



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

2026 STRIPING CONTRACT RFB Specification No. **PW26-0006F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer, at cfowler@tacoma.gov by March 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.

- 1. Question: Can the City make a formal modification to the supplemental criteria for Equity In Contracting in regards to the contractor being SBE certified at the time of or prior to bid opening?**

Answer: The City is unable to modify the EIC Program requirements. To meet EIC Requirements, bidders must be certified with the Office of Minority & Women Business Enterprise (OMWBE) as MBE, WBE, SBE, or DBE at the time of bid submission. If bidders are not MBE, WBE, SBE, or DBE certified at time of bid submission, they will need to secure a single or multiple OMWBE certified subcontractors (MBE, WBE, SBE and/or DBE) to meet the 10% overall EIC requirement until they obtain official certification through OMWBE.