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RFP – FY13/14 Water Main Replacement – Various Locations

RFI'S AND ANSWERS

Below are the submitted questions and answers:

1. **Will the existing waterlines be replaced with the same size?** *Pipes with diameters of 8" or less are to be replaced with 8" diameter pipe. Pipes with diameters larger than 8" shall be evaluated by the designer for proper sizing.*
2. **What is the City's preference for pipe material?** *Ductile Iron.*
3. **Pothole is not mentioned in the RFP. Is potholing of existing utilities not required?** *It is up to the proposer to recommend whether potholing or even ground penetrating radar is to be used to accurately locate utilities and structures in the efforts to provide high quality plans.*
4. **Geotechnical investigations are not mentioned in the RFP. Is geotechnical investigation not required?** *It is up to the proposer to recommend whether geotechnical investigations are necessary in order to provide high quality plans. If proposed, geotechnical investigations scope and cost should be listed as an optional item separate from the main proposal.*
5. **If no geotechnical work is included, are the existing pavement thicknesses available?** *Yes, pavement thicknesses as well as record drawings will be available to the consultant during the Preliminary Engineering phase.*
6. **Traffic control is not mentioned in the RFP. Is traffic control not required especially in Santa Monica Boulevard?** *No, the burden is usually given to the contractor for traffic control plans.*
7. **Task 4B references Caltrans standard plans and specifications. I don't believe there will be any construction in Caltrans right of way. What is the reason for using Caltrans standards?** *Caltrans standards are noted as an available option. If there is a design situation that is better suited to comply with a Caltrans specification or standard plan, it may be referenced or included in the project specification.*

8. **Scope of Work Task 1A – Would the City provide record drawings to Consultant or does consultant have to go to the City to research the record drawings and make copies?** *The City's project manager will provide the consultant a CD of any available record drawings. No paper copies will be given.*
9. **Do you have sample construction drawings available for our review?** *Yes, it will be posted on the City's RFP webpage.*
10. **What is the City's available construction budget?** *Approximately \$4 million.*
11. **Is an electronic file of the 2002 Water System Master Plan available that can be sent via email? If not, please advise on how we make a formal request to obtain a hard copy of the WSMP?** *The 2002 Water System Master Plan will be posted on the City's RFP webpage.*
12. **For utility potholing, will the City accept AC cold patch for pavement repair? If not, will the City require the pavement repair to conform to City of BH Std. dwg. 114?** *AC cold patch is not acceptable. Pothole repairs will be per BH114.*
13. **Is submittal of the 10% design drawings & cost estimates mandatory?** *No, not necessarily. If the proposer does not think that the 10% submittal is necessary, they may recommend eliminating it.*
14. **Do you require plan & profile drawings for all the mains? (Depending on the circumstances, some agencies require profiles only for 12" & larger mains. Also, since most of the mains are in alleys, rather than the main streets, plan only views may suffice.)** *Yes, plan and profile drawings are required for all mains.*
15. **What scale drawings does the City prefer: 1" = 40' or 1" = 20'?** *(The sample drawings on the City website indicates 1" = 20'.) Use 1"=20'.*
16. **On Page 5, #II.1, the Technical Proposal is limited to 30 pages total. Does this include the resumes?** *Yes, resumes will be counted as part of the 30 page limit.*
17. **On Page 7, #IV, 3rd paragraph, professional liability insurance is \$2,000,000; however, the Sample Agreement on Page 4, Section 13(a)(4) shows it at \$1,000,000. Please clarify.** *Based on actual recent consultant contracts, the \$1,000,000 amount is the minimum limit per occurrence, but there is also an annual aggregate in the amount of \$2,000,000.*
18. **Are the Water Atlas Sheets and any as-built drawings available to review or to copy for these project locations?** *Yes, record drawings will be made available to the consultant during the Preliminary Engineering phase.*

Sincerely,

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