



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Life Cycle Modeling – Cowlitz Hydro Project RFP Specification No. PG25-0212F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Ryan Foster 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. 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.

- 1. Question: In Section 2, Minimum Requirements, the RFP states that “Responses to this RFP must include ... a scope, schedule, and budget for an example project.” However, this requirement is not listed in Section 10 Content to be Submitted. Should proposers include that information as an Appendix or elsewhere?**

Answer: Under Section 10.2, *Examples of Projects – 15 points*, proposers are asked to describe three projects similar in scope and complexity to this project. The example project scope, schedule, and budget referenced in Section 2, *Minimum Requirements*, should be incorporated within this section to demonstrate the proposer's relevant experience.
- 2. Question: Does the life cycle model (LCM) include the steelhead populations in the Upper Cowlitz, Cispus, and Tilton rivers or only the Upper Cowlitz and Cispus rivers?**

Answer: Includes the only the winter steelhead population in the Upper Cowlitz and Cispus River.
- 3. Question: If the Tilton River population is included, does Tacoma Power envision a separate LCM tailored to the attributes of the Tilton River population in addition to an LCM developed more specifically for Upper Cowlitz and Cispus population?**

Answer: This stage of the project only includes the Upper Cowlitz and Cispus River populations only. Tacoma envisions a tailored Tilton population model at a later date (not part of this RFP).
- 4. Question: What is the anticipated frequency and duration of meetings with the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Subcommittee and the Downstream Fish Passage Technical Working Group (TWG) of the Fisheries Technical Committee? Will the consultant attend both meetings at regular (monthly?) intervals throughout the term of the contract and project?**

Answer: The consultant will be working directly with a specialized subcommittee that will support the M&E working group. This specialized subcommittee anticipates monthly meetings but is open to every other week if helpful to the consultant. The consultant is welcomed to join the monthly M&E Meetings (most pertinent) throughout the term of this project, if helpful but not required.
- 5. Question: Is the expectation that the consultant will be the primary developer of the model(s) or, will there be substantial work (coding, etc.) done by members of the M&E Subcommittee and the Downstream Fish Passage TWG?**

Answer: The consultant will be the primary developer of the models and coding within this project.