



2021 SMP Package I (Buckwheat, Sunny Glen, Mider)
Solicitation Number: CO-00355-FG
Job No.: 20-5007, 20-5507

ADDENDUM #1
August 25, 2020

To Bidder of Record:

This addendum, applicable to work referenced above, is an amendment to the bid proposal, plans and specification and such will be a part of and included in the Contract Documents. Acknowledge receipt of this addendum by entering the Addendum number and issue date on the space provided in submitted copies of the bid proposal.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Question: Will the proposed water tie-ins be completed in normal working hours after the proper notifications are done?

Response: Some proposed water tie-ins may need to be completed at night and will need to be coordinated with the SAWS Inspector.

2. Question: Please clarify if the bid items referencing the removal and replacement of concrete curbs, sidewalks and driveways will be paid for the water service and sewer service crossings where this work is required? Not subsidiary?

Response: Any concrete sidewalks, curbs, and driveways requiring repair for service relays is subsidiary to either SAWS Specification 824 "Water Service Supply Lines" and Specification 854 "Sanitary Sewer Laterals."

3. Question: Where flowable fill is required for the sewer main encasement, will the sewer services also require flowable fill encased around the laterals? If yes, will this work be paid for under flowable fill bid item?

Response: The sewer laterals shall be installed per SAWS Specification 854 "Sanitary Sewer Laterals," and where required separation distances cannot be maintained, 150 PSI pressure rated pipe shall be used for all sewer service laterals

4. Question: With all these projects going in at the same day, can some of the items on packet checklist be submitted a later date?

Response: Certificate of Insurance can be submitted after bid opening but prior to contract execution.



5. Question: I am verifying these packages are incorporating the new SAWS specifications and are accepting Conshield Manholes as an option in lieu of interior manhole coating?

Response: Please refer to the specifications for approved materials for this project and provide pricing based on the plans and specifications.

6. Question: I am verifying these packages are incorporating the new SAWS specifications and are accepting as an option polytubing for the water service in lieu of copper?

Response: The new 2020 SAWS Specifications shall be used for this project. Per Specification 824 "Water Supply Lines," HDPE tubing is allowed if it meets SAWS material specifications

7. Question: If there are manhole adjustments called for on existing manholes, will SAWS require interior coating be applied? If yes, will a bid item be added for this work?

Response: No manhole adjustments are included in the project.

8. Question: If there is a bid item on the sewer for air testing, mandrel, and vacuum test, will this item be paid? In the past this has been subsidiary.

Response: The sewer testing will be paid for per specification sections 849.6 MEASUREMENT and 849.7 PAYMENT found in the Special Provisions to the Technical Specifications Section D.

9. Question: Some of the water plan pages on the summary call for the water line restrained (all depths). Please clarify if it is SAWS intent for 100% of the water line to be restrained or the contractor will follow SAWS specified lengths on the fittings?

Response: The water main shall be restrained per SAWS Specification 839 "Anchorage/Thrust Blocking and Joint Restraints.

10. Question: Does SAWS have a preference to where to take the reclaimable asphalt?

Response: The reclaimable asphalt will be the property of the contractor to dispose properly or remove from the job site.

11. Question: In reference to package 1 – sewer plans, plan page S4. Please advise if the existing manhole @ Sta 1+00 has an inflow line @ McCarty Rd, as the drawings only show an existing 8" VCP line on the outflow side of this manhole but not an inflow line coming on McCarty Rd. The only inflow line is coming out of Mider Dr. Additional by-pass pumping will be required if this manhole has a inflow line coming in from McCarty Rd.

Response: Based on as-builts, block maps and survey, there existing manhole at McCarty Rd and Mider Dr has one sewer main coming in from Mider Dr and the sewer main going out west down McCarty Rd as shown in the plans.



12. Question: Does the By-pass pumps need to be running at all times while the sewer line replacement is in progress or can we temporarily connect the new sewer line with the existing sewer line at the end of each day until all the new manholes and the new sewer line are installed?

Response: Bypass pumping is the responsibility of the contractor as per SAWS Specification 865 "Bypass Pumping (Small Diameter Sanitary Sewers)." Temporary connections may be considered at the end of each day and will need to be documented in the Bypass Pumping Plan submittal to be reviewed and approved as per Specification 865.

13. Question: Refer to Note 2 under sewer section of plan page S2 of the package 1 sewer plans and to SAWS specifications 864-S1, the note and the specifications seem to read that the contractor is responsible for the by-pass pumping plan, can we provide an "In-house plan" or the by-pass pumping plan would need to be stamped by a PE?

