

Addendum #1 for the City of Corcoran Water System Meter Installation Project

August 26, 2022



Addendum #1:

The following additions, deletions, or modifications shall become part of the Contract Documents for the City of Corcoran Water System Meterization Project:

Contractor Questions:

Q1: Is the intent of this project to cut-in/install new water meters on unmetered services only and the current metered services will remain intact? There's currently 1,768 service lines that will require new meters per Table II.C. "Services Lines that Need a New Meter". For information purposes, the quantity in Table II.C. conflicts with the quantity identified in Table II.B. "Current Unmetered Services Lines in City of Corcoran Water System", which is 1,721.

A1: Table II.C. identifies <u>all</u> of the service lines that the Awarded Bidder will either cut-in a new meter (on the unmetered services) or replace the water meter (on the metered services). Table II.B. only identifies all of the unmetered services in the City of Corcoran water system, but this Request for Proposal also includes replacing meters that are larger than 2" in diameter.

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Q2: We noticed that you've identified PVC couplers to tie-in to the existing consumer line (leadline). In our past experience, PVC couplers tend to crack or cause leak problems. Our current meter jobs and recently completed meter jobs, we've used brass couplers or galvanized couplers which has not caused any problems that we know of since we installed them. Is this an option for this project? If so, how would the cost difference of brass/galvanized couplers be covered if there's only a PVC coupler line item?

A2: PVC couplers will be used to couple to existing consumer lines that are PVC. Galvanized couplers will be used to couple to existing consumer lines that are steel. See Addendum #2 for the updated Cost Proposal Tables.

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Q3: Table A provides a list of materials that we're required to submit a price on. How do we get compensated for materials we use that is not identified in Table A?

A3: Any material and cost that is used by the Awarded Bidder and not identified in the updated Cost Proposal Tables in Addendum #2 will be negotiated with the City.

Q4: Brass materials and meter boxes have a very long lead time. We were told that meter boxes could take up to 6 to 7 months to ship from the date of order. If we're to do this job without any delays, we may have to at the very least order the long lead time materials in the bid schedule ahead of time. What happens if the materials on hand (as identified in the bid schedule) is not all used? Who will be responsible for the restocking fees associated with them? Restocking fees can be from 15% to 25% of the material cost.

A4: The City of Corcoran will not be responsible for any restocking fees that may occur. If the estimated quantities in the updated Cost Proposal Tables in Addendum #2 result in an excess of part(s), the resolution will be negotiated with the City at the time of occurrence.

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Q5: The bid specifications says that all material prices are to be good until December 31, 2024. The only way this will work is if the contractor orders all the materials ahead of time. No vendors/suppliers will hold their price for that long. What if only 50% of the materials is ordered and then a few months later the remaining 50% needs to be ordered but the supplier is not willing to hold the bid price and the price has gone up. Who will be responsible for the price difference of the materials?

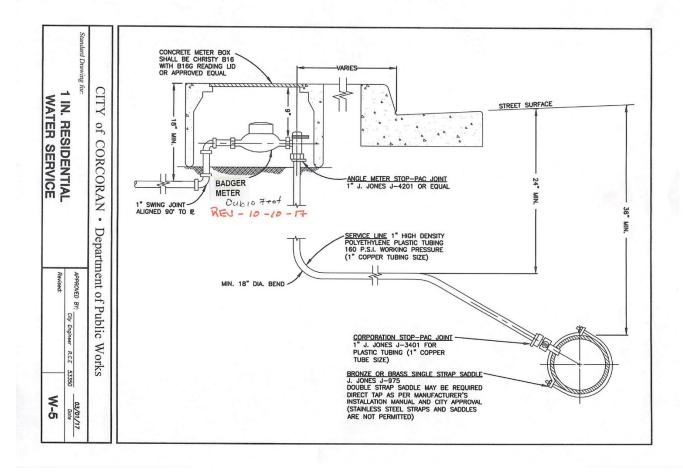
A5: The City will only honor the price submitted in the proposal.

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Q6: Will all the meters be ready by the time the project starts?

A6: Yes.

Q7: Details for Appendix A and B are not showing up on the bid documents. Please provide an image of Appendix A and B.



