

Addendum No. 1 to IFB 21-67



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Purchasing
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To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding IFB 21-67
Title: Catchbasin Cleaning for the City

From: Prajкта Waditwar, Construction Procurement Manager

Date: 4/14/2021

Re: Answers to some questions
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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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Question 1: Do you have an idea of the size of the catch basins?

Answer: As in any community with old infrastructure, the sizes of our catch basins vary depending on the design standards during the year of installation and local conditions. The catch basins installed most recently around Assembly Square have an 8-foot deep sump. Part of the work included in this contract is to collect measurements at each catch basin using a GIS software and a tablet or smart phone.

Question 2: Can you tell when the last time they were cleaned so we know approximately how much material will be trucked away?

Answer: Catch basins throughout the City are cleaned, as needed, at various time throughout the year. At this time, we cannot easily identify when certain catch basins were cleaned.

Question 3: You are asking for 2 applications (vacuum truck and clam shell/orange peel truck)...these are two completely different ways to clean the basins. A vacuum truck is cleaner and more precise whereas a clam shell truck is not going to get the basin fully cleaned. As per your spec in Part 3 - Methods of cleaning number 4 "Level depth of material remaining may not exceed 2.0'" A clamshell truck will normally leave about 6" to 1' of debris on the bottom. With these two different means of cleaning one bid can be at an advantage over another.

Answer: The City has reconsidered the cleaning method to be used for this contract. Part 3: Technical Specifications, Scope of the Work, Paragraph 1, Line 6, shall be changed as follows: "Catch basins are to be cleaned on an individual basis by means of either a truck mounted vacuum excavator *or a truck mounted "orange peel" type bucket. The bidder shall state in his proposal the method he will employ.*"