

CITY OF GRIFFIN
Sanitary Sewer Basins PC1271 & PC1788 Precleaning and CCTV Inspections
RFP #24-012

FROM: PARAGON CONSULTING GROUP, INC.
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TO: ALL BIDDERS OF RECORD

RE: Addendum No. 3, dated May 31, 2024

This Addendum forms a part of the Contract Documents and modifies the original RFP Documents released on May 7, 2024.

This Addendum consists of five (5) pages.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Add. 3.1 *Contractor Question:* To what extent will the City of Griffin provide traffic control? Reference section 1.1 Purpose – Mentions Traffic Control will be provided by the City of Griffin.

Response: City of Griffin will provide MUTCD traffic control and permits for DOT roads and other high-volume roads. Minor arteries will need to be controlled by the contractor.

Add. 3.2 *Contractor Question:* Is ROW the abbreviation for right-of-way? If not, please clarify. Reference section 1.1 Purpose – Mentions the City of Griffin will obtain any permits associated with ROW encroachment as needed.

Response: Yes, ROW is right-of-way.

Add. 3.3 *Contractor Question:* Are there any fees associated with any traffic control permits and if so, what are the cost?

Response: The City will acquire and pay all traffic control permits.

Add. 3.4 *Contractor Question:* Can this schedule be modified to Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.? Reference section 1.3.2 mentions the work hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Response: Contractor is allowed to work on Saturdays given a week's notice and that these are not highly trafficked areas requiring traffic control assistance from the City.

Add. 3.5 *Contractor Question:* Please provide the cost of the fees associated with permitting and licensing. Reference section 1.3.7 mentions all permit fees and licenses that may be applicable for the installation should be included in the proposal.

Response: Change line item 1.3.7. from 'The City of Griffin is tax exempt. All permit fees and licenses that may be applicable for the installation should be included in the proposal' to 'The City of Griffin is tax exempt.'

The sentence 'All permit fees and licenses that may be applicable for the installation should be included in the proposal' was included in error.

Add. 3.6 *Contractor Question:* If the explanation causes the proposal to exceed 10 pages, is this acceptable? Reference section – Other Supplier Disclosures (page 20) "Any responses of 'Yes' must be explained in full".

Response: Disclosures need to be included, but do not count towards page limits.

Add. 3.7 *Contractor Question:* Is this referring to water blasting? Reference Appendix A; Part 3 Execution; D.

Response: The intent of this section was to specify the maximum limits of hold times and pressures permissible for each pipe material.

Add. 3.8 *Contractor Question:* Where is section 1.03 of these specifications? Reference Appendix A; section Part 2 Products 2.02; Operators of the television inspection equipment shall meet the requirements stated in section 1.03 of this Specification.

Response: See section 33 01 30.16 1.03.B "Operation must have at least 1 years' experience in the coding of NASSCO CCTV inspections and must have reported upon more than 150,000 feet of CCTV."

Add. 3.9 *Contractor Question:* Please provide a formula to measure the I/I in gallons per day. Reference Appendix A; section Part 3 Execution; 3.01 Procedures; Camera movement will not resume with visible point sources of infiltration/inflow until the leakage rate from the source is quantified. The leakage rate of each infiltration/inflow source shall be estimated in gallons per day (gpd).

Response: GPD shall be estimated/quantified based on the required operator's experience. NASSCO PACP standards shall be coded accordingly to identify between stain, weeper, dripper, runner, or gusher.

Add. 3.10 Contractor Question: Will other means such as a can cutters / root saws be acceptable to remove intruding laterals? Reference Appendix A; Part 3 Execution; 3.02 Provisions; H. If during the course of CCTV inspection, a protruding tap is discovered in the pipeline that will not allow the passage of a CCTV inspection camera and a reverse setup cannot be completed, then the contractor will be required to remove the protruding tap via a remote controlled robotic cutting device.

Response: Yes, other means are acceptable with prior approval from OWNER/ENGINEER.

Add. 3.11 Contractor Question: Are we performing manhole inspections? Documenting manhole observations while also documenting pipeline observations for the same inspection will skew the results per the PACP grading scale. Reference Appendix A; Part 3 Execution; 3.02 Provisions; M. Each CCTV survey shall televise the pipeline completely and shall pan the upstream and downstream manholes or access points and document all notable observations found in them.

Response: Manhole inspections are not required, only panning each manhole access point, and noting any observations with PACP code MGO.

