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Addendum # 4– Samuel Bowen Water Main Extension Design Build (Additional Q&As)

Date of Addendum: **September 28, 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
1	Revised Form of Proposal date 09/28/26

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.

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1	Is there an established unit price or allowance baseline in the RFP for dewatering due to high groundwater tables? RESPONSE: No that is incidental to the project and will be the responsibility of the vendor to build into the base bid item.
2	What are the operating and static pressures at the existing water main connection point? Is a wet tap tee and gate valve assembly required at the connection to preserve service continuity, or will a localized off-peak main shutdown be permitted? RESPONSE: Static system pressure is approximately 62psi. The last fire flow test performed in May of this year showed a Residual pressure of 19psi at a flow rate of 590gpm at a fire hydrant on the west end of Samuel Bowen Blvd. A wet tap will not be required as there is a stub with a valve at either end of the existing water mains of this project.
3	Are there specific locations, intervals, or minimum counts required for line valves, blow-off assemblies, or fire hydrant configurations along the 2,000 linear foot alignment? RESPONSE: Yes. Provide four complete hydrant assemblies with spacing not exceeding 500 feet. Each hydrant shall include a 6-inch lead and isolation valve. Provide 12-inch gate valves at system connections and additional valves so that no more than approximately 1,000 feet must be isolated for maintenance.
4	Regarding hydrostatic testing and main chlorination, what is the designated water source for the initial filling and pressure testing activities? RESPONSE: The County will designate an existing County hydrant or water main. The Design-Builder is responsible for temporary connections and backflow protection. Water for one test will be provided without charge; water required for retesting shall be purchased from the County
5	The alignment traverses a permanent utility easement on Fisher Farm. Are there specific agricultural restoration constraints, limits of disturbance, or clearing restrictions enforced by the underlying easement agreement?

	RESPONSE: Work shall remain within the recorded 15-foot easement. No temporary workspace outside the easement is presently available. Clearing shall be minimized, and the surface, grades, and drainage shall be restored to preconstruction condition or better.
6	For the portions of the alignment along the north side of Samuel Bowen Boulevard, what are the exact surface restoration parameters? Will open-cut trenching be permitted within paved shoulders, or is the alignment strictly limited to the grass right-of-way? Where it impacts roadway entrances, are mill and overlay restorations mandated per County standard details? RESPONSE: All paved surfaces will be restored to the county standard trench repair detail in the County Standards and Specs. Open cut trenching is permitted but recommended to stay in the grass shoulder of the ROW.
7	Are any jack-and-bore or horizontal directional drilling segments anticipated under intersecting roadways or environmental buffers, or is the entire length assumed to be standard open-cut? RESPONSE: There is no requirement to jack-and-bore for this project. Open trench or directional drilling are acceptable methods of installing the water main.
8	The RFP notes that minority vendors are encouraged to compete. Is there an explicit, mandatory Minority Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise percentage participation goal established for this contract? RESPONSE: There is no MBE/DBE percentage requirements for this project.
9	Does this project utilize any state or federal funding streams that trigger Build America, Buy America or American Iron and Steel procurement compliances for the PVC piping and domestic valve bodies? RESPONSE: There are no BABA requirements for this project as it is all funded using County funding.
10.	Addendum #3 revised the form of proposal which removed Task 3 in its entirety. Was this the intent to fully eliminate Task 3 – Construction Phase Design & Engineer. RESPONSE: We didn't mean to delete Task 3. Updated FOP is attached.
11	HE RFP includes a \$5000 Permitting and Testing allowance. Please clarify if this allowance is in addition to the following testing requirements which are anticipated to be included under our LS base bid. • Geotechnical boring investigation during design phase to determine groundwater levels and soils. (Estimating 1 test every 400-feet, in addition to 1 pavement core in shoulder) • Compaction testing during construction phase. (Estimating approx. every 200 feet depending on existing soil or use of select fill). RESPONSE: See Addendum 3 for clarification on the permitting and testing allowance.
12	Under Scope of work, section IV.E.4.e, please clarify if the required Subsurface Utility (SUE) Investigation should be of Quality Level B quality and goal is to obtain existing subsurface utilities along the full length of the project during design phase. RESPONSE: See Addendum 3 regarding SUE investigation.
13	Under Form of Proposal, Task 2.A.1- Additional Test Pitting during the SUE, is it acceptable to provide an additional “per day” rate for test pitting? Typical subconsultants base their cost on 1 day mobilization and completing 4-5 test pits per day. RESPONSE: The form of proposal was updated to allow for a per day rate.
14	Under Scope of work, section IV.E.5.c & section IV.F.A.c.iv, please clarify if the County anticipates the Engineering consultant to provide construction inspection services during construction phase. If inspection services are required, would the County expect full time, part time or does the County have anticipated inspection hours? S RESPONSE: ee Addendum 3 regarding inspection services.
15	Based on Attachment A-2 and the proposed alignment of water main, is the intent to install water primarily in the grass shoulder? If so, does the County anticipate any road restoration? Based on the existing conditions and likely use of 1 travel lane for construction equipment and daily mobilization, does the County have any concerns with further deterioration of the paved lane? RESPONSE: A line item for 10 tons of HMA has been added to the Form of Proposal to provide a contingency for pavement restoration, if determined necessary by the County. The Contractor may utilize a lane closure during construction provided a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan is submitted and approved by County Roads.
16	Is there any existing sewer located along Samuel Bowen Blvd. between Holy Grove Rd. and the Walmart shopping area? RESPONSE: There is no sewer along Samuel Bowen Blvd between Holly Grove Rd and the Walmart Shopping area.



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Is a bid bond required, if so, please provide a bid bond form.

RESPONSE: No bid bond is required for this project. However, both Performance Bonds and Payment Bods are required.

END OF ADDENDUM