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Addendum No. 7

Your reference is directed to the Request for Proposal for: **2024-SWB-83 Lead Line Replacement for Schools and Residential Connections** for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans which proposals are due on **December 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.** CST.

This addendum provides for the following:

- Questions from Vendors
- Change of date for Bid Submission and Bid Opening

1. Questions from vendors

Answer: Please see attached document for questions and answers.

2. Change of date for Bid Submission and Bid Opening

Bid submission date is now **Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 11:00 am.** Bid will be publicly opened on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 1:00 pm.**

The changes, additions, and/or deletions included herein are hereby made part of the solicitation documents for 2024-SWB-83 Lead Line Replacement for Schools and Residential Connections, as fully and completely as if the same were set forth therein. The bidder shall be responsible for having knowledge of all addenda issued for this RFP.

*** END OF ADDENDUM ***

<p>QUESTION #1</p> <p>RESPONSE #1</p>	<p>Item TS1 – Water House Connection Inspection - Will this item be used as an exploratory item to location connections?</p> <p>TS1 is exploratory excavation to locate and identify existing public and private water service lines at school locations.</p>
<p>QUESTION #2</p> <p>RESPONSE #2</p>	<p>Will the Owner please confirm that Bidders are required to possess a Louisiana Contractor’s License with both <i>Highways, Street, and Bridges</i> and <i>Municipal and Public Works Construction</i> classifications?</p> <p>We require an active Louisiana Contractor’s License with classifications in Highways, Street, and Bridges and Municipal and Public Works Construction.</p>
<p>QUESTION #3</p> <p>RESPONSE #3</p>	<p>Will the Owner please confirm the available budget for this project?</p> <p>The project is funded by an \$86M Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) that SWBNO is expected to close on this month. This funding is expected to cover all facets of SWBNO’s Lead Line Replacement Program including this project.</p>
<p>QUESTION #4</p> <p>RESPONSE #4</p>	<p>Will the Owner please provide the anticipated NTP date for this project?</p> <p>The anticipated NTP is February 2025.</p>
<p>QUESTION #5</p> <p>RESPONSE #5</p>	<p>If a Contractor anticipates self-performing this contract’s entire scope of work, are Bidders still required to complete Good Faith Efforts even though sub scopes are not anticipated?</p> <p>A contractor cannot self-perform work and receive DBE participation credit. Please fill out all the required documents or your bid could be deemed unresponsive.</p>
<p>QUESTION #6</p> <p>RESPONSE #6</p>	<p>The current DBE section references DWRLF Goals across multiple categories (Supplies, Equipment, Services, Construction). Will the Owner please confirm which categories apply to this project?</p> <p>It is up to the potential bidder to determine which categories to use and how to comply with the 37% DBE requirement.</p>
<p>QUESTION #7</p>	<p>Will the Owner please confirm the DBE participation goal for this project?</p>

RESPONSE #7	The DBE percentage for this project is 37%.
QUESTION #8	The original question deadline is stated as November 21 st at 5 pm, but special provisions section 1.04 references request for interpretation shall be made in writing at least 7 days (not counting weekends and holidays) before the time fixed for opening of bids. With the bid date extended to December 9, 2024, 11:00 am CST, will the question deadline now be extended to November 27 th , 11 am CST (since 11/28 is a holiday)?
RESPONSE #8	No. the original deadline will remain at November 21st at 5pm.
QUESTION #9	Will the Owner please confirm the Davis Bacon wage scale that should be used for this project?
RESPONSE #9	This project will use the Davis Bacon Wage scale Heavy.
QUESTION #10	For P/P Bond & Notarial Fee calculation (section 20 of Instructions to Bidders), will the Owner please provide clarity to the anticipated contract value for this project? Will the contract value be based on the awardee's bid total or the Owner's available budget?
RESPONSE #10	Contract value will be determined by the awardee's bid total.
QUESTION #11	Will the Owner clarify how the bid items for repairing water mains with full circle or bell joint clamps are anticipated to be used? Is this for water main repairs? The current specification mentions water main replacement could be included in this item. Will the Owner confirm the maximum length of repair (LF) to be included for 'Each'? For example, 'Each' will include up to 10' of mainline replacement.
RESPONSE #11	Full circle and bell joint clamps do not imply the water main will be cut and replaced. There are no water point repair items included in the bid form, only CSW741-01, CSW741-02, and CSW741-03. The repair clamps are to be utilized as needed for items CSW741-09, CSW741-10, and CSW741-11.
QUESTION #12	Bid items CSW741-09, -10, & -11 reference lead service line water house connection replacement from main to meter. Bid item TS9 references service line water house connection replacement from meter to property line. It is our understand that Owner meters are

