

2019 CITY YARDS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT



ADDENDUM 1

DATE: September 24, 2019
TO: Prospective Bidders,
FROM: James Carlson, Management Analyst
RE: **REVISED BIDDING INFORMATION**

The Plans and Specifications for the 2019 City Yards Solar Photovoltaic Project are hereby amended and revised as follows:

1. **Deadlines for Questions – changed from September 23, 2019 to October 9, 2019.**
2. **Proposals Due – changed from October 1, 2019 to October 16, 2019.**
3. **City Council Contract Award – updated to ‘tentatively’ November 12, 2019.**
4. **Site Walks Added – Site Walks will be conducted on the following three dates:**

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 10:00am
Friday, October 4, 2019 at 2:00pm
Monday, October 7, 2018 at 4:00pm

Please contact James Carlson at jcarlson@cityofsierramadre.com to RSVP for Site Walk and obtain location details. Attendance at a Site Walk is not a requirement to submit proposal.

5. ***Will the City require a payment and performance bond?*** ANSWER: A bid or performance bond is not required.
6. ***Are there any strict guidelines in which projects would be similar scoped projects should be? In addition, will a contractor be illegible to bid if they do not meet the requirements?*** ANSWER: There are no ‘strict guidelines’ on a similar scoped projects. A contractor will not be deemed ‘ineligible’ for not providing such information within the proposal. However, scoring considerations of proposals will include demonstration of experience for projects that are similarly scoped.
7. ***Where is the point of interconnection located?*** ANSWER: The point of interconnection is presumed to be located in a pump house approximately 750 feet to the south of the project site. (See attached map).

8. Will pictures of the switchgear be provided? What is the service voltage and switchgear rating? ANSWER: This information can be obtained during Site Walk.

9. Can trees along the western side of the array area be removed? If so, who will be responsible for removal? ANSWER: Trees may be removed or trimmed if necessary based upon analysis of successful proposal. The City will be responsible for trimming or removal.

Will Geotech be available? ANSWER: No. Please note that the City will be responsible for site preparation and future Geotechnical discussions may be conducted as necessary.

10. Is a topography map available for review? ANSWER: No.

11. Are there any Electrical drawings/configurations available for review? ANSWER: No.

12. Are there any particular areas to focus on or avoid? ANSWER: None that we are aware of at this time.

13. Are there any easements that run through the site? ANSWER: None that we are aware of that would affect the project location.

14. Is there any historical utility billing and/or data at the intended point of connection? ANSWER: Detailed data is not available at this time. However, a data report from 10/1/2016 to 10/1/2017 reflects an annual usage of 2,278,429 kWh.

15. The RFP indicates that "The selected firm ("Contractor") shall be responsible for design, installation, commissioning and maintenance through a minimum ten year warranty period of a Solar Photovoltaic System. " Additionally, Section 9 of the Design/Build Construction Agreement document indicates that the "CONTRACTOR shall, prior to the release of the performance and payment bonds or the retention payment, furnish a warranty performance and payment bond equal to at least ten percent of the final contract price or \$1,000, whichever is greater."

Our Surety will not provide a warranty payment and performance bond for the requested 10 year warranty term in the RFP. Please advise if the following terms would be acceptable;

Language for the contract: PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND: *The Contractor shall not commence the Work until it has provided to the Owner, in a form acceptable to the Owner, a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond and a Performance Bond, each in an amount equivalent to 100 percent of the Contract Price. All performance bond liability will cease one (1) year from the completion date of the work of this Agreement. The balance of any warranty or guarantee beyond one year required by Owner shall continue to be guaranteed solely by Contractor. The payment bond liability will cease at the termination of any time required by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Contract, the Payment (Labor and*

Material) Bond and the Performance Bond are not applicable to the Output Guarantee.

Language for the bond form: *NOW, THEREFORE, if Principal shall faithfully perform said contract, indemnify and save harmless the Obligee from all cost and damage by reason of Principal's failure so to do, and guarantee that the work will be free of defective materials and workmanship for a period of twelve (12) months following completion of the contract, then this obligation shall be null and void otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect. Any additional warranty or guarantee whether expressed or implied is extended by the Principal or manufacturer only, and the Surety assumes no liability for such a guarantee.*

ANSWER: Thank you for this question. We understand that a Surety will not provide a warranty payment and Performance bond for the 10 years. The language offered is acceptable. However, please see section G. "Guarantee of Minimum Output Performance". This section ultimately reflects the intention of the City to protect its investment.

16. *Is there any other available space for the install or are bidders restricted to the allocated area that you have identified in the RFP?* ANSWER: At this time and for this project, the space identified is the only area we are considering for the install.

BIDS FOR THE 2019 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT WILL BE OPENED AT 2:00 PM October 8, 2019 in the Sierra Madre Council Chambers at 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, California.

A signed copy of this Addendum should be attached to the Bid. There will be no penalty if addendum is not attached but adjustments to bid may be necessary.

End of Addendum 1.



James Carlson, Management Analyst

9/24/2019

Date

Received and acknowledged

Bidder

Date

