – Will the City consider revising the estimated Truck Driver hours in the Price Proposal Form to reflect a more accurate proportion of driving and hauling activity consistent with the stated scope of work?

This clarification is requested to ensure compliance with Washington State prevailing wage requirements (RCW 39.12.015, WAC 296-127-013) and to avoid potential misclassification or underpayment issues during contract performance.



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Corrected Answer 16:

1. After clarification from the Department of Labor & Industries, the truck driver prevailing wage rate must be paid during the time a laborer is transporting material from the job site to the disposal site.

The contract requires a minimum of three (3) crews, each consisting of three (3) laborers. A CDL is not required for this scope of work. However, if equipment must be rented or used that requires a CDL for transport or operation, the contractor must provide a CDL-licensed driver for that specific task. It is anticipated that such instances will be infrequent.

2. Yes
3. Yes, See Addendum 1