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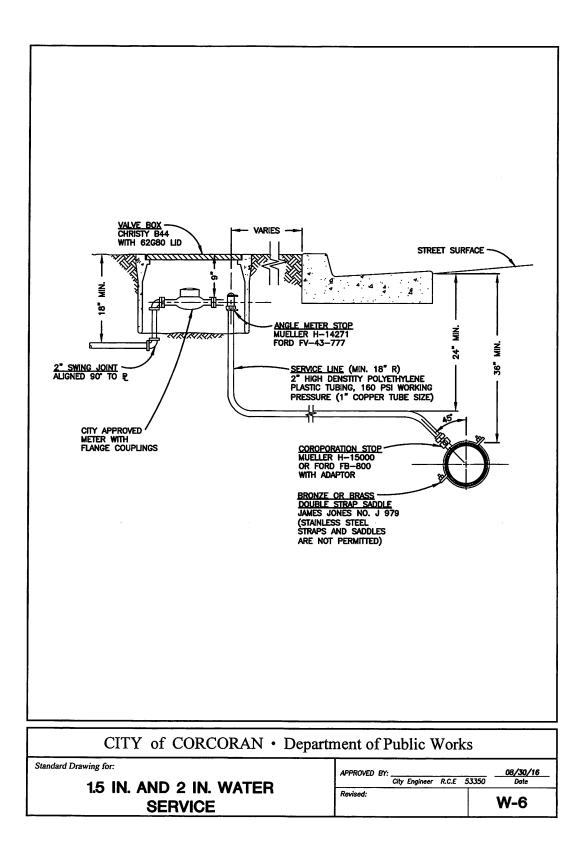
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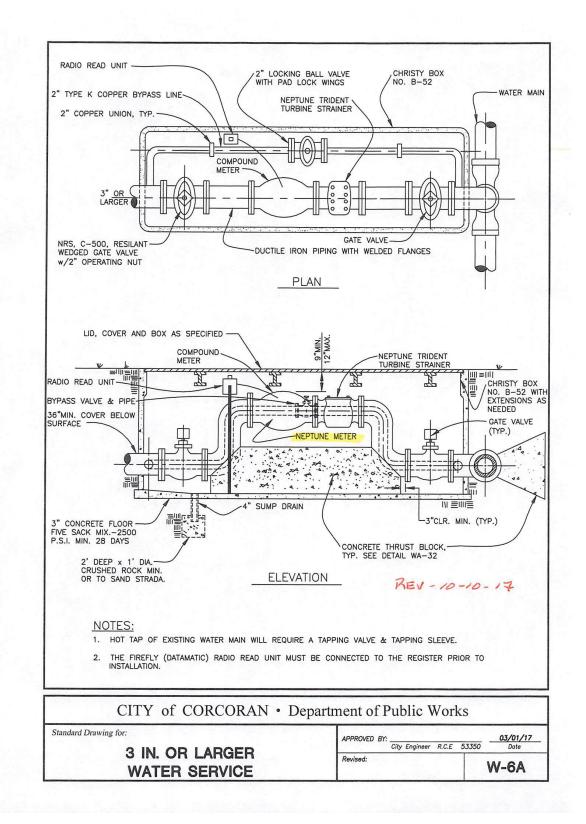
A7: Appendix A: ³/₄" and 1" Residential Water Service.

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Appendix B. 1 ¹/₂" and 2" Water Service.





Appendix C. 3" and Larger Water Service.

Q8: There are meter box and lid bid items in Table A of the bid schedule. What happens if a meter box extension is required? Who will be responsible for this cost?

A8: Meter box extensions will not be used on any water service line that is 2" and smaller. On those lines, they will be raised immediately downstream of the existing valve up to approximately 9" below grade. Only one meter box will be used. On water services that are 3" and greater, meter box extensions will be used. Please see Addendum #2 for the updated Cost Proposal Tables that identifies the quantities of the meter box extensions.

Q9: Since there are items for materials anticipated to be used for the project and labor cost for each location, we anticipate that this project will require a full time inspector from the City to confirm the daily quantities used by the contractor. Will a full time inspector be on-site confirming all the quantities daily?

A9: Yes.

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Q10: Do you have the addresses of the services to be metered so we can spot check each location and see what to anticipate?

A10: Yes, we do. I can email the unmetered and metered addresses to all interested parties. For this, please send an email to <u>Dylan.zable@cityofcorcoran.com</u> with this request.

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Q11: The current bid items are not numbered. At the end of the pricing proposal there's a statement about mobilization that reads "Mobilization Lump Sum Item No. 1 shall not exceed 5% of the total Bid". Where is Item 1 located in the bid schedule?

A11: Item 1 is the one-time lump sum amount for mobilization that the prospective Bidders must include in their bid package.

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Q12: Do you know the existing materials on the City side (from the curb stop) and the consumer side (back of meter/meter box)?

A12: We have an approximate inventory for the existing materials on the City side and consumer side of each unmetered service. This will be made available to the Awarded Bidder.

Q13: We're anticipating a lot of the locations that will require new meters are old and once we start plumbing meters to it, they may start leaking in locations within our work area. What is the limits of our responsibility as far as addressing leaks after the water meter is installed? In our past experiences, contractors are usually responsible for a 3' to 5' radius of the water meter box. What will be the limitations for this project?

A13: The Awarded Bidder will be responsible for up to 5' radius of the water meter box. If the service line is leaking or damaged past this point, contact with City Staff must immediately occur.
