



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Odor Control Media Services – 2026 RFB Specification No. ES25-0310F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer by January 23, 2026. 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:

For the stormwater box does the city want all layers of Omniplex media, inert media, adsorption media, biome media, underbed support media and new separation grid and fabric between each layer installed during each change out service?

Answer 1:

This could be a full changeout or partial changeout pending the maintenance needs.

Question 2:

Since a couple odor control vessels are located indoors, will you approve a vacuum back or blow back of new carbon being installed into the odor control vessels knowing that light carbon breakdown and additional dust from the process will be generated?

Answer 2:

Yes

Question 3:

Will the City Of Tacoma require the successful contractor to adhere to OSHA mandates for confined space entry and air monitoring when breaching the access manways for tank inspection?

Answer 3:

Yes

Question 4:

Since the spent carbon has hazardous transport and disposal potential, will a representative from the city be available on each site at time of transport to sign all manifests and LDR's? or will manifest LDR'S and paperwork be required to be mailed to the city in advance of the date of transport and disposal for signature and date completion?

Answer 4:

A staff member will be onsite at time of replacement.

Question 5:

What testing protocol is required and how often does testing need to occur?

Answer 5:



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Testing will be requested by maintenance personnel on a as needed basis. This can be quarterly or every six months pending needs.

Question 6:

Can you please share the last spent carbon analytical reports for Sites 1 – 5 so that we can better determine disposal costs of the spent GAC?

Answer 6:

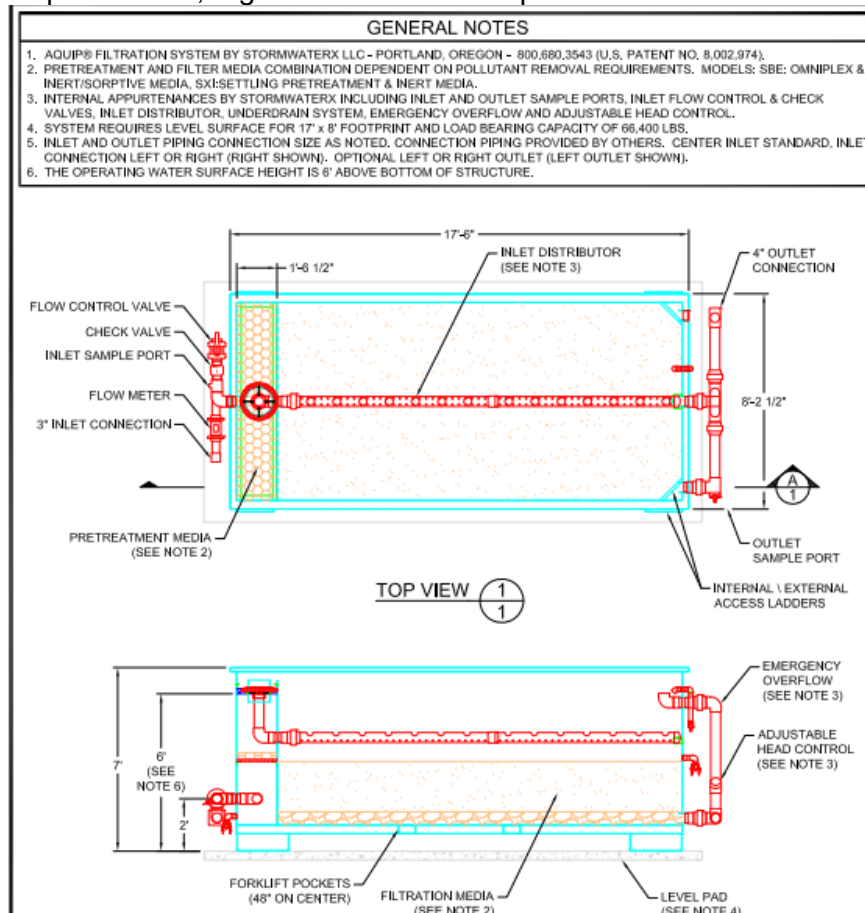
Please review the pricing proposal, for cubic ft at each location.

Question 7:

Please provide the manufacturer's specifications for the media required for replacement in the Aquip Storm Filtration System. Layered inert and adsorptive biofiltration media for particulates, organics and dissolved pollutants removal does not give us enough information, nor does coarse sand and fine sand.

Answer 7:

Omniplex media and integrated oil skimmer, and down-flow filtration chamber with layered inert and adsorptive biofiltration media for particulates, organics and dissolved pollutants removal





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Question 8:

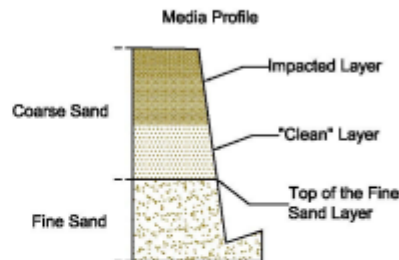
Please provide the specifications and types of media required along with the quantities in cubic feet as was provided for the items 1-4.

Answer 8:



the number of inches of "clean" media above the top of the fine sand layer.

8. Conduct a Routine Surface Maintenance on Aquip removing the impacted media from the entire Aquip media bed.



9. Install additional coarse sand "Topper" if the coarse sand depth is less than recommended (see table below).

Specifications	Coarse Sand Depth
Initial depth at time of installation	6"
Minimum recommended "clean" media depth	2"
Minimum recommended total media depth after adding "topper"	4"

Question 9:

Is activated carbon used at all in this system?

Answer 9:

Please refer to the above answers.