

# **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?



i. Response: Yes. If the Contractor does not want to use the equipment provided by the City or wants to use multiple devices on a project, they can purchase their own equipment or rent from B&W or any competitor, provided the equipment meets the data collection requirements.

## 4. Bidding Requirements

- a. Question: Is a normal check acceptable for the deposit in place of a cashier's check?
  - i. Response: A cashier's check will be required due to IEPA funding requirements.

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