

City of Westminster
Addendum #1
Rt. 27 Water Main Replacement
RFB # 22-16

Questions and answers:

1. **Question:** The RFP included several forms that either are not typically required for consultant services or are not applicable until a consultant has been selected. Do we need to fill out and submit the Performance Bond, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, or Agreement forms with our proposal?

Answer: You do not need to submit these forms with your proposal. These forms are only necessary once the proposal is awarded.

2. **Question:** Since the existing water main is located outside of City of Westminster city limits, will the project have to go through the Carroll County review process?

Answer: The project will go through the Carroll County and MDOR SHA review process.

3. **Question:** At the Pre-Proposal Meeting, it was mentioned that there may be survey coverage of the project area either in whole or in part from a separate water main project and from an SHA project. Is it assured that this information will be available to the selected consultant, and will it cover the full project area?

Answer: At the meeting the attendees were informed that Montgomery Wallace, Inc, and the SHA are working on the project within the area of the Rt 27 Water Main Replacement Project. Mike Matov recommended to the attendees to contact directly these offices and discuss a possibility of obtaining this information.

4. **Question:** Will the City provide a set of as-built drawings showing plan, profile, and details for the 12-inch water to be replaced?

Answer: The City provided the link to all available drawings in the RFP.

5. **Question:** What is the operating pressure of the existing water main?

Answer: At the range of 110 psi.

6. **Question:** Will the City provide any available records or documentation of prior water main breaks or repairs for the 12-inch water main?

Answer: Yes.

7. **Question:** Please confirm/clarify if the entire 12-inch length of existing water main is made of asbestos-cement pipe? If so, due to the hazardous nature of the pipe material, does the City plan to abandon the entire AC water main in place?
Answer: Yes, the City plans to abandon the entire existing water main in place.
8. **Question:** Are there any lateral pipes or water services to be replaced outside of the Route 27 right-of-way?
Answer: The work on the project is expected to be in the limits of the existing ROW.
9. **Question:** Will the project involve replacement of any water meters; if so, how many?
Answer: Replacement of the water meters is not expected.
10. **Question:** What is the maximum customer service shutdown time, or will temporary water services be required to prevent a service outage?
Answer: Will be determined at time of construction.
11. **Question:** Will cathodic protection design be required for pipes, valves, and services?
Answer: The City does not have specific requirements for design cathodic protection system unless it will be recommended by Design Engineer.
12. **Question:** Can the entire length of water main be installed via open-cut method or will no-dig techniques, e.g., drilling and tunneling, be required?
Answer: Should be determined by Design Engineer through engineering cost estimates.
13. **Question:** Because the entire length of water main is within the MDOT SHA ROW, can the City provide a copy of the current utility permit (including conditions) for the existing 12-inch water main?
Answer: The current City SHA blanket permit for repair works is not applicable to the project. The project design should be submitted to the SHA for review and obtaining construction permit.
14. **Question:** Will the MDOT SHA District Office allow the installed location of a new water main beneath all or part of the Route 27 travel lane?
Answer: Installation of the new main beneath of travel lane should be minimized and discussed with SHA.

15. **Question:** Please clarify if the City wishes to have a dewatering valve and vault and drain line installed at the low point on the 12-inch water main.

Answer: Should be recommended by Design Engineer.

16. **Question:** This RFP requires a performance bond for “100% of the total contract amount.” Typically, professional services contracts, such as this one, do not require performance bonds. We respectfully request removal of the bond requirement for this project.

Answer: This bond is not required.

17. **Question:** The RFP states that “all blanks on each and every form submitted in connection with the Request for Proposals must be filled in, and no change shall be made to the items described in the form.” Though our firm is willing to execute contract forms if selected, we would like to clarify the following:

- a. Should the Notice of Award be completed and included with our proposal? If so, how should the \$ (cost) and date blanks be completed?
- b. Should the Notice to Proceed form be completed? If so, how should the date, contract number, and work completion date blanks be completed?
- c. Should the Agreement be completed? If so, how should the agreement date blank be completed?

Answer: All blanks referring to your bid proposal only. Do not complete the forms in a, b, and c. These will be completed upon award of the project.

18. **Question:** The notice of award makes reference to a bid bond. Is a bid bond required for this contract?

Answer: Not needed.

19. **Question:** There are certain provisions in the agreement that are problematic from an insurance standpoint. Is the City of Westminster open to negotiating the contract language in the agreement?

Answer: Yes, will be discussed if awarded to your firm.

20. **Question:** As a large multi-discipline firm, with 700+ personnel, our firm is presently working on an extensive list of projects (20-30 pages long). Can the City of Westminster confirm that it is only interested in water/wastewater department of public works projects performed in the past 5 years as well as currently active water/wastewater department of public works projects?

Answer: Yes.

21. **Question:** Can the City of Westminster confirm that the second page of the Experience Record is not applicable and not required?

Answer: Only if never defaulted.