



Addendum Number 1

July 18, 2023

From: Procurement Department

Re: Water Valve Condition Assessment Program

Issue Date: July 1, 2023

Due Date: August 9, 2023

Please see the following questions & answers:

Q: Can you provide a range of sizes for the 20,000 assumed valves?

A: *Our valves range from 2" to 24". I would expect 80% to be 8" or smaller.*

Q: In response to Kingsport's desire for unit pricing versus a lump sum, we submit the attached example bid form for the City's review and incorporation via amendment.

A: *Our desire is for the firms proposing to provide their own pricing. As this is a unique project, we expect different firms to structure their costs in a different manner. Cost is only 20% of the selection criteria. We do not want to specify a pricing model for this project. While we anticipate unit price pricing structures we do not wish to exclude lump sum or other pricing structures.*

Q: The Bid documents state the bid is for 20,000 valves. It also states that Kingsport has 40,000 valves total. Does the City intend for the selected contractor to perform 20,000 valve assessments annually for two (2) years, until all 40,000 valves have been assessed?

A: *We have approximately 20,000 valves in our system. The only mention of 40,000 is our number of customers. The contract will be for approximately 20,000 valves and the proposal should reflect that.*

*The RFP states the utility serves roughly 40,000 customers and that proposals should assume approximately 20,000 system valves.*

*The City has a preference for completing the project as quickly as possible but does not want to specify a required completion timeframe short of September, 2026 to comply with funding requirements.*

Q: The bid documents reference retainage of 5%. This is not typical for valve contracts since the contractor provides data that has been through a QA/QC process as proof of work completion. We respectfully request that retainage be removed from the contract.

A: *Retainage of 5% will remain a requirement.*

Q: We are respectfully request a one week extension to allow for questions to be addressed.

A: *The RFP due date has been changed to August 9, 2023. The location and time have not changed.*



End of Addendum Number 1