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Questions and Answers

CENTRAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BSST TRANSFER PUMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT

RFB Specification No. **ES25-0092F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Stan Rowden by October 13, 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:

We have been informed by our suppliers that they will not have sufficient time to accurately price the project under the current deadline. In order to ensure we receive complete and competitive pricing; would you please consider a one-week extension of the bid due date?

Answer 1:

Bid opening will be extended one week, all bids must be received by 11:00 am on Tuesday, **October 21, 2025**. This will be addressed in **Addendum #1** that shall be issued later.

Question 2:

Per the pipe schedule in the specifications, the BSL lines are to be 316SS Sch. 40 pipe with no coatings or linings with the RSL and THS lines are glass lined ductile iron. However, the P&ID on sheet I-7200-01 suggests that the BSL line is also glass lined ductile iron. I am under the impression that we are going with 316SS for the BSL lines per the pipe schedule, correct?

Answer 2:

Bid per plan set which indicate both glass lined Ductile Iron class 53 and 316 SST Schedule 40.

Question 3:

The 316SS BSL lines says the joints/fittings are to be threaded, but I see flanged and grooved connections on the plans. Are we going by piping schedule or by plans?

Answer 3:

Bid per plan

Question 4:

The piping schedule says there's no coatings and linings for the 316SS pipe, is that correct?

Answer 4:

That is correct, no coatings or lining for 316SS pipe

Question 5:

There's a detail for pipe supports and hangers on sheets S03-S07. I see the saddle supports, but I don't see where the pipe hangers are on the plans. Is there a pipe support takeoff that I can send to our pipe support suppliers? I will need size of the pipe the support is for and the length from center of the pipe to where the support is anchored.



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Answer 5:

The plan set indicates specific locations for pipe supports. For the remaining piping, refer to the criteria outlined on sheet GS01, "Instructions for Laying Out Pipe Supports and Bracing."

Question 6:

Are all the valves ball valves or is there a separate valve schedule that I'm not seeing in these bid documents? There's only a spec for ball valves but it looks like there could be other types of valves on here, but it's not labeled on the plans and the P&ID on the I-7200 sheets has valve code but no valve schedule that I can see which says what those valves are.

Answer 6:

The Ball Valve Specifications apply exclusively to ball valves. The only other valves involved in the project are Air Release Valves (ARVs), which are specified on the plans by their make, model, and size.

Question 7:

Spec 01 11 00 part 1.03.D under the structural and civil work calls for coating the floor, piping, valves, and equipment. There does not appear to be a coating specification included with the contract bid documents. Please provide a spec for these coatings.

Answer 7:

At this time, a standalone coating specification is not included in the contract bid documents. Coating requirements for the floor are indicated through specific callouts provided in the structural drawings.

An approved product list outlining coating requirements for the piping, valves, and equipment will be issued under **Addendum #1** that shall be issued later.

Question 8:

All conduit runs are given IDs on the electrical drawings, however there is not a conduit and cable schedule to identify those designations. Please provide.

Answer 8:

A new Specification Section (26_06_01 Conduit Schedule) has been created. This will be addressed in **Addendum #1**, which shall be issued later.

Question 9:

Specification Section 01 – General Provisions 1.08.B indicates that certain types of electrical construction require special expertise and prequalification of the electrical contractor. Does this work at the pump station require Prequalification of the Electrical Contractor?

Answer 9:

The electrical work for the CTP BSST transfer pump replacement project must be carried out by the contractor's electrician who holds a valid WA state electrical license. No prequalification of the electrical contractor is required.



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Question 10:

On the drawings, there are references to quite a few pumps, but there are no specs offered except for the Muffin Monster pumps and the large plunger pumps. I found the following references to other pumps - are they required for this job? If so, please provide details so that I may work on quoting these.

1E/1K/1R - heat exchanger cooling pumps;
2A - Protected water supply pump;
3A - Digester cleaning water supply pump;
3T/3v - BSST recirculation pump;
4J - Cooling water pump;
5A/6A/7A - Protected water supply pump

Answer 10:

The Owner will supply two plunger pumps and two grinders (see Appendices A & B) for the successful Bidder to install; no other pumps are included in the scope of this project.