

**Addendum No. 2 to IFB 22-25**



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Department of Procurement and Contracting Services**  
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**To:** Bidders of IFB 22-25 2021 Street Resurfacing Project- Pearl Street and Select Locations

**From:** Andrea Caruth, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer

**Date:** January 24, 2022

**Re:** Responses to request for information

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This addendum documents responses to all requests for information (RFIs) submitted by prospective applicants to this IFB.

**\*\*This addendum updates the specifications. Failure to acknowledge this addendum may result in bid disqualification.\*\***

**NAME OF COMPANY / INDIVIDUAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:**\_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE/FAX/EMAIL:**\_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL:**\_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:**

**Addendum #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_ #4 \_\_\_\_\_**

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#	Question	Answer
1	Who would own the field layout and planning?	City will hire provide field layout services for this project. Successful contractor shall plan and schedule their work, and determine what locations require field layout. Provide the City this material with ample time to conduct field layout.
2	Why does Item 431.1 have an estimated quantity of only 1 cubic yard? In previous contracts it was used to back up granite curb installation. It's been used for curbing in the previous contracts.	<p>Item 431.1 High Early Strength Cement Concrete Base Course is to be used at the City's direction in oblique shaped HMA areas or areas less than 4' areas which are difficult to compact the HMA pavement.</p> <p>Concrete used to backup granite curbing is included in the respective granite curb item and not compensated under this item</p>
3	The HMA has changed from Superpave to 460. Why the change?	<p>MassDOT Specifications for Highways and Bridges, 2021 Edition, provides a local streets HMA specification section 460, distinct from the highway HMA specification section 450. Section 460 is more appropriate for the local street paving conducted in Somerville.</p> <p>Both sections are based on the Superpave material. Primarily the quality control requirements are less stringent for section 460.</p>
4	in past years the design plans and spec didn't agree on material and drain pip. The plans had iron and the plans had PVC or concrete.	This year the specs and plans were prepared by the same engineer. Materials are coordinated.
5	With items 999.2, 999.3 and 999.400: these are supposed to be plug items, like the Allowance for Traffic Police, that the City pre-prices, as in previous years. I don't think the bid can proceed without these numbers from the City.	<p>Allowance unit prices provided (from 2020):</p> <p>999.200: \$5,000.00</p> <p>999.400: \$100,000.00</p> <p>999.600: \$5,000.00</p>
6	Compared to the quantity of the last contract and after a review of the plans, it would seem that 4,500 square feet of Item	Due to the wider sidewalks on last year's contract, Holland & College, we required less Porous Paving. We anticipate a much larger quantity this year due to

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	999.1 is exceedingly high. Is this quantity correct?	narrower sidewalks, and more street trees requiring porous paving.
7	Also, Item 351.12, 12" and Under Gate and Gate Box Removed and Reset, makes no sense. How do you remove and reset a Gate?	The intention of the item is only to reset the Gate Box. Existing Gate (valve) shall remain in place.  Item shall be changed to read "Item 351.12 Gate Box removed and Reset".
8	The Base Price for Liquid Asphalt is in the Specifications at \$562.50. This is an outdated number, the current number is \$625.00.	Correct, the current MassDOT base price for Liquid Asphalt is \$625/ton.  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdot-current-contract-price-adjustments">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdot-current-contract-price-adjustments</a>
9	In the previous contract, the City's drainage plans showed the use of ductile iron pipe, but there was no item for it in the contract. My question was, if they want to use ductile iron pipe, should they add a corresponding item?	There is no ductile iron pipe in this contract.
10	The item High Early Cement Concrete has a quantity of 1 CY. Why is this as it has been used of 1 CY. Why is this as it is as used for curb installation?	Item 431.1 High Early Strength Cement Concrete Base Course is to be used at the City's direction in oblique shaped HMA areas or areas less than 4' areas which are difficult to compact the HMA pavement.  Concrete used to backup granite curbing is included in the respective granite curb item and not compensated under this item