



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

SINGLE PHASE PAD MOUNTED DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS RFB Specification No. PT24-0124N

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Aaron Bratton, Buyer 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 / Supplies 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:** Will Tacoma accept an amorphous core?
Answer: Yes
2. **Question:** Is there any lead time requirement?
Answer: No requirement but lead time will be part of the evaluation process for award.
3. **Question:** If lead time is required, How will the lead time be considered in the bid evaluation?
Answer: Lead time will be considered when making the decision for award.
4. **Question:** The bid does not specify the manufacturing locations. Can you confirm Tacoma will accept the manufacturers outside of USA?
Answer: Yes, Tacoma will accept manufactures outside of the United States if they can meet our Technical Specifications.
5. **Question:** For shipping, may lifting lugs be left in the lifting position rather than tied to the parking stand even if the transformer is bolted to the pallet rather than banded
Answer: Yes
6. **Question:** Please, confirm the proposal validity required. Point 1.02.1 - PRICES QUOTED refers to 30 days and point 8. RESPONSIVENESS refers to 90 days.
Answer: Section 8 speaks broadly to the response as a whole, while 1.02.1 in the Special Provisions speaks directly to pricing.
7. **Question:** In case that validity required is 90 days, Would you accept the application of a price escalation formula before invoicing, which involves international commodity indexes or values of major transformer materials
Answer: It is preferred to have a firm price as a PO will be placed after the award. Price escalation formulas will be considered.
8. **Question:** please confirm that delivery term DDP is acceptable.
Answer: Yes, for international shipments this is required as City of Tacoma will require the delivery point is our offices noted in the specification.
9. **Question:** Can you provide estimated cost for dismantling and reinstallation of a pole type and pad mounted transformer per point 1.13.1



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Answer: Section 1.13.1 refers to mostly to rejection at the time of delivery. There are no associated costs with that testing and rejection if it occurs. The second paragraph refers to a rare instance, of which costs calculation is not maintained, and will be provided at the time of the replacement as when a failure occurs and costs cannot be forecast.

10. Question: Is substitute for DOE compliance is acceptable.

Answer: All transformers must meet current DOE regulations on transformer efficiencies, DOE 10 CFR Part 431. Manufacturer to provide proof of compliance with DOE CCMS. If other valid compliance is available, please submit and explain.

11. Question: Should we pay the sales tax?

Answer: City of Tacoma can self-assess the sales tax so it is not required for a vendor to pay this.

12. Question: Is 1.05 - SAFETY AND STANDARDS applicable to all bidders, foreign and domestic?

Answer: Yes

13. Question: Please confirm if in case of termination for convenience without just cause, the contractor will assume the values associated with the product in process, raw materials purchased, finished product and a cancellation fee corresponding to the loss of production capacity are applicable.

Answer: It is unlikely that City of Tacoma would cancel a PO for these supplies for convenience. There would most likely be a cause such as a lengthy delay to cause such a cancellation which would then be covered under the Section 1.27.B of the Standard Terms and Conditions.

14. Question: what exactly would be a breach?

Answer: This is referenced several times in the Standard Terms and Conditions. Generic reference would be failing to deliver based on the terms agreed upon with a Purchase Order for this one-time purchase. However, any potential breach would be discussed with our attorneys who would then reach out to the legal team of the awardee.

15. Question: If the contracting party requires a delay in the delivery of the products, would you accept to charge a storage fee for the product.

Answer: TPU will not ask for a delay in delivery

16. Question: From the section 2.03.3 is the connector provided?

Answer: Manufacturer does not need to provide the LV step bar connectors.

17. Question: Do the transformers conform to the impedances specified by the U.S.

Department of Energy (DOE) under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 10, Part 431, in terms of design and performance?

Answer: Yes



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18. Question: Transformers require tap changer or should be supplied without tap changer? If the requirement is to include tap changer please indicate the voltage levels requested.

Answer: No tap changers are required on single phase padmount transformers.

19. Question: In the section 2.05.3 "GROUNDING PROVISIONS" reference is made to an AB Chance GC-207 grounding connector. Is it acceptable to supply an equivalent grounding connector?

Answer: Equivalentts are acceptable as long as they are bronze, clam shell type. No eye bolt connectors are allowed.

20. Question: Bids for transformers with bolted cover are acceptable?

Answer: More information is needed. Single phase padmount transformers have always been supplied with welded covers. Photos, drawings, and explanation of why bolted on covers are being requested would need to be supplied for review.