



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Multilingual Street Signs Project RFQ Specification No. PW24-0253F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Carly Fowler, Senior Buyer by December 17, 2024. 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: How many working days are allotted for this project?

Answer: Per spec section 1-08.5, the project shall be physically complete within 20 working days.

2. Question: When would you anticipate this project starting ideally for the City of Tacoma? (estimated timeframe works just fine)

Answer: The City would ideally want installation complete by Spring 2025.

3. Question: What does a side mount look like? There are 166 honorary signs that have to be added to existing signs which already have a lot of stuff on them... and they have to be side mounted. I am just wondering if additional posts will have to be purchased to support all these signs on one post. Like for instance there is a sign that has 2 street signs, a stop sign and a right turn sign all on one post.

Answer: No additional posts will be required outside of the replacement posts for the existing wooden posts. Please review the attached mock-up which highlights the expected order of installation/mounting for the honorary street name signs and the official street name signs (along with any other existing traffic control sign that may already exist). One of the honorary signs use side-mounted hardware to extend perpendicular to, and away from, the post space immediately above the face of any traffic control sign (e.g., STOP sign)—i.e., the one shown on the provided mock-up, and the other honorary sign would be at the same elevation of the other honorary sign but displayed in parallel with the face of the traffic control sign and then extend perpendicularly away from the middle of the street (i.e. called out in the photo mock-up but not shown since it projects "into" the photo). The official street names signs—whether retained/re-installed or provided new to replace existing (based on bid document information)—are then mounted at the top of the post (and thus above the level of the honorary signs) using typical sign mounts/cross-member mounts (see photo mock-up for example).

4. Question: For the Honorary Street Signs can you confirm the colors these signs are to be?

Answer: The honorary signs will be the typical MUTCD-supported brown color/sheeting along with white text/graphics.

5. Question: Please confirm if Marine General Liability and builder risk policy are required.

Answer: Please refer to the specification insurance coverage, which does not include either insurance requirement. They are not required for this project.



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- 6. Question: Please confirm the requirement for a time frame that the insurance coverage will have to stay in place after the project is complete.**

Answer: The insurance coverage is required for 3 years after the physical completion of the project.

- 7. Question: Is the intent to place the new signs on the existing posts in the majority of the cases, and if that is correct, then what if the existing sign cluster and post don't meet City of Tacoma or MUTCD Standards? Will replacing the sign post and re-installing existing signs and new signs on a compliant post be incidental to the bid item – for example – bid item #4 Furnish & Install Honorary Street Sign on Sign Post Each 166. If it is not incidental what bid items would the cost be covered under.**

Answer: The sites have been evaluated to ensure we meet MUTCD requirements, including upgrading signs that do not meet standards. There will be multiple posts requiring upgrading- please see bid item Furnish & Install Steel Sign Post for the pole replacement. The signs installed on the pole are per each bid item item (i.e. Furnish and Install STOP sign).

Proposed Typical Post-Top Street Name Mounting Configuration with Tribal Honorary Naming Signs

