



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Tacoma FCC Tower Improvements RFB Specification No. **PW26-0090F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to cfowler@tacoma.gov. 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](#) / *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: Does the antenna need to remain operable during the course of construction or is there a time frame the tower can be put out of service?**
 - a. Answer: The city of Tacoma's Facility Management, Capital Project Division assigned project manager will be coordinating with Tacoma Fire Department for a scheduled down time for tower, equipment work, or replacement. Such time will be scheduled with the awarded contractor in alignment with proposed construction schedule.

2. **Question: Has the species of bird that inhabits the nest been confirmed and has the removal of the nest been discussed with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife if necessary.**
 - a. Answer: The city has not discussed the nest or bird species with the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) as the nest is believed to be unused and vacant at this time. In accordance with DFW best practices, at the start of the project scheduling the awarded contractor must climb the tower and look at the nest, if the nest is un-used as suspected, then it can be removed. If the nest is occupied, then the project commencement date will be postponed to outside of the nesting window for the species of bird nesting. The city will extend the contract and project duration to accommodate any such delay associated with this item.

3. **Question: Is the tower climb rated?**
 - a. Answer: The Tower is climbable, but attaching any rigging components that add load to the tower structure would require an approved rigging plan that has been stamped by a qualified engineer. This is required by the TIA and is identified in detail 1/S501

4. **Is there a design for the concrete footing of the flagpole.**
 - a. Answer: Per the specifications the flagpole manufacture shall be responsible for footing design and any associated engineering or calculations.

5. **Would the City consider replacing the tower rather than repairing the current tower?**
 - a. Answer: A deductive alternate has been added via addendum to address this question.

6. **Are there any tower review reports the city can provide?**
 - a. Answer: Enclosed is a copy of the tower condition report.