QUESTIONS & RESPONSES #03

PROCUREMENT NUMBER: 092026-1058
RFP/RFQ TITLE: Wooden Light Pole Replacement Program
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#	Question	Answer	Question #
1	After reviewing the documents I have noticed there is a discrepancy between the question and bid submittal due date on the website and in the Port of Tacoma Project Manual. On the website it lists questions are due 10/20 at 2:00 p.m. and the bid is due 10/27 at 2:00 p.m., however in the Project Manual it lists the questions are due on 11/05/2026 and the bid is due on 11/12 at 2:00 p.m.. Can you please clarify what dates are the correct dates?	Website updated. Questions are due on 11/05/2026 and the bid is due on 11/12 at 2:00 p.m..	Q-004193
2	Do you have a Bill of Material or OFM/CFM material list?	No. As indicated in the Contract Documents, all items are Contractor Furnished and Contractor Installed except: 1. Existing items indicated to be relocated to new poles. 2. Luminaires on Pole 156 are Owner Furnished Contractor Installed.	Email
3	Is there expected to be a burden on the Contractor for lighting materials or cable etc?	Per the Contract Documents, the Contractor is not furnishing any luminaires. Contractor shall relocate existing luminaires, support structures, and luminaire SO cords onto new poles or install owner furnished luminaires (Pole 156) and support structures as indicated in contract documents. Contractor to furnish and install all new electrical hardware and materials from point of intercept to lighting systems.	Email
4	I dont see clarity on whats Contractor furnished nor do I see much in the Submittal requirements for material submittals.	See response to Question 2. Submittals for all products are required as indicated in the technical specifications.	Email
5	Who came up with the Engineers Estimate ?	The Engineers of Record.	Email
6	Which Bid Items (1-60) drive Determining the Engineers Estimate the most or is it a risk driven decision that drove EE to $6-7mil ?	Bidders shall develop their own cost estimates based on the Contract Documents.	Email
7	Is there an OFM material list or CFM material List? If not does the owner/engineer anticipate any electrical material Submittals for this project?	See response to Questions 2 and 4.	Email
8	What drives the Engineers Estimate and is there any material factored into the Engineers Estimate?	See response to Question 6. Yes there are materials factored into the estimate, see response to Question 2.	Q-004291
9	Do you have a Bill of Material or OFM/CFM material list? Is there expected to be a burden on the Contractor for lighting materials or cable etc? I dont see clarity on whats Contractor furnished nor do I see much in the Submittal requirements for material submittals.	See responses to Questions 2, 4 and 6.	Q-004290
10	Do you have a Bill of Material or OFM/CFM material list? Is there expected to be a burden on the Contractor for lighting materials or cable etc? I dont see clarity on whats Contractor furnished nor do I see much in the Submittal requirements for material submittals.	See responses to Questions 2, 4 and 6.	Q-004290
11	Is Railroad endorsement required for insurance on this project for any work within a certain proximity of railroad tracks is required (including spur tracks)?	Yes. Insurance requirements should be evidenced via a certificate of insurance that meet the insurance requirements listed in the Section 00 73 16 - Insurance requirements.	Q-004305
12	Is USL & H coverage required for this project?	**See Addendum 3.**	Q-004305
13	If possible, please add details for specific poles needing temp coverage for existing equip to be maintained in operation during the pole swap (ie cameras or lights that need to keep running with no outage).	Refer to Sheet E0.003 for anticipated downstream poles requiring temporary power and/or communicaitons.	Q-004305
14	Is the 20'x100' work area as shown generally for each pole able to be expanded? Many of the larger poles will require larger equipment to set them, and an expanded work area.	See **Addendum 3**, Work Area dimensions removed from C3.01.	Q-004305
15	If adjacent fence must be moved or removed for particular poles, is the intent for the fence to be replaced in kind?	Yes, intent is to restore each pole and area to the preconstruction condition	Q-004305
16	Scope & Drawings a. Can the bid due date be extended? We would like 10 business days (2 weeks) after the questions are answered.	a. Bid date will modified, see Addendums	Email
17	b. Please confirm the total number of poles to be replaced. The bid form and parcel tallies show 48 locations while the project is described as 46 poles. Please confirm which locations are in the count (Pole 17 is demolition only; Poles 150 and 152 appear to be raker poles). (E0.003, S1.01, 00 41 00)	b.The table on Sheet E0.003 has 48 rows. Pole 150 and 152 are raker poles and 150 and 152 is re-used. Pole 17 is demolished and not replaced. The total number of poles replaced with new timber poles is 46.	Email
18	c. Poles 151 and 152 share one E7 sheet and Poles 149 and 150 share another. Are 151 and 152 two separate installs, and are 149 and 150 two separate installs? (E7 p. 96, S1-01)	c. 149, 151 and 152 (raker) are individual poles that account for 3 poles within the 46 replaced poles. (150 and 152 are raker poles, 150 is reconnected)	Email
19	d. Pole 17 is not in the 13-pole Terminal 7 count. Please confirm it is demolition only, with no new pole, and which bid form line carries it. (E7 p. 63, E2.007)	d. Pole 17 is being demolished and not replaced. Bidders should assume the cost associated with removal of the pole are included in Bid Item #52.	Email
