

Finance & Accountability Purchasing Division

ADDENDUM NO. I

DATE: May 11, 2022

TO: All Potential Proposers

FROM: James McKeehan, Assistant Purchasing Agent, City of Knoxville

SUBJECT: Addendum No. I to RFP - Electric Vehicle Charging Installation

PROPOSALS TO BE OPENED: May 25, 2022 at 11:00am Eastern Time

This addendum is being published to provide clarification regarding the above referenced ITB. This addendum becomes a part of the contract documents and modifies the original specifications as follows:

<u>Please Note: The deadline for proposals has been extended until May 25, 2022 at 11:00am Eastern Time.</u>

Item 1: The current RFP requires ten angled parking spaces with DC fast charging (DCFC) spaces. Could the contractor be allowed to increase these parking spaces by two if the charging equipment is of sufficient size to accommodate the increase of spaces?

<u>Response</u>: Yes, provided the proposer would like to propose more stalls and has adequate space for stalls and charging equipment.

Item 2: What is the occupancy fee or compensation anticipated by the city?

Response: There is no minimum fee anticipated.

Item 3: Would the City consider a three-week extension (after the City's distribution of the answers to the submitted vendor questions) of the proposal due date to allow the Contractor sufficient time to incorporate clarifications required by the City's responses to questions?

Response: The City will extend the submission deadline to May 25

Item 4: Would the City provide performance and cost information for the identified nine charging ports located through the city?

<u>Response</u>: The City's Office of Sustainability went to non-networked L2 units in 2018. Previous downtown charging annual totals (State Street Garage, Market Square Garage, and Civic Coliseum) saw:

- Annual unique user counts totaling 631
- Annual billable charging instances (>10 sec) totaling 1,426 (63% of all charging events in our portfolio)

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Item 5: Would the City please identify where these charging ports are located?

<u>Response</u>: All active municipally owned, publicly accessible ports can be found on the City's website: https://www.knoxvilletn.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalld=109562&pageId=17936117#/find/nearest?fuel=ELEC&ev_levels=all

Item 6: Will the City provide copies of contracts related to current charging ports used in the City?

<u>Response</u>: The City owns and maintains its existing municipal charging. There are no active public-private agreements to own and operate EVSE on city property at this time.

Item 7: What does the city consider a "significant" increase in EV adoption rates?

<u>Response</u>: The City is evaluating adoption trends relative to light-duty EV adoption studies performed by research firms like EPRI. Vendors will not be held accountable to EV adoption, but the high-delivery charging infrastructure is a needed component to address increased EV volume downtown.

Item 8: How does the city intend to enforce the use of EV charging locations?

<u>Response</u>: The City of Knoxville has downtown parking enforcement and an ordinance to dedicate charging. We anticipate working with the vendor and our parking enforcement to address issues.

Item 9: Does the KUB provide the energy of power free or at a discounted rate?

<u>Response</u>: Vendors should speak with a KUB new service or account representative to evaluate the best rate. KUB does offer an EV Charging rate for projects greater than 100KW that charges the account based on consumption without a demand cost.

Item 10: What electrical infrastructure is to be owned by the city?

<u>Response</u>: Operations and maintenance of the DCFC solution is expected to be managed by the awarded entity.

Item 11: Will the City provide demographic and general population data around the 400 block of South-Central Street"?

<u>Response</u>: We recommend contacting Knoxville-Knox County Planning, or utilizing their data portal: https://knoxplanning.org/data

Item 12: How many, additional stations (charger locations & chargers) are being considered?

Response: This is our primary downtown DCFC project at this time.

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Item 13: Will the subsequent project RFP design-build / implementation requirements be similar?

<u>Response</u>: Once selected based on merit of solution, the City expects the awarded vendor to submit the implementation specifics for City review before construction.

Item 14: Will the City entertain a vendor installation site walk?

<u>Response</u>: We will not do a site visit with vendors. The location is publicly accessible and open. Vendors are welcome to review the site on their own.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. I