	<p>set at the property line; when would a service line replacement need to run from the meter to the property line?</p> <p>RESPONSE #12</p> <p>Not all meters are set at the property line.</p>
<p>QUESTION #13</p> <p>RESPONSE #13</p>	<p>Because replacement service material will be determined by the LF, but paid as ‘each’, will the Owner please define the maximum length ‘each’ lead service line connection replacement should include? For example, ‘up to 20 LF of service line per each replacement’.</p> <p>Please reference C714.07 (b) per DPW General Specifications for street paving. SWBNO Unit Maps can be referenced for approximate dimension from main to property line.</p>
<p>QUESTION #14</p> <p>RESPONSE #14</p>	<p>Will the Owner please provide additional technical specifications for bid item TS1, Water House Connection Inspection, including specific responsibilities for Owner & Contractor?</p> <p>Please refer to section 1.22 (paragraph G) for technical specifications and section 3.23 (paragraph C.1) for payment description. Inspection template will be provided at pre-construction meeting.</p>
<p>QUESTION #15</p> <p>RESPONSE #15</p>	<p>Will the Owner please define the type of concrete (along with depth) line item TS2 is intended to cover?</p> <p>Please refer to Section 3.23 (Paragraph C.2)</p>
<p>QUESTION #16</p> <p>RESPONSE #16</p>	<p>Will the Owner please define the type of asphalt (along with depth) line item TS3 is intended to cover?</p> <p>Please refer to Section 3.23 (Paragraph C.2)</p>
<p>QUESTION #17</p> <p>RESPONSE #17</p>	<p>Will the Owner please confirm pre & post service line replacement testing requirements before the service line can be put back into service?</p> <p>Service line replacements shall conform to S&WB standard notes 7260-W.</p>
<p>QUESTION #18</p>	<p>Will the Owner please confirm whether any subsurface reports, tests, or condition assessments exist for the proposed areas of excavation?</p>

RESPONSE #18	No reports, tests, or condition assessments are available to the owner.
QUESTION #19	This contract is set aside to address school (early childhood centers, public schools, & private schools) service lines. In many cases, schools are serviced by smaller mains that provide potable and fire supply. However, the largest service main size in this proposal's schedule of values is 2" (Item CSW741-11), and the largest quantity item is CSW741-09, 5/8" to 1" services (400 EA). Will the Owner please confirm that the majority of the schools listed by zone in the specification (marked as DWG. NO. ????-W, dated 10-23-24) are expected to have service mains 2" or less?
RESPONSE #19	Water service line piping above 2" in diameter are typically not made of lead material. Hence, lead replacement items only include pipes up to 2" diameter.
QUESTION #20	When replacing services to these schools, will the Owner confirm that there is a redundant potable water supply? Or will the Contractor be required to provide a temporary supply line prior to removing the lead service line? If connecting temporary service to these schools prior to replacing the lead service, will the temporary connection require a certified plumber?
RESPONSE #20	Temporary service is not included in the scope for this project. Contractor is responsible to coordinate with S&WB and property owner to minimize any service disruptions.
QUESTION #21	Will the Contractor be limited to any certain days or work hours to work around normal school operating days/times so as not to disrupt the school's potable supply?
RESPONSE #21	Yes, the contractor will be responsible to coordinate with S&WB and property owner at each site to minimize any service disruptions.
QUESTION #22	Will the Contractor be expected to start with zone 1 and work sequentially to zone 8?
RESPONSE #22	No. The contractor can determine the best sequence of zone construction.
QUESTION #23	Will lead testing need to be completed for all addresses within a zone before being able to move to the next zone?

