



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ADDENDUM

RFP-DPW-2025-0006

Cortez Blvd (SR 50) Pump Station Replacement Project

ADDENDUM #5

Date Issued: April 17, 2025

TO: All prospective proposers:

You are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be attached to and made a part of the above-named solicitation and contract documents, as follows:

Q&A from emailed submissions (Part 2):

1. **Question:** (Bid bond form) Where can one be found or will the bidder [be] expected to provide one?

Answer: Bid bond form provided by bonding company.

2. **Question:** Does the corporate seal have to match exactly what is on our W9?

Answer: No.

3. **Question:** What is the engineer's estimate?

Answer: \$2,399,095.00; Please note, the contract can be negotiated to include provisions for tariff increases, if applicable.

4. **Question:** Soft Start or VFD for main pump operation? Please confirm.

Hernando County details for Cortez Boulevard page S-19 16.17.18 shows soft start bypass switches same; Document pg. 488 of 526 11.9 indicates Variable Speed Drives and lists manufacturers

Answer: The pump should have Soft Start with bypass. The soft starts will prevent the check valves from slamming open and shut when the system is turned on and off. There will not be any VFDs with this project.

5. **Question:** If VFDs are required, do we still need Bypass Contactors? In this operation they are size 5, and are quite large. Right now, we have this panel sized at 72x104x16, but with VFDs, Bypass, and Harmonic Filters, this panel will be very tight, and with no air conditioning, possibly very hot as well. Would air conditioning units be required for this station? Please confirm.

Answer: The City of Brooksville does not want VFDs and instead are going with soft starts. Please see the above response.

6. **Question:** Please confirm if we will need a generator receptacle with the automatic transfer switch on site.

Answer: Yes, the generator receptacle shall be provided as specified to allow for a portable generator to be connected in the event the diesel bypass pump is not operational.

7. **Question:** Is the site large enough for the 100" + enclosure? Please advise.

Answer: The site is large enough for the 100" enclosure.

8. **Question:** Will all three pumps be a part of the alternation sequence, but only two pumps running at any time, or will the third pump only be called on to run if pump 1 or pump 2 fail? Please advise.

Answer: The pumps should be alternating sequenced to run two pumps at a time to achieve peak flow.

9. **Question:** Can you please revise the bid form; it does not seem to match the civil construction plans issued in Addendum 2? The plans call for 10" SS pipe & Fittings in the Valve Vault and Wet wells but the bid form calls for 8". There also seems to be some material missing from the bid form like the reducers, check valves, to name a few.

Answer: Please see revised Bid Form. Please note that the pipe materials have been changed. Also, the lift station including the wet well and valve vault and appurtenances are included as one lump sum and not itemized.

10. **Question:** Can you please provide specs on the special coating on the 8" FLG Gate valve going to the Diesel Pump?

Answer: Please see the revised plan and materials.

11. **Question:** Can you please provide an itemized bid item form?

Answer: Please see the revised itemized bid form.

12. **Question:** Can I get a clarification on what the expected influent flow will be to the lift station during the bypass period? I was told that some flow to the station would be redirected through different force mains.

Answer: A recommended temporary bypass plan has been included in the revised construction plans. The flow coming from the north through MH-1 has an estimated peak flow of 283,248 gpd. The flow coming through the manhole on SR 50 has an estimated peak flow of 1,646,262 gpd. The City is planning to divert the majority of this flow temporarily before construction begins decreasing the peak flow through this location.

13. **Question:** Requesting a list of approved coatings?

Answer: Please refer to Section 9 of the Hernando County Utilities Construction Specifications Manual, Latest Edition for acceptable coatings.

14. **Question:** A question was asked if there were any Minority, Davis Bacon, or BABA requirements on the project, and the answer was yes, and that it was a grant funded project. Could you please provide more information on the minority requirement?

Answer: To clarify, there is not a minority requirement. Per City Procurement Policy, Section 5.5, "Minority and women owned businesses shall have an equitable opportunity to participate in the City's procurement process."

15. **Question:** Can you please clarify which note is correct?

- a. Sheet E-01 drawing specification raceway notes:
 - i. Note 1: calls for exposed exterior conduit to be Schedule 40 PVC
 - ii. Note 4: calls for all pipes coming through the slab to be PVC coated rigid with 90's

Answer: Both notes are correct. Conduits penetrating concrete slabs shall be PVC coated RMC. Otherwise, the exposed exterior conduit shall be Schedule 40 PVC, except connections to motors, transformers and vibrating equipment shall be LFMC.

16. **Question:** Is it possible to extend the bid due date by one (1) week?

Answer: An almost two-week extension was given, and an addendum and public posting was completed.

17. **Question:** Where can the requirements Davis Bacon or BABA be found (Q&A #5 on addendum 1)?

Answer: Requirements for Davis-Bacon can be found on the following websites - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/construction> and <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200>. Per City Procurement Policy, Section 5.1, "Procurement activities funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, the City shall procure in accordance with the Title 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards."

Requirements for BABA, below is a snip taken directly from FDEP Grant Agreement for this project

24. Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) - Infrastructure Projects with Federal Funding.

This provision does not apply to Agreements that are wholly funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Also, this provision does not apply where there is a valid waiver in place. However, the provision may apply to funds expended before the waiver or after expiration of the waiver.

If applicable, Recipients or Subrecipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are required to comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), including the following provisions:

- a. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- b. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States--this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- c. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States--this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.