



INVITATION FOR BIDS METER EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED (#3):

1. Does the City want us to propose both 5/8" x 3/4" meters with a 7 1/2" lay length AND a 3/4" meter with a 9" lay length, OR are we supposed to propose a 3/4" meter in both a 7 1/2" lay length and 9" lay length?

Answer: Although the City currently has 5/8" x 3/4" meters, we anticipate replacing these meters with 3/4" short meters.

As noted in Answers to Questions Submitted (#1), Question 3:

"The correct lay length for our 3/4" meters is 9". Of the total meters less than 1", the breakdown is as follows:

- (1) *approximately 6,000 3/4" meters 9"*
- (2) *approximately 27,630 3/4" short 7.5"*

2. There are no quantities stated on the Bid Worksheet for each of the line items we are bidding on. Could the City revise this Bid Worksheet so that it contains specific quantities so that the bids from different vendors can be compared equally against each other?

Answer: Because the City may award multiple contracts pursuant to "Bid Awards", Page 5 of the Invitation for Bid* (IFB), the City is seeking the *best cost per meter / component, overall*. The various vendors that will submit a bid are providing cost information under this premise and, therefore, the bid information can be evaluated and compared equally.

That said, in Attachment 1 ("BID WORKSHEET"), Page Two, approximate meter quantities are identified as follows:

Water Meters 3/4"short to 2 " PD	
<i>Size</i>	<i>Number of meters</i>
3/4" short	33,630
1"	3,330
1.5"	530
2"	558

The Bid also indicates the City will consider replacing 10% of total meters with solid state meters.

Thus, please provide your best price, notwithstanding quantity, for each meter size and component based on total numbers, as follows:



ITEM 1 of Technical Specifications: REGISTERS

Undetermined quantity.

ITEM 2 of Technical Specifications: METERS (Positive Displacement)

For Item 2, Line 1, pursuant to Answers to Questions Submitted (#2), Question 2, this can be replaced with 3/4" short (approximately 27,630).

For Item 2, Line 2, the quantity is approximately 6,000 (3/4" regular), as noted in the IFB.

For Item 2, Line 3, the quantity is approximately 3,330, as noted in the IFB.

For Item 2, Line 4, the quantity is up to approximately 530, as noted in the IFB.

For Item 2, Line 5, the quantity is up to approximately 558, as noted in the IFB.

ITEM 3 of Technical Specifications: METERS (Turbine Meters)

For Item 3, Line 1, the quantity is approximately 53, 10% of quantity noted in the IFB.

For Item 3, Line 2, the quantity is approximately 56, 10% of quantity noted in the IFB.

ITEM 4 of Technical Specifications: METERS (Solid State)

For Item 4, Line 1, the quantity is approximately 3,363, 10% of quantity noted in the IFB.

For Item 4, Line 2, the quantity is approximately 333, 10% of quantity noted in the IFB.

For Item 4, Line 3, the quantity is approximately 53, 10% of quantity noted in the IFB.

For Item 4, Line 4, the quantity is approximately 56, 10% of quantity noted in the IFB.

***"Bid Awards", Page 5 of the Invitation for Bid:**

"The City reserves the right to make separate awards for any item or category/group of items to the lowest responsible bidders for such items or category/groups of items.

The City reserves the right to (1) award in whole or in part; (2) reject any or all bids; (3) issue subsequent Invitations for Bids; (4) approve or disapprove the use of a particular subcontractor; (5) waive any informality or irregularity in the bidding process and any bids; and (6) accept a bidder's signed offer and issue a purchase order directly to the bidder based on the IFB.

The City further reserves the right to make multiple awards in order to provide alternate sources to ensure continuity of supply if meeting the City's requirements within an acceptable time period exceeds the capacity or capability of the primary vendor/supplier."



3. For Bid Worksheet Item 4 (Solid State Meters) should an additional line be entered for the 5/8" x 3/4" meter size so that it matches the items requested in Item 2 (PD Meters)?

Answer: No; as noted in Answers to Questions Submitted (#2):

"2. Can we cross out the 5/8 x 3/4" and put 3/4" short on the bid sheet?"

Answer: Yes."

Please provide your best price for meters sizes $\frac{3}{4}$ short through 2".

4. For Bid Worksheet Item 4 (Solid State Meters) should we simply take 10% of the quantities that were provided to us and enter those in the quantity fields?

Answer: Yes, as noted above. The City may make multiple awards, and is seeking the best cost *per meter / component*, notwithstanding the quantity. References to numbers and/or ratios (*i.e.*, 10%) are estimations and provided for general information only as to potential estimated quantity.

5. For Bid Worksheet Item 1 (Registers) should we enter a quantity of 1?

Answer: Yes, as noted above. The City may make multiple awards, and is seeking the best cost *per meter / component*, notwithstanding the quantity; the price entered would be for one (1) register.

6. For Bid Worksheet Item 3 (Turbine Meters) should we enter a quantity of 1?

Answer: No; please see response to #2, above. The City may make multiple awards, and is seeking the best cost *per meter / component*, notwithstanding the quantity. References to numbers and/or ratios (*i.e.*, 10%) are estimations and provided for general information only as to potential estimated quantity.

7. Can you please confirm that our bid unit prices should NOT include any applicable Sales Tax and that we should simply invoice applicable sales tax as a separate line item on our invoice as identified on pdf page 18, Section 7 "Taxes"?

Answer: Pursuant to "7. Taxes" (page 12), sales tax must be shown on the invoice as a separate line item. The bid price *per meter / component* should not include applicable sales tax.