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A D D E N D U M 1

DATE: October 22, 2025
TO: All Bidders
FROM: Trevor Butler
Purchasing Agent
RE: Request for Proposal #25-1029 Advance Metering Infrastructure

Please note the following clarification to Request for Proposal #25-1029 Advance Metering Infrastructure resulting from a question received from an interested bidder:

Questions

Could you send me the service addresses as well so I can perform a propagation study?

Answer: I've attached two spreadsheets. The first is a list of 911 addresses for all of our meters broken down by water system. The second is a list of all assets the county has available for possible data collectors.

Based on the 3-year scope of work, do you know what size meters will be purchased in the first year, second, etc?

Answer: We intend to start with our Mountain Lake Park / Loch Lynn system which is mostly $\frac{3}{4}$ " meters in the first year. Year 2 and beyond would be a mix of $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 1", and larger.

Are the residential meters in basements or meter pits? Or mixture breakdown?

Answer: 99% of our meters are residential in meter pits. We do have a few large commercial meters that are inside the buildings. None in basements.

Is installation of meters required or desired? –

Answer: Desired but not required.

If installation is desired as an alternate bid, can the response documents for installation information be outside of the 15 page limit?

Answer: Yes, additional information will be provided

For the submittal envelope, can it be clarified what phrase needs to be marked on the envelope?

Answer: Submittal Envelope should say RFP #25-1029 Advance Metering Infrastructure

On page 5 under "System Acceptance," could you please provide the full sentence that was accidentally cut off at "100% of meters reporting in AMR, 98.5% in AMI over"? –

Answer: IT SHOULD read “100% of meters reporting in AMR, 98.5% reporting in AMI”.

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On page 17, under "Contract Information," you state that the County is anticipating purchasing 1,000 units per year over three(3) years. Can you please clarify the current proposed project schedule for this contract? –

Answer: “The county is anticipating purchasing the 4026 meters over a three year period”, but is not a guarantee

Additionally, are the 1,000 units per year in addition to the requested 4,026 meters?

Answer: No

What percentage of meters are located in pits vs interior sets?

Answer: 98 %

Are non-lead seals needed?

Answer: Yes

What is the current meter system that will be replaced?

Answer: Neptune

Are there any blackout dates or holiday schedule observed for the city where work will be stopped?

Answer: Yes, provide them with the county holiday schedule

Are removed meters to be disposed of by the contractor?

Answer: No

Is the contractor responsible for disposing of the current radios/batteries?

Answer: No

Will the utility provide space for contractor owned vehicles for parking and storage of material?

Answer: Yes

Will the utility provide a dumpster for spoils?

Answer: We need clarification on “spoils”.

Is the utility interested in meter exit testing for the removed meters?

Answer: No

Does Davis-Bacon apply for installation?

Answer: No, this bid is a Non- Construction Application and is not a Davis Bacon

Are current meters 1.5" and larger flanged or coupling?

Answer: Flanged

Are there any confined spaces or vaults?

Answer: Yes

Are pit lids being replaced or require lid drilling?

Answer: Drilling

Does the utility need service line identification?

Answer: Yes

Does the utility need GPS locations for the meters and/or endpoints?

Answer: Yes

What meter reading resolution does the utility bill in?

Answer: Munis

I am trying to find out if there are any county permits that we will need to pull in order to install any large meters in the county or if there are any permits required for installing the antenna on the water towers, MPT tower or any other assets in the county

Answer: No, we shouldn't have to deal with any permits. Note - there's a reasonable chance Neu beam will want compensated for using their pole/power/network. Let Cheryl know if you want to have that conversation about this now.

Are Performance and Payment bonds required upon award?

Answer: This is a Non-Construction Application project and will not require Performance and payment bonds

The pricing form provided only allows space for hardware and software. How should we price out our Services as well as Alternate Installation bidding if installation is desired?

Answer: This RFP is for the purchase of the hardware and software.

Please acknowledge receipt of Addendum 1 by initialing the appropriate section on the Signature to Bids Page of the bid package.