

CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Request for Bid

DUCTILE IRON PIPE

Bid Opening: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. local time
1600 Battle Creek Road, Morrow, Georgia 30260

ADDENDUM # 1

Dated: July 9, 2014

Acknowledgment of receipt of this addendum **MUST BE SIGNED AND INCLUDED IN YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFB.**

QUESTIONS:

1) Pertaining to Division 4 Section 1.7 F and G of the specifications, the Water Authority requires the manufacturer to make up to and including 60" diameter pipe and that all other requirements of the specifications be available in those sizes.

- For more than seven years, McWane Ductile has been making 3" - 36" diameter pipe including a MFRJ boltless restraining system (4" – 36"). Q: Will the Authority accept this variance to its specifications and allow our bid to be complete for sizes we can provide?

Response:

In regards to Division 4, Section 1.7 F and G: CCWA will hold the specifications as stated for now. However, we are very interested in seeing your prices by comparison.

2) Division 4, Section 1.7 E states: "the entire barrel of the pipe except for the first two feet from the face of the bell shall not vary more than the minimum and maximum tolerances for factory spigot ends..."

- McWane's standard of production is for all sizes 12" and down to meet this "fully gauged" requirement; however, for pipe sizes 14" and larger, we do not typically provide all pipe as gauged. Typical industry practice is to provide a minimum of 10% of each shipment as fully gauged and we mark these pipe so that the user will know which to use for field cutting. Q: Will the Water Authority accept this variance to its specification and consider our bid complete?

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Response:

In regards to Division 4, Section 1.7 Specifications - they will also remain as stated. CCWA is always concerned about the quality of pipe put in to our distribution system. We are also concerned that any variance in this specification may limit our ability to respond to emergencies.

- 3) Div. 4 Sec 1.7 H requires embedded stainless steel gaskets (or locking gaskets) for all pipe sizes thru 36".
- McWane offers these gaskets, our Sure Stop 350, in sizes 3 - 24". For cost and installation concerns, it is typically more economical and just as efficient to utilize MFRJ pipe for 30" and 36" sizes. Q: Will the Authority accept this variance to its specifications and would it please clarify the "device for field use" required by this section?

Response:

In response to Division 4, Section 1.7 Specifications of embedded stainless steel of field locking gaskets. This is a tested and true method that we have been using for many years with great success. "Device for field use" is simply the locking mechanism for use in field applications. This specification will remain in place for now.

- 4) Div. 4 Sec. 1.7 L states that all manufacturing processes be performed in a single facility with all units contiguous to one another.
- McWane has three ductile iron pipe foundries in different locations around the country. While we expect all pipe for Clayton County to come from our plant in Ohio (Clow Water Systems), we may have need to utilize pipe from either our Utah or New Jersey facilities in an emergency situation. Aside from "specialty" linings that may be required, all pipe would be cast, finished and inspected under the same QA/QC protocol at each facility similar to our competitors for varying sizes. Q:

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Would ALL McWane facilities be accepted as a single source/facility under this requirement.

Response:

In response to Division 4, Section 1.7 L Specifications on manufacturing processes. All McWane foundries can be recognized as a single source facility, if they are domestically specified. In conclusion, all specifications will be reviewed on a yearly basis or as the need arises. CCWA continues to maintain the goal of providing Quality Water and Quality Service and we are always looking for ways to improve.

SIGNATURE

COMPANY NAME

DATE