



City of Tacoma

## Questions and Answers

### Prairie Line Trail Phase II - REBID RFB Specification No. PW22-0391F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Tina Eide, Senior Buyer. 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 / 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.

**Question 1:** We don't understand how we can have the same unit pricing for taxable versus non-taxable bid items across multiple bid schedules when the use tax is to be included in the unit pricing for the non-taxable bid items. With Rule 170 and 171 in play on this project, it is impossible to have the same unit prices and adhere to both tax rules.

Answer 1: The City appreciates and understands your question but is asking for one unit cost for each item of work. One way to do this would be to calculate the total of both the taxable and non-taxable schedules for each item of work. Then back-calculate a common unit price based on the total cost and the total number of units for the line item being calculated.

**Question 2:** We are confused on how to bid "LS" bid items at the same rate across multiple schedules as there is different costs associated with the LS bid items based on work specific to each schedule. For example, our concrete subcontractor has a mobilization cost for their work in schedule A, but the proposed bid form would extrapolate that cost out over Schedules B and WA as well even though there is not concrete work in these schedules. See above as this would also make the taxable amount the City has to pay higher on the overall project versus having schedule specific LS bid items?

Answer 2: Note Addendum #1 has changed this and there is now one mobilization item for the whole project under the Common Lump Sum Items Schedule D.

**Question 3:** There are no "LS" bid items like mobilization, traffic control, etc. for the incidental bid items to Schedule D even though there will be LS costs for the mortar and paver subcontractors as well as incidental work like traffic control for this added scope. Our "base bid" amount would be arbitrarily high as we have to put these costs into the base bid and not into the additive bid. This means if the City elected to not accept the additive bid, you would pay more as these LS or incidental costs would have to be carried in the base bid items?

Answer 3: Common Line Items as described above will not be provided for Schedule E (the additive alternate). Please bid your costs for this work as you see fit.



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**Question 4: Mobilization was removed from the bid items on addenda 1, is this correct?**

Answer 4: Mobilization is now under the common items schedule for the whole project.

**Question 5: Does the Buy America requirement, contained in Special Provision Section 1-06, apply to the Tacoma Water Main portion of the project?**

Answer 5: Buy America applies to the entire project.

**Question 6: I was wondering if more drawings were going to be released. This is a large project so, if the new drawings include a pile schedule with elevations we would be able to produce a much more accurate price. Versus having to estimate some of the elevations not called out on plans.**

Answer 6: No additional drawings or schedule are planned to be released. The information to determine individual pile heights is shown on the elevations and estimates of total pile, shaft, and lagging quantities are provided in the proposal for bidding purposes. The soldier pile detail on sheet S3.01 has been revised to clarify how the elevations relate to the wall elevations on S1.02 through S1.04 and to provide typical pile spacing. See Addendum #3.

**Question 7: On the detail H Sheet S3.01, does the lagging go to the top of wall or top of pile?**

Answer 7: Horizontal joints on lagging shall be aligned and level across piles. To accomplish this, the lagging location in relation to the top of wall may vary, but should not be below top of wall or above top of pile.

**Question 8: The shafts for the soldier pile wall are as deep as 31' The soil borings include in the bid package only go 4' deep. Are there any other soil borings available for the project?**

Answer 8: See Addendum #3 boring logs for additional borings that were completed in 2022. None of them reached 31' but some went to 10' and 15' below grade.

**Question 9: I did not see the geo-technical report on builder's exchange. Do you happen to have this?**

Answer 9: Please look at Appendix B of the specifications for the report.

**Question 10: We are going over the bid package for this project and have questions regarding the bid tabs and how they are broken up. We are concerned how the pricing will be correct by the unit price being the same for non taxable and the taxable amounts, since we will be adding the use tax in the non taxable. We see that you are trying to split up what these items are between the schedules, but are concerned how the total will reflect to show correctly.**



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Answer 10: See answer to Question 1 above.