RESPONSE #23	No lead testing is scoped for this contract.
QUESTION #24	The current specification references that the Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for Engineer’s additional extraordinary costs for onsite personnel overtime work resulting from the Contractor’s overtime operations. For this cost assumption, will the Owner please confirm what is considered overtime? With the Contractor anticipating working at least 10 hours per day or 50 hours per week, does the Owner anticipate their representative (or the Engineer’s) being onsite full time while the Contractor is working?
RESPONSE #24	Not applicable to this contract.
QUESTION #25	If the Contractor must reimburse the Owner for their (or Engineer’s) overtime, what is that overtime reimbursement rate (SC 14.02.D.4.a reads ‘\$21s0’.
RESPONSE #25	Not applicable to this contract.
QUESTION #26	Will the Owner please confirm the warranty period for this contract?
RESPONSE #26	Standard warranty period is 1 year. Beginning at final acceptance of contract.
QUESTION #27	Since this is a work order type contract, will the Owner please consider updating SC-14.10 to start the 45-day maintenance period beginning from the day after the site’s work has been accepted by the Owner’s representative?
RESPONSE #27	Standard warranty period is 1 year. Beginning at final acceptance of contract.
QUESTION #28	Will the Owner please confirm that lead service material must be removed and cannot be left in place (e.g. a new service is installed separate from the existing lead service)?
RESPONSE #28	Lead service material must be completely removed and cannot be abandoned in place.
QUESTION #29	Will the Owner please confirm the average depth of water mains & services in the zones listed for this contract?

RESPONSE #29	Standard water main depth is 3'6" from top of pipe to gutter for pipes 8" in diameter or smaller. Standard water main depth is 4'0" from top of pipe to gutter for pipes 12" in diameter or larger.
QUESTION #30	The current Supplemental Technical Specifications includes sections for waterline pipe bursting. Is that scope of work anticipated to be used in this contract?
RESPONSE #30	Waterline pipe bursting is not scoped for this contract.
QUESTION #31	The current specifications (Part III Special Items) include sections for catch basin and manhole repairs, CCTV, drain line/structure cleaning, but no line items. Will the Owner please confirm these scopes will not be used in this contract?
RESPONSE #31	Catch basin and manhole repairs, CCTV, and drain line/structure cleaning are not scoped for this contract.
QUESTION #32	Is the city or the contractor required for no parking?
RESPONSE #32	Contractor is responsible for notices such as no parking.
QUESTION #33	Who is responsible for obtaining right of entries?
RESPONSE #33	When right of entries are required, it is the contractor's responsibility to acquire right of entry.
QUESTION #34	Can roads be closed to local traffic only?
RESPONSE #34	Yes. Road closures must be coordinated in advance with the owner and DPW.
QUESTION #35	Are there any materials testing requirements?
RESPONSE #35	Owner will perform material testing in coordination with contractor.
QUESTION #36	Are there any special software requirements?
RESPONSE #36	Inspection template will be provided at pre-construction meeting.

QUESTION #37	Who is responsible for the scheduling services?
RESPONSE #37	The Contractor is responsible for scheduling services.
QUESTION #38	If hydro-vac exploration is needed and based on results, how will we be compensated? Finding lead vs galvanized vs copper?
RESPONSE #38	Hydro-excavation is not expected to be used in this contract. However, compensation for this excavation technique, if needed and agreed upon by SWBNO, will be compensated under an existing contract item and not a change order.
QUESTION #39	Is the contractor responsible for permits? If so, which permits need to be pulled?
RESPONSE #39	If necessary, the contractor is responsible for DOTD and Levee Board permit acquisition.
QUESTION #40	Does the contractor have to remove all the lead from the main to the meter or can it be abandoned in place?
RESPONSE #40	Existing lead material is to be removed at no direct pay. Lead service lines may not be abandoned in place. Any water connection from meter to watermain found to be lead must be removed and replaced under items CSW741-09, CSW741-10, and CSW741-11.
QUESTION #41	We are anticipating that there will be water meters located in grass/dirt, concrete, and asphalt. The processes/costs for "water house connection inspection" (line item TS1) vary greatly depending on the location of the water meter. Will the SWB consider breaking line item TS1 up into 3 separate items (1 item for water house connection inspection for water meters located in grass/dirt, 1 item for water house connection inspection for water meters located in concrete and 1 line item for water house connection inspection for water meters located in asphalt)? Otherwise, we will have to assume the water meters are all located in the most difficult surface areas to conduct the water house connection inspection.
RESPONSE #41	Green space removal is of no direct pay. All other surface removal and replacement are paid at contract unit price per bid items TS2-TS8
QUESTION #42	Your table of contents references 00 47 17 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program & 00 47 17.10 Economically Disadvantaged Business Participation Summary Sheet however these documents are

RESPONSE #42	<p>not included in the specifications. When will the Owner be releasing these documents?</p> <p>These documents were removed in place of the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program's DBE Guidance and Forms located on pages 140-153 of the bid documents. Please disregard the mentioning of 00 47 17 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program & 00 47 17.10 Economically Disadvantaged Business Participation Summary Sheet in the table of contents.</p>
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