

EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY
TRANSMISSION MAIN INTERRUPTION PLAN COMPONENTS
COLLAPSIBLE TANKS

February 2, 2015

ADDENDUM NO.2

Prospective Bidders:

The previously issued “Request for Bids” (RFB) package must be read, in its entirety, to ensure all prospective bidders are adequately informed and prepared to submit a satisfactory bid. To benefit prospective bidders, the time to submit additional questions to the Purchasing and Stores Manager concerning the bid specifications or bid procedures has been extended until **February 3, 2015**. Sealed bids now will be received until **2:00 P.M., February 10, 2015**, by the Purchasing and Stores Manager, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, 9255 Sturdevant Street, Pensacola, Florida.

Note that the “Collapsible Tanks Proposal Form” in the RFB incorrectly shows a quantity of two (2) for 100,000 gallon tanks required. Please note and be advised the correct quantity is three (3).

Questions received prior to the end inquiry date are addressed below and/or in the body of the modified document.

1. Page 16, Sec 2.04 Tank Openings – The spec calls for talc to be dusted on the tank fabric to prevent blocking. Our material was developed to pass the blocking tests in section 2.20.11.3 on page 30 without the use of talc. May we eliminate the talc requirement of Sec 2.04 if we meet the blocking requirement in section 2.20.11.3 without talc?

Yes. The talc requirement can be eliminated, but the vendor must ensure that the products meet or exceed all standards listed in the RFB – specifically MIL-T-53029C.

2. Page 22, Sec 2.15.3 Filler Discharge Assembly – The clause “The lower portion of each assembly shall include a suction stub to prevent pump cavitation, manhole access, a 4-inch male camlock coupler half and 4-inch camlock dust cap.” Please strike the requirement for 4-inch so that there is not a conflict with Table 2.05 on page 20 that requires 6” and 8” fittings for the 100,000 and 150,000 gallon tanks.

Acknowledged. Section 2.15.3 “Filler/discharge assembly” shall read as follows:

The filler/discharge assemblies shall consist of two connections of the sizes indicated in Table 2.05. Each assembly shall be capable of withstanding a hydrostatic pressure of not less than 15 psi without leakage. The lower portion of each assembly shall be permanently attached to the tank. The lower portion of each assembly shall include a suction stub to prevent pump cavitation, manhole access, a male camlock coupler half and camlock dust cap. Keeper chains (tethers) shall be attached to all dust covers (cap and plugs) and their adjacent fitting such that the dust cover may be removed without detaching the keeper chain at either of its ends. The keeper chains shall be bronze, nonreflective.

3. Page 23, Sec 2.16 Markings – The example label shows an NSN number (National Stock Number). This is issued by the government and your requested tanks will not meet the requirements of existing NSNs issued by the government. We are requesting to either leave that space blank or strike the requirement for an NSN.

Acknowledged. NSN is not required, thus the space can be deleted.

4. Page 37, Sec 3.04 Unloading – Please confirm you will require a representative to be present when unloading the shipment. The tanks will come in commercial export crates and will not need special handling. We are happy to comply with this requirement if it remains in the contract.

Acknowledged. The requirement to provide a representative to oversee the unloading process has been removed. Section 3.04 “Unloading” modified as follows:

OWNER shall be responsible for off-loading and storage of components prior to their installation. A minimum of five (5) business days’ notice shall be provided to the OWNER prior to the scheduled delivery date(s). Deliveries will only be accepted between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:30 pm local time, except weekends and ECUA observed holidays.

5. Page 48, Alternate Bid Item No. 2 – Will a no bid on this line item disqualify the bidder? Will a no bid be cause for losing the bid to a competitor with a lesser product offering?

A “No Bid” indicated for Alternate Bid Item No. 2 will not disqualify a bidder. A “No Bid” could cause a firm to lose the bid. Ultimately, the decision to accept an alternate bid or not is the responsibility of ECUA and will be determined based on all the information submitted by the vendors after the bids are opened.

