



City of Tacoma

## Questions and Answers

### Circuit Breaker Testing

RFB Specification No. ES26-0017N

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Anela Olson by March 11, 2026. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at [www.TacomaPurchasing.org](http://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.

**Question 1: I am wondering if we need to find specific contractors to bid for an RFB, or if we simply need to advertise it and have contractors find the RFB themselves. I know there are some contracts where you need to find 3 contractors to bid so you can choose the lowest bidder, but would it be the same in our situation?**

**I mainly ask because I have researched multiple companies and have not found anyone that can complete this work. Therefore, I would not know which contractors to contact if that is what we plan to do.**

**Answer 1:** The City of Tacoma publicly advertises Requests for Bids in accordance with applicable purchasing policies and requirements. Interested contractors are responsible for monitoring the City's contracting opportunities and submitting a bid if they wish to participate. The City does not identify or recruit a specific number of contractors to submit bids for advertised solicitations. Any qualified contractor that can perform the work described in the RFB may submit a bid by the stated deadline.

**Question 2: The services solicitation requires a current NETA certification. We request confirmation on whether NICET Electrical Power Testing certification may be accepted instead, as NICET's EPT program is based on NETA testing standards and evaluates the same core technical competencies for electrical testing personnel. Please advise if NICET certification is acceptable for this submittal.**

**Answer 2:** The solicitation requires that the Contractor hold a current NETA certification, and that a copy of the valid certification be submitted as part of the bid submittal, as stated in the Technical Specifications. At this time, NICET Electrical Power Testing certification will not be accepted as a substitute for the NETA certification requirement.