Add. 3.12 Contractor Question: Regarding the material removed during the preconditioning scope. Will the disposal / disposal site be provided by the Utility at no cost to the contractor?

Response: The City will allow contractor to utilize Shoal Creek Waste Water Collection facility for disposal.

Add. 3.13 Contractor Question: Will the City assist the contractor in locating manholes that are unable to be located or paved over? If so, what is the City's response time?

Response: It is advised the contractor compile a list of all manholes that can't be accessed and the City can then help gain access. Having looked at what we inspected, for those manholes we couldn't access, then the camera could traverse through the inaccessible manhole to one upstream/downstream.

Add. 3.14 Contractor Question: Are "all" hydrants available to use?

Response: Yes, and a hydrant meter must be obtained from the Water Department. This is done through Customer Service.

Add. 3.15 Contractor Question: Please clarify "obstruction" on Item Description – Removal of Protruding Obstruction on the Proposal Tabulation. Reference RFP #24-012 Appendix A; Proposal Tabulation.

Response: Obstruction is defined as any object that protrudes through the existing pipe that is not of existing pipe material and does not allow passage of a CCTV inspection camera and a reverse setup cannot be completed.

Add. 3.16 Contractor Question: Sect 33 01 30.14, Regarding heavy cleaning – Please clarify the basis for payment. The spec states: "The Contractor shall be paid for "Heavy Cleaning" on the basis of the distance loosened debris is moved to the nearest point of extrication from the sewer." Typically, cleaning is paid based on the full pipe length. Is that what you mean with this statement? As in, once it is confirmed heavy is required for a 200 lf pipe, we will be paid for 200 lf of heavy cleaning, correct?

Response: No, heavy cleaning is not paid for the full length of pipe, only the portion that requires heavy cleaning from where heavy cleaning starts to the nearest extraction point.

Add. 3.17 Contractor Question: Sect 33 01 30.16, p.8, Regarding having the City's Engineer present – the spec states: "no work shall be performed without the Engineer's Project representative present, unless authorized by the Engineer." Does the City have an Engineer committed to be with the field crews the entire time they are working? We are concerned about work hours differing between the Engineer and our field technicians, which will directly affect our production and pricing basis. For example, if our crew decides to take a 30-minute lunch and the Engineer wishes to take a longer break or leave the job site for any period of time, are we not allowed to work until the Engineer returns? It is not possible to estimate how to account for this type of "downtime" within our unit pricing, which is based on continual crew production while in the field.

Response: The Engineer's project representative will be on site periodically. Work shall continue with the presence of the Engineer's representative giving a week's prior notice to location of work to be scheduled that week, and day to day communication with the Engineer/Owner, for any day of work allowed.

Add. 3.18 Contractor Question: Sect 33 01 30.16, p.5, states "Contractor will be required to remove the protruding tap via a controlled robotic cutting device." We utilize hydraulically driving chain cutters to remove protruding laterals. Is this method acceptable?

Response: This is acceptable given the pipe is not damaged beyond the existing conditions.

Add. 3.19 Contractor Question: On p. 6 of the spec, it is stated: "Prior to beginning a CCTV inspection, the operator shall verify the diameter of the pipeline to be inspected by inserting a surveying rod into the manhole and measuring the pipeline diameter to the nearest 1/10th foot." The software used in the industry by most firms only record diameter to the nearest inch.

Response: The intent of this specification was to point out that most grade rods are in 1/10 foot increments and this needs to be converted to a pipe's diameter in inches.

Add. 3.20 Contractor Question: Since the scope includes pre-cleaning, there is a possibility we may get a nozzle stuck in a broken pipe, to no fault of our own. Will the City cover the cost to dig up to retrieve a stuck nozzle?

Response: The City will not cover any costs related to equipment getting stuck and being retrieved.

Add. 3.21 Contractor Question: There are circumstances where an operator may get a camera stuck in a pipe where there was no visible danger, a void covered by flow for example. Will the City cover the cost to dig up to remove a stuck camera if it is determined no negligence on the part of the operator?

Response: The City will not cover any costs related to equipment getting stuck and being retrieved.

Add. 3.22 Contractor Question: In section 33 01 30.14 pg2 the specification requires: "The cleaning unit(s) shall be capable of operating routinely, up to a minimum of 500 feet from the point of access to the sewer; minimal hose diameter shall be 1 inch." Since the scope of this project is only 8" to 12" will the City allow for ¾" hose which is fully capable of cleaning these sized pipes?

Response: ¾-inch diameter hose is acceptable.

End of Addendum No. 3