

Addendum No. 1 to Rebid IFB 21-75



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To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding, Rebid IFB 21-75,
Management of Catch Basin and Sewer Grit Materials

From: Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst

Date: September 15, 2021

Re: Responses to Questions Received

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Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing below and including this form in your proposal package. Failure to do so may subject the proposer to disqualification.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA:

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Questions from Prospective Bidders

1. How flexible is the start date of 10/1/2021?

Response: The City will be reasonably flexible in postponing the start date to accommodate the contractor's initial setup. The City would expect daily progress updates and reserves the right to terminate contract if services are not provided in reasonable timeframe.

2. Page 11 of 54 (Section 2.0 /Part 1 / Material Handling and Disposal Requirements), "At a minimum, the Contractor shall furnish portable-type containers rated at a minimum of 25 cubic yard (CY) capacity for temporary staging and subsequent hauling of grit material to the location of final reuse/disposal.": Is there room on temporary staging yard to put more than one roll-off Dumpster? (for instance 2 dumpsters for CB and 2 dumpsters for Sewer grit)

Response: Currently, there is only space for 1 CB and 1 Sewer grit dumpster in the temporary staging yard. Conditions could change to allow for more.

3. Page 11 of 54 (Section 2.0 /Part 1 / Grit Analysis), "The catch basin material is not expected to represent a hazardous waste based on prior analytical testing of similar material under 310 CMR 30.000."

a) What if debris sample comes back as hazards, who would be responsible for getting rid of it? We are not aware of any disposal facility in the area that accept hazardous waste(Per our knowledge one of the ways would be to ship debris to state Michigan via train)

b) Would retesting of the soil be paid under "part 1A sampling" billing item? (if number of testing exceed estimated quantity) From our expedience, if we see any anomaly in results we would retest the soil and often second test would come back good. (Connected to question 8)

Response 3.a): Can you please elaborate on what hazardous waste you are anticipating?

Response 3.b): Estimated quantity has been sufficient in the past.

4. Page 12 of 54 (Section 2.0 /Part 1 / Sewer Grit Handling and Disposal Requirements), "Plastic container liners and cover systems shall be supplied by the Contractor and included as part of the bid price.": Can water tight containers be used instead of using container liners?

Response: Yes

5. Page 12 of 54 (Section 2.0 /Part 1 / Sewer Grit Handling and Disposal Requirements), "Containers shall be secured and covered at the end of each working day to minimize nuisance dust or odor conditions. The Contractor shall also secure the facility at the end of each working day."

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a) It is not clear, who is responsible for this task? Usually PW department employees, or whoever is unloading debris, would do this task, not disposal contractor.

b) In addition who is responsible for replacing possible damaged covers? From our experience, properly covering and uncovering dumpsters takes a lot of time, and often there would be negligence while unloading dirt which would damage those covers or covers would just be sucked into dumpster and lost.

Response 6.a): The City employees are responsible to keep container covered. However, the contractor must be sure that the container is covered when dropped.

Response 6.b): Contractor will be responsible for damaged covers. In our experience we have had no issues with this. We have had defective covers supplied which have failed.

- 6. Page 13 of 54 (Section 2.0 /Part 1 / Sewer Grit Analysis), “Analytical testing of sewer grit shall be required to fulfill facility acceptance criteria at the selected permitted disposal facility, and shall include a determination of whether the material represents a hazardous waste. The Proposal shall include two separate proposed facilities and line item costs on a per ton basis for both Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste disposal scenarios.”:**
Statement from question 3 applies here as well. Here, it is clear that you want disposal contractor to be responsible for disposing possible Hazardous waste.

At the moment we are not able to provide that service, so my question is would you accept proposal for non-hazardous waste only?

Response: Yes

- 7. Page 45 of 54 (Section 4.0/Pricing), “Catch basin grit and sewer grit are mixed. This product is on average approximately 90% catch basin grit and 10% sewer grit.”:**
Even though there is part 1 and part 2 (with separate testing, pricing, quantities, etc.) this statement doesn't make it clear if all debris will be mixed, or if Part 1 and Part 2 debris will be mixed (not disposed/ stored in separate containers)?

We would use different disposal facility for CB & drain lines debris only, and different facility for sewer and combo lines.

Response: Separate containers for the two products. If clarification is needed, please ask.