

Pre-Bid Conference Questions and Responses

DATE & TIME: November 10, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

CLIENT: City of Joliet

LOCATION: East Side Wastewater Treatment Plant, 815 Adler Street

PROJECTS: 2023 Water Main Improvements: Black Road Acres Phase 1 Water Main Improvements, Collins Street Water Main Improvements, Highland Phase 1 Water Main Improvements, Kerwin Terrace Water Main Improvements, Plainfield Road (Black to Center) Water Main Improvements

1. Highland Force Main

- a. Question: Is PVC an acceptable pipe material for the force main work? The City previously had a strict requirement for HDPE.
 - i. Response: The City has approved both PVC and HDPE for this project.

2. DI Fittings

- a. Question: Is the City providing ductile iron fittings in addition to the water main?
 - i. Response: The City is only providing ductile iron water main and hydrant leaders. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to procure ductile iron fittings for all projects.

3. GPS Data Collection Requirement

- a. Question: Will the Contractor be required to take between 1-5 minutes to take points on all utilities found during construction?
 - i. Response: The Contractor must take points on City utilities – any water main, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water services, or sanitary services that are installed or sanitary services that are discovered. A detailed description is provided in the project manual.
- b. Question: Why is the data collection responsibility placed on the Contractor instead of the Engineer or City staff?
 - i. Response: This would require having an RE on each project full-time. This is infeasible with multiple simultaneous projects. The City will also have this requirement for all future private development projects and will not be able to hire full-time staff to collect data on each project.
- c. Question: What rate will B&W charge for additional technical support?
 - i. Response: Any support beyond 4 hours per month per project will be billed at a rate of \$150 per hour.
- d. Question: Can Contractors rent equipment from providers other than Baxter & Woodman?

