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Addendum # 3 – Samuel Bowen Water Main Extension Design Build (Additional Q&A)

Date of Addendum: September 22, 2026

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS AND PLANHOLDERS

The Bid Documents for the above-referenced Project are modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original Bid 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 Bid Documents. Vendors will take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting a bid and shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided in the Bid Documents.

BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

The bid submittal time has not been changed.

1.0 – ATTACHMENTS

Item	Description

2.0 – CLARIFICATIONS

The following clarifications are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the Bid Documents.

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3.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the Bid Documents.

Item	Questions and Answers
	Question: Is full-time inspection required? Reference DB Specifications Task 3.c: <i>The Design-Builder shall be responsible for construction quality control and shall prepare and distribute site visit reports with photographs. County inspection, observation, testing, review, or approval shall not relieve the Design-Builder of responsibility for the quality, completeness, or conformity of the Work with the Contract Documents.</i> Response: The County will provide its own construction phase inspection. As stated in DB Specifications Task 3.c, the DB is responsible for quality, completeness, or conformity of the Work with the Contract Documents. How this is achieved shall be outlined in the proposal. The County does not require full-time inspection by the engineer of record.
	Question: Provide clarity to the Permitting and Testing Allowance outlined in Task 2.c and Task 3.d <i>Task 2.c: Prepare, submit, track and obtain all permits and approvals required for the Work. The County will sign owner certifications and provide reasonable owner information. The cost of initial permit application fees shall be paid from the Permitting and Testing Allowance in accordance with Section IV.B.4. The cost of any permit resubmittal, re-review, or additional application fee resulting from Design-Builder error, omission, or incomplete/deficient submittals shall be borne solely by the Design-Builder and shall not be charged to the Allowance.</i> <i>Task 3.d: Coordinate scheduling of all testing, including but not limited to continuity testing, hydrostatic pressure and leakage testing, and disinfection and bacteriological testing of the completed water main with the County. The cost of initial testing shall be paid from the Permitting and Testing Allowance in accordance with Section IV.B.4. The Design-Builder is responsible for the cost of any failed or repeated tests attributable to the Design-Builder's work, materials, or installation, which shall not be charged to the Allowance. Costs of failed tests attributable to pre-existing infrastructure or County-directed changes shall be reimbursed to the Design-Builder as a Change Order.</i>

	RESPONSE: Task 2.c remains unchanged. Task 3.d has been updated as follows: Task 3.d. Coordinate scheduling of all testing, including but not limited to continuity testing, hydrostatic pressure and leakage testing, and disinfection and bacteriological testing of the completed water main with the County. All testing with the exception of bacteriological testing shall be the responsibility of the Design-Builder. The cost of initial bacteriological testing shall be paid from the Permitting and Testing Allowance in accordance with Section IV.B.4. The Design-Builder is responsible for the cost of any failed or repeated tests attributable to the Design-Builder's work, materials, or installation, which shall not be charged to Allowance. Costs of failed tests attributable to pre-existing infrastructure or County-directed changes shall be reimbursed to the Design-Builder as a Change Order.
3	Question: What level of quality testing is expected from the SUE and can the test pitting cost be based on a daily rate. Task 2.e. Supplemental exploratory excavation/subsurface utility investigation (SUE) shall be performed to identify/confirm existing utility diameters, alignments, materials, etc. The Design-Builder shall be responsible for utility coordination, traffic control, and site restoration associated with test pit activities. Five (5) utility test pits are included in the Base Proposal Price. The Design-Builder shall provide a unit cost per additional test pit in the Form of Proposal. Additional test pits shall not be performed without prior written authorization from the County. Response: QL B is the expected quality level for the subsurface investigation. Task 2.e and the form of proposal has been updated to allow for a daily rate for test pitting. Task 2.e. Supplemental exploratory excavation/subsurface utility investigation (SUE) QL B shall be performed to identify/confirm existing utility diameters, alignments, materials, etc. The Design-Builder shall be responsible for utility coordination, traffic control, and site restoration associated with test pit activities. Five (5) utility test pits are included in the Base Proposal Price. The Design-Builder shall provide a daily rate for unit cost per additional test pits in the Form of Proposal. Additional test pits shall not be performed without prior written authorization from the County.

END OF ADDENDUM