20	e. Please confirm Pole 34 is in Terminal 7 and not NIM for bid form purposes. (E2.006, E2.007)	e. Confirmed. Pole 34 is considered to be a part of Terminal 7 work.	Email
21	f. Pole 132 is not on the pole list, but its comm cabinet receives the overhead fiber from Pole 131. Please confirm there is no work at Pole 132.	f. Pole 132 is not being replaced. Since the Pole 131 is being replaced closer to Pole 132, it is not anticipated that any work is required on Pole 131 as the fiber optic cable between poles would be long enough.	Email
22	g. Where the S1-01 pole schedule conflicts with the parcel tallies, E2 sheets or E7 sheets, which document governs?	g. Structural drawings only listed poles being replaced and did not list poles 17(demolished), and 150(reused)	Email

23	Geotechnical -Is the 2023 preliminary GeoEngineers memo final? If a final geotechnical report or borings at pole locations exist, please provide them. (00 72 00 8.01(D))	The preliminary memo is the latest available information	Email
24	Environmental a. Which poles are inside the Appendix C TOTE contamination plumes, and is soil and groundwater data available near each pole? (Appendix C, 01 35 43.19)	a. See section 01 14 00 1.04 for the latest document related to contamination plumes. For any other information related to the site, go to Ecology's website. https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/7619#site-documents	Email
25	b. What is the Port's turnaround time on field testing and profiling of soil and water, and does work stop, or is time extended, while we wait for results? (01 35 43.19, 31 23 19)	b. For time regarding soil testing, see 01 35 43.19, 3.02.B. For turnaround time on field testing and profiling of water, see 31 23 19 and A**ddendum 3.** Work does not need to stop, and time is not extended. Contractor shall stockpile/store material and plan for testing requirements.	Email
26	c. Is there an estimated export soil quantity by parcel, and how will regulated (Type A) soil be paid if found: bid line, unit price or allowance?	c. Contractor to determine how much soil is removed at each location to complete the work. Soil disposal is the responsibility of the Contractor if it is clean, regulated soil disposal will be negotiated through change order with the contractor. Soil is assumed to be clean unless testing shows otherwise.	Email
27	d. Dewatering: may we discharge construction water to the Port storm system or infiltrate on site? Please identify any approvals, capacity limits and testing frequency. Who tests the water and who pays for treatment? (31 23 19)	d. Yes, please read specification 31 23 19 1.01 and comply with the requirements and applicable laws. Port provides the testing at each location and discharge requirements will be determined at that time. Testing frequency is as needed. If water requires treatment or off site disposal, this would be negotiated by force account.	Email
28	e. Must every worker at contaminated parcels hold HAZWOPER training, or only those handling soil and water?	e. For workers who may handle contaminated material, HAZWOPER is required under WAC 296-843-100.	Email
29	f. Is contractor pollution liability coverage required for incidental contaminated soil, and at what limits? (00 73 16)	f. No. The scope of work does not include handling and disposal of contaminated materials.	Email
30	g. Besides the abandoned foundation noted at Pole 131, are other abandoned foundations or unmarked utilities known?	g. No. Contractor shall provide utility locates prior to ground disturbing activities	Email
31	h. Has any existing fixture, ballast, conduit or paint been tested for lead, asbestos or PCBs? Please provide any reports.	h. No testing has been completed for lead, asbestos or PCBs under this design contract.	Email
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33	Wildlife -Nests are shown at Poles 102 (eagle), 29 and 41, and the specs have no nest language. Who clears or relocates nests, what permits apply, is there a seasonal work window, and is delay compensable?	Port is in the process of relocating nests and Bidder shall assume no impact to work and schedule.	Email
34	Demolition a. Is there a required disposal facility for creosote poles, collars and CMP sleeves?	a. Contractor shall identify a legal disposal facility.	Email
35	b. May the Engineer designate salvage, and is disposal paid on a separate bid line?	b. Items noted for salvage/reuse are indicated on the Plans. All other material becomes the property of the Contractor. Disposal is paid under the demolition line item for each parcel.	Email
36	Electrical a. 00 11 13 and the E7 sheets call for removing and reusing the existing LED fixtures, while 01 10 00 and 26 56 00 also refer to Port-provided (Engineer furnished, Contractor installed) LED fixtures. Please identify which poles receive new Port-furnished fixtures and the quantities, where and when they will be delivered, and who handles unloading and storage.	a. Both. Specification section 26 56 00 shows a sampling of existing luminaires, bird spikes, SO cords, mounting hardware located on the existing poles. Not all poles are shown in the specification. E7.XXX series of drawings indicates whether luminaires are existing relocated contractor installed or owner furnished contractor installed. 01 10 00 language is updated, see Addendum 2. Pole 156 receives new Port-furnished fixtures. See E8.156 and E7.156 for quantities. Contractor may receive and have luminaires loaded onto Contractor transportation from a storage facility within or adjacent to (within 1-mile) Terminal 7. Alternatively, Luminaires can be delivered and offloaded to a Contractor storage location.	Email