6. Page 27, Sec 2.20 Testing – The clause “Each tank shall be tested prior to shipping in accordance with the requirements stated below.” Will cause the unit prices for the tanks to be significantly higher if all 8 units will be subject to tests in Sections 2.20.4, 2.20.5, 2.20.6, and 2.20.7. These temperature and water tests are typically performed on a single tank to represent the quality for the lot of manufactured tanks to reduce the unit price for the U.S. military. We would request that the testing either be limited to a single tank within the order or allow a waiver of this testing for a manufacturer able to produce prior testing data done for a U.S. government contract.

To be clear, the intent of the specifications provided in the RFB package is to ensure that ECUA is provided collapsible, re-useable tanks for the temporary storage of raw sewage. ECUA expects the manufacturer to certify that the units comply with MIL-T-53029C. Specifically, certifying that: (1) the 150,000 gallon tank has been examined per the schedule (Table V.) of MIL-T-53029C and determined acceptable and (2) all 8 tanks produced have been tested per the test schedule (Table VI.) of MIL-T-53029C and determined acceptable. Also, the 150,000 gallon tank must be shown to have satisfactorily passed all tests outlined in Section 2.20 “Testing” of the RFB.

If testing cannot be waived or removed from the requirements, we have the following additional questions:

7. Page 27, Sec 2.20 Testing – If testing in Section 2.20 will be required, who will conduct the testing? The manufacturer, a supplier or an independent third party? A third party will require significant transportation and facility utilization fees. We would request the ability to conduct the tests internally within our company or with our suppliers if the tests in 2.20 are not removed or waived.

Testing is considered the responsibility of the manufacturer. The manufacturer is allowed to self-perform testing, as appropriate and feasible, and to utilize independent parties as necessary. Refer to Section 3.06 “Final Payment” of the RFB for requirements concerning certifications.

8. Page 27, Sec 2.20.4 Low Temperature – We would request this requirement be removed or waived based upon past performance to save the Owner money. The fabric testing requirement listed in Sec 2.20.11.2 would also be representative of this cold temp test.

Refer to answer to question #6 - the base bid shall include conducting low temperature testing only on one tank (150,000 gallon tank). Testing shall be per the RFB and all referenced documents.

9. Page 27, Sec 2.20.5 High Temperature - We would request this requirement be removed or waived based upon past performance to save the Owner money. The fabric testing requirement listed in Sec 2.20.12.2 would also be representative of this hot temp test.

Refer to answer to question #6 - the base bid shall include conducting high temperature testing only on one tank (150,000 gallon tank). Testing shall be per the RFB and all referenced documents.

10. Page 28, Sec 2.20.6 Water Storage - We would request this requirement be removed or waived based upon past performance to save the Owner money. Should the requirement remain, we would ask that the test be conducted indoors for a period of 24 hours instead of outdoors at a period of 15 days. The 24 hour test is our current standard for production tanks for the U.S. government. Testing the tank outdoors in unpredictable weather could cause major delays in testing and delivery of the product in the event of bad weather.

Refer to answer to question #6 - the base bid shall include conducting water storage testing only on one tank (150,000 gallon tank). Testing shall be per the RFB and all referenced documents – with exception to the duration. The 15 day test period has been reconsidered and we do agree that it is excessive. ECUA approves submitting a base bid that covers / includes a water storage test period of 5 consecutive days.

11. Page 32, Sec 2.20.13 Bonded fittings – The tests outlined in this section mirror the tests 2.20.12 for the seams. We would request eliminating this section to save the Owner money. These tests are not required by the government for any current contract for the fittings and only welded seams are tested in this manner.

Conformance to testing per Table 2.06 “Bonded Fittings” in the RFB shall be considered mandatory unless manufacturer submits documentation showing that these specific tanks were constructed in a manner that makes conformance to the listed test methods unnecessary.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 850-969-6531, or email me at amy.williamson@ecua.fl.gov.

Regards,

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