

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FOR
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

**LISTED BELOW ARE THE QUESTIONS (Q) SUBMITTED BY
POTENTIAL BIDDERS FOR THE**

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO.7 WATER SYSTEM
DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**COUNTY PROJECT NO. PC021
PROJECT FILE NO. E5032**

**THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
HAS PROVIDED RESPONSES (R) TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW**

- Q1. Is there an engineer's estimate for this project?
R1. The engineer's estimate is provided on page 4 of the Notice to Contractors section.
- Q2. Is there any Project Labor agreements required on this Bid?
R2. There are no specific Project Labor Agreements required for this bid. However, prevailing wages and adherence to the Equal Employment Opportunity Requirement are expected for this project.
- Q3. Is there any DBE requirements?
R3. There are no minimum DBE requirements for this project, but the use of DBE firms is strongly encouraged.
- Q4. Is there A Bid Bond or Bond Security form within the specs? I am not seeing. Do you want bid bond on Surety Paper in lieu of County Form?
R4. There is no specific County's bid bond form for the bid proposal. As outlined on Page 9 of the proposal, bids must be accompanied by one of the acceptable security options. A bidder's bond issued on standard surety company paper is acceptable.
- Q5. Can we confirm if all buried 4" TW pipe needs to be RMJ? Per the pipe schedule, it calls for RMJ. Per specs and restraint schedule, it looks to me that only the elbows need to be restrained. The actual straight runs of pipe don't.
R5. Per the specifications, buried TW pipe shall be RMJ. Minimum restrained lengths are called out in the profiles on C-sheets – typically referring to Note 3, as well as on the Restrained Length Table on Sheet C-30. Corresponding fittings and adjacent pipe lengths need to satisfy these minimum restrained length requirements.
- Q6. Work Sequence 1 calls for work from STA 11+23 to approx. STA 113+60 to be completed first. Work Sequence 1 also states that, "Due to "Biological Constraints", construction of the TW pipeline from the water treatment plant to Pescadero Creek Rd (approx. STA 45+00) shall occur after September 15 and

be completed no later than October 15." Work Sequence 3 states to "Construct TW from Pescadero Creek Road (approx. STA 11+23) up to but not inclusive of the connection to the Water Treatment Plant (STA 10+00). Please confirm if the TW pipeline from the water treatment plant to Pescadero Creek Rd (section from approx. STA 10+00 to STA 11+23) is to be done in Work Sequence 1 or 3 and if this section is limited to the September 15 to October 15 deadline.?

R6. Per Section 100, the work from the water treatment plant to Pescadero Creek Rd. is to be done as part of Work Sequence 3 and is intended by "make TW connection at Water Treatment Plant". The "make TW connection at Water Treatment Plant" can be considered approximately STA 10+00 to STA 11+23 and can be completed outside of the September 15 to October 15 deadline.

Q7. Please confirm what Work Sequence the demo of the existing 4" TW line will be under and if it is subject to the September 15 to October 15 deadline.

R7. Demolition of the existing TW line detailed on sheet C-1 from STA 10+00.00 to 11+08.51, 9.58' LT shall be accomplished in coordination with "make TW connection at Water Treatment Plant" and can be completed outside of the September 15 to October 15 deadline..

Q8. Bid Additive Alternative 4 – Raw Water Line has work from the water treatment plant to Pescadero Creek Rd and is not listed in the Work Sequence schedule. Please confirm Work Sequence for Bid Add. Alt. 4 and if this work is limited to the September 15 to October 15 deadline.

*R8. Per Sheet CS-1 (last construction Work Sequence note), "*BID ADD ALT. 4 SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN PARALLEL WITH CONSTRUCTION WORK SEQUENCE 1-3." In accordance with this requirement, RW work in parallel with TW work in these Work Sequences shall meet the same requirements.*

- Specific to the time of work limitation, due to "Biological Constraints", construction of the RW pipeline from the water treatment plant (STA 11+23) to Pescadero Creek Road (STA 45+00) shall be occur after September 15 and be completed no later than October 15.*
- The RW pipeline work occurring in parallel with the "make TW connection at Water Treatment Plant" activities can be considered approximately STA 10+00 to STA 11+23 and can be completed outside of the September 15 to October 15 deadline.*

Q9. Section 113-2 A Service Saddles states Double-Strap Iron with v. Materials 1&2 calling for the body to be malleable or ductile iron with galvanized straps. Referenced County Std Detail W-2 notes state "All service saddles to be of bronze with bronze straps" and "stainless steel may be used when bronze is unavailable." Detail W-7A on sheet CD-4 shows to refer to Detail RW-1 for Service Connection Table, however RW-1 is not provided. Please confirm saddle material to use for BOV's.

R9. Appendix I of the Specifications are the County Standard Details for this project. W-2 in Appendix I directs the Contractor to "USE PROJECT SPECIFIC DETAIL W-2" in the plans which says "BRONZE DOUBLE STRAP SERVICE SADDLE WITH BRONZE STRAPS AND NEOPRENE GASKETS. SMITH BLAIR, MEULLER, OR APPROVED EQUAL". The "refer to Detail RW-1 for Service Connection Table" reference is deleted as described in this response.

Q10. Please confirm that the new service on sheet C-11 for 14405 Pescadero Creek Rd (APN 083231030) will be from the saddle on the main, running to, and stopping at the new water meter location shown on the plans.

R10. This is a connection from the main in accordance with project specific County Standards W-1, Appendix I.

Q11. This soils report states that the existing soil is corrosive. Is there a cathodic protection plan or any cathodic protection measures we need to install?

R11. Pipe shall be provided in accordance with Buried Piping in corrosive soil environment, polyethylene encasement, per Specification Section 112 - DIP PSDS.

Q12. Can you confirm that the potable water lines are ductile iron while the raw water line is PVC?

R12. Per Specification Section 112 - Treated water is DIP and Raw Water is either HDPE or PVC2.

Q13. How many working days are allotted for the alternate work?

R13. Only the Base Bid Time of Completion of 120 Working Days is quantified as part of the bid. Time of Completion increases for Bid Additive Alternate(s) shall be negotiated with the County and specified only if awarded.

Q14. For bid alternate 3 are we allowed to clear and grub around the bridge site in order to install the pipe on the bridge?

R14. Limited clearing and grubbing outside of the "Environmentally Sensitive Area" depicted on sheet CD-6 may be submitted for review and approval by County Environmental Staff. Only those clearing and grubbing means, methods and extent approved by County Environmental Staff shall be allowed. No clearing and grubbing inside the "Environmentally Sensitive Area" shall be permitted.

All RFI requests were due by Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

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