37	b. Drawing E0-002, Terminal 7: Pole 13 is not labeled but is identified on sheets S1-01 and E0.003. Please	b. See updated sheet E0.002 and Addendum 3.	Email
38	c. Drawing E0-002 Parcel 17 (EB1) and drawing E0-003 identify Pole 150, but it is not shown on S1-01. Please	c. See response to Question 16g.	Email
39	d. Drawing E0-004, General Note 20: is the intent to mount equipment on an H-frame off the pole, or can the pole support the uni-strut with the equipment mounted to the uni-strut?	d. The intent for Note 20 is to mount equipment to the poles using uni-strut, unless noted otherwise on the Contract Documents.	Email
40	e. Will conduit be required to be on uni-strut stand-off brackets, on uni-strut mounted to the pole, or mounted directly to the pole?	e. Contractor to determine method to securely mount conduit to wood pole.	Email
41	f. The 2 new handholes on drawing E7-013 at light pole 13: is there a size and rating they need to be?	f. See Sheet E2.007 for handhole size. See Specification Section 26 05 45 for handhole ratings.	Email
42	g. The 2 new handholes at light pole 16 (please confirm the sheet): is there a size and rating they need to be?	g. See Sheet E2.007 for handhole size. See Specification Section 26 05 45 for handhole ratings.	Email
43	h. Which poles have owner-furnished luminaires (Pole 156 is noted), and where will they be delivered? Is the Contractor to install only?	h. See respone to Question 2. They will be delivered to the Parcel when the Contractor is ready to receive them. Contractor is to install only.	Email
44	i. Who provides the temporary light stand where a night shift is dark at Poles 116, 124 and 128?	i. Contractor to provide light stand	Email
45	j. Handhole sizes are not shown on every E7 sheet (Pole 16 power handhole has no size). Are the sizes on E2.002 (2x3x3 ft) and E2.007 (3.5x3.5x3.5 ft) the standard to use?	j. See site plans (E2.XXX series) for required provided handhole sizes. Sheet E2.007 Pole 16 has Sheet Note 2 that indicates handhole size.	Email
46	k. Where a circuit is de-energized while poles are replaced, may the Contractor feed the affected lights with a temporary generator? Please note any preferred connection points or restrictions, especially at TOTE and the rail areas.	k. Yes, see Sheet E0.003 Pole Specific Note 1. No preferred conection points, can be discussed in a project meeting.	Email
47	l. Which lights, cameras or circuits must stay energized or be temporarily connected during construction?	l. See Construction Requirements Matrix on Sheet E0.003.	Email
48	Rail & Access a. Which poles are on Greenbrier property? Please confirm the Tacoma Rail entry agreement process, lead time and who pays for flagging at Poles 34, 35, 89, 92, 144 and 149-153. (01 14 00, Attachment 2)	a. See **Amendment 3** - Pole 92 is assumed to be accessed through and from the Greenbrier Property. Pole 92 is on NWSA property. Tacoma Rail controls the Tacoma Rail entry agreement process - this can be several weeks. Rail flagging at rail impacted poles shall be provided and paid for by the Engineer, see 01 14 00 1.03.A.2.a	Email
49	b. Please provide the allowed work hours and outage windows by parcel, including any restrictions at TOTE (network down Sunday 0600 to Monday 0600 only; cameras 7 days maximum). (E0.003, 01 14 00)	b. See work restrictions 01 14 00 and E0.003.	Email
50	c. Who prepares the NIM traffic control plans? C8.03 shows examples only. Is the 60-day bid quantity fixed, and are there other parcels requiring traffic control?	c. See Note 1, Drawing C8.03. The 60-day bid quantity is an estimate for bidding purposes. Traffic control plans are not required for other parcels.	Email
51	d. TWIC: what is the expected processing time, may supervisors start applications before award, and what escort training is required at TOTE, NIM and Terminal 7? (01 14 00)	d. Refer to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for estimated TWIC processing time. Contractor to determine when to start applications. Escort training, may or may not be allowed per facility - see 01 14 00 1.02.B	Email

52	Contract -The Greenbrier agreement requires $5M CGL with the railroad exclusion removed, while 00 73 16 states $2M occurrence. Which governs, and does the railroad protective policy apply on all parcels?	The Greenbrier contract is a separate agreement that applies to Pole 92 while on that property.	Email
53	Schedule a. Does the 14-day per-pole duration include foundation cure and inspection? May we work poles in different parcels at the same time, and are the 500-day and 45-day durations firm? (00 52 00, E0.003, 01 10 00)	a. The 14-day per-pole duration does not include foundation cure and inspection. Replacement includes restoration to the pre-construction condition such that facility operations are not impacted. Contractor working in multiple parcels at the same time is allowed and encouraged. The durations are firm for bidding purposes.	Email
54	b. How many poles may be down at one time? We are planning a sequence of 3 poles at a time while waiting on new fixtures. Please confirm that works, or give the limit.	See E0.003 general notes for pole down time. One pole may be out of service at a parcel, but multiple parcels may worked on concurrently. Existing LED fixtures are to be reusued.	Email