

- 1) We have one small question pertaining to the RFP- on page 6 it states to submit 4 *original* proposals. I just want to confirm that signatures must be original on each and not photocopied.

Answer: **We intended 4 hard copies, not necessarily that it have original signatures.**

- 2) Are the CCTV videos that are available compliant with NASSCO PACP standard? If so, are PACP databases available?

Answer: **Unknown. I've reviewed the specifications for the bids we received for the last time that the CCTV was conducted and there is no mention of NASSCO PACP standard being required. We received written reports and DVDs of the conditions found in the gravity lines and sewer manholes.**

- 3) Is it anticipated that the consultant's subsurface utility engineering staff would collect other physical (material, size) or condition attributes of these assets as required to populate the TDEC workbook in addition to the physical location of the assets?

Answer: **We anticipate that the engineering staff will assist with, at a minimum, meeting all requirements for an Asset Management Plan as described in TDEC's Asset Management Plan Guide, which would include collecting any asset attributes required to be identified by that document.**

- 4) Can you tell us approximately what percentage of buried linear pipeline assets will the selected firm need to locate using GPR?

Answer: **Nearly 100% will need to be located – we currently rely upon hand drawn maps with limited measurements.**

- 5) Are any of the assets that are proposed for GPR metallic? This might allow the use of electromagnetic scans instead.

Answer: **The lines are primarily PVC; only manholes would be cast iron.**

- 6) Would you consider extending the deadline to allow respondents time to adjust their SOQs after the responses to questions are published?

Answer: **With this project being funded by the State of Tennessee's American Rescue Plan Act funding, we are following federal procurement guidelines very closely. I would need to verify with the grant administrators at the state whether they would approve of an extension for that reason. I do not think it's likely that we'll have an extension. I also have not received a significant number of substantive questions to date.**

- 7) Could you send me the following per the RFQ instructions: Available to proposers (Upon request): • Financial Information for the City's General and Sewer Funds

Answer: **We have our annual budget and financial reports available on our website at <https://citybellemeade.org/finance/> and our system has about a half million in annual operating expenses.**