



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

15KV POWER AND URD PLUS 600V NETWORK EPR CABLE RFI Specification No. PT26-0026F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Aaron Bratton, Buyer 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 / Supplies 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: Is the cable sample submittal to NEETRAC mandatory?

Answer: Yes, NEETRAC has equipment for testing the materials that Tacoma Power does not. This independent, 3rd party testing will provide valuable information that is expected to be included in an upcoming solicitation for this cable. As a reminder, all samples should be sent to Tacoma Power and the samples will be sent from Tacoma Power to NEETRAC to ensure all samples are received.

2. Question: Are other cable sizes or configurations allowable to submit?

Answer: No, only what is included in the solicitation. Please see the language in Appendix A, Section 1.04.4.5 for the language regarding use of the Substitution Request Form.

3. Question: For the Physical Evaluation Methodology, is there a minimum point threshold to be approved as a supplier?

Answer: No, there is no minimum point threshold. This Request for Information is for Tacoma Power to get all the information possible about current market offerings and then evaluate with engineering staff for current and future needs to see what the utility needs to solicit for in the future.

4. Question: If possible, please supply Tacoma's annual usage by item so we can understand the number of turns/re-stocks a year to be expected.

Answer: The annual usage is determined by construction projects and maintenance as well as emergency repairs. These numbers can fluctuate each year and ordering practices are determined by lead time as well as other factors. For the purposes of this RFI, base line pricing is requested to give generic information as to the market. Given current economic conditions, the typical single order quantity given in the Proposal Pages in Appendix A can be used as the annual usage information.