



City of Tacoma

## Questions and Answers

### **S 48<sup>th</sup> St Seismic Bridge Retrofit** RFQ Specification No. PW24-0134F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer by July 17, 2024. 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.

- 1. Question: In Section 8. DBE GOAL it states, "There is no DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) goal assigned. In the absence of a mandatory DBE goal, a voluntary SBE goal of 10% of the Consultant Agreement is established. Although the SBE goal is voluntary, the outreach efforts to provide SBE maximum practicable opportunities are not." Can you clarify what is required for us to provide in our response with respect to the voluntary SBE goal and SBE outreach efforts?**

Answer: A breakdown of what work will be performed by an SBE will meet the requirements for the question. Though the requirement is voluntary, we expect the successful respondent to have made efforts to be inclusive of SBE firms. There is no measurement to show these good-faith efforts.

- 2. Question: In section 9 SOQ Submittal and General Guidelines it states, "The City recommends that the Respondent's SOQ submittals be limited to no more than 16 double-sided pages (not including City of Tacoma required forms)" but then in Section 10: Content to be Submitted it states, "Submittals should be limited to a maximum of 10 pages, double-sided, or 20 pages total, excluding any required forms or resumes." Can you clarify if the submittal should be 16 double-sided pages (not including City of Tacoma required forms) or 10 pages, double-sided, or 20 pages total, excluding any required forms or resumes?**

Answer: See Addendum 1.

- 3. In section 10 it states the font size can be no smaller than 11. Does that include graphics or just the body of the text?**

Answer: Font size may be smaller than 11 point on graphics outside of the body of text.