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**Addendum # 2 -
 Rate Study for Water & Wastewater Service Areas
 (Additional Questions & Answers)**

Date of Addendum: 06/22/26

| NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS AND PLANHOLDERS |
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| The Proposal Documents for the above-referenced Project are modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original Proposal Documents and any previously issued addenda remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the Proposal Documents. Vendors will take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting a Proposal and shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided in the Proposal Documents. |

| PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE |
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| The Proposal submittal time has not been changed. |

| 1.0 – ATTACHMENTS | | | | |
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| | <p>For example, is it more prudent to charge a higher usage fee that in the summer months customers so a relatively high bill, but in the winter months when minimal usage is occurring, they see the corresponding drop. In essence front loading our revenue stream (as our fiscal year starts in July) and then the remainder of the year would be lower going forward. Or have a higher base fee for our customers so we can have a smoother income throughout the year. Also, we don't charge an irrigation fee, so those summer months have always caused a stir among the areas as the water they are irrigating on the lawn is still being charged as though it is going into the sewer system.</p> |
| 2 | <p>In Section IV, Task 7, the County indicates that Task requirement as a “Core Option”. Is the vendor expected to present this Task and associated fee as an “Optional Task” for the County’s consideration?</p> <p>We also split our water and sewer billing 25% water and 75% sewer. We'd like to see if that is still accurate or if that needs an update. Vendor should present an "a la carte" fee structure with the Core Option (11 individual rate studies) and then the fee for the "Optional Task" (one rate for the 11 service areas). If the Optional Task rate was palatable for the County and the Commissioners, we would potentially go with that add on. Otherwise, we would stick with the Core Option.</p> |

END OF ADDENDUM