Response: As per 2020 SAWS Specification 865 "Bypass Pumping (Small Diameter Sanitary Sewers)" the Bypass Pumping Plan shall be submitted by the contractor and shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Texas and shall include all applicable items listed in section 865.2.6 of the specification.

14. Question: Refer to Note 15 under general notes of plan page W2 of the water plans of Package 1, this note indicates the mail boxes will remain in place. The header note of plan page W6 of the water plans of package 1, indicates that the mail boxes need to be removed and replaced as needed. Please advise if we need to account for the cost for temporarily remove and reinstall the mail boxes as needed.

Response: Existing mailboxes shall be removed and replaced, if needed, but shall remain in the existing location. If possible, all mailboxes should be avoided. The removal and replacement of the mailboxes is not paid for separately and is considered subsidiary to the work.

15. Question: Refer to plan page W6 of the Package 1 water plans, the plans have a note on each water service calling out for a "meter box and customer shut-off valve", this note seems to be pointing to a new location different to where the existing water meter and customer shut-off valves are located. Do we need to account for the cost for installing a **new** water meter box and a customer shut-off valve? Or the idea is to **relocate** the existing water meter box and customer shut-off valve to where the drawings are indicating? If the owner intention is to install new water meter boxes, please advise if we need to account for the cost for removing the existing meter boxes.



Response: The water services shall be relaid to the existing meter location and should only be moved if directed by the SAWS Inspector. The locations shown in the plans are at the existing meter box locations. New meter boxes should be installed unless directed by the SAWS Inspector to use the existing meter box. New customer shut-off valves need to be installed when directed by the SAWS Inspector. Bid items are provided for the water service relay, meter box, customer shut-off valve, and the relocation of the existing meter and meter box, if needed. The removal of any existing meter boxes is subsidiary to Item 101 "Preparation of Right-of-Way."

16. Question: Is the contractor responsible for removing and re-installing the water meters or is this done by SAWS?

Response: The water meters will not be removed unless the water meters need to be relocated. All work shall be per SAWS Specification 833 Meter and Meter Box Installation. The contractor shall relocate the existing meters if directed by the SAWS Inspector.

17. Question: Who will be responsible for operating the existing water valves for the water outage when performing the tie-ins?

Response: Operation of water valves shall be coordinated with the SAWS Inspector.

18. Question: In reference to the water scope of work of package 1, please advise if the owner would be open to the idea of reconnecting the existing water services located in the opposite side of the new water line in lieu of laying a new water service?

Response: All water services shall be relaid as per the plans.

19. Question: Can you provide specifications for the valve box of the customer cut-off valve?

Response: Customer Cut-Off Valve Box shall be as shown in SAWS Material Specification 10-20 "Specifications for Valve Boxes."

20. Question: Please advise if the sales tax on the material will be applicable for the material under CoSA specs.

Response: Sales tax is not applicable on material for the project.



21. Question: In reference to the water drawings of package 1. This project will require digging a new trench for the water line and the water services. Please advise if there are boring logs available to determine the type of soil.

Response: There are no boring logs available for this project. As per SAWS Specification 804, "all excavation shall be unclassified and shall include all materials encountered regardless of their nature or the manner in which they are removed, to include but not limited to groundwater, water, rock, stone, sand, concrete, organic material, existing abandoned utility lines whether shown on the plans or not, or any kind of material that is encountered."

22. Question: Refer to the water drawings of package 1. Are there any communication / fiber optic lines running on the same side of the new water main or in the opposite side of the new main @ Buckwheat, Sunny Glen, & Mider?

Response: The approximate utility locations are shown in the plans based on available data. As per General Note #4 on Sheet W2, "[l]ocations and depths of existing utilities and service laterals shown on the plans are understood to be approximate. Actual locations and depths must be field verified by the contractor at least 1 week prior to construction. It shall be the contractors responsibility to locate utility service lines as required for construction and to protect them during construction at no cost to SAWS." There are locations were parallel utilities may be present.

23. Question: Is there a designated staging area for the sewer and water lines of package 1?

Response: It is the contractor's responsibility to secure a staging area as no separate pay item.

24. Question: Refer to the water drawings of package 1, the drawings call out for abandoning in place the existing AC water line, would we have to fill this line with flowable fill or just plug it on each end?

Response: Existing water mains to be abandoned shall be plugged or capped at each end and abandoned in place.

25. Question: Refer to the water drawings on package 1, the drawings call out for new water services. Are the existing water services going to be abandoned in place by plugging each end? Or do we need to account for the cost for removing the old services?

Response: Existing water services to be abandoned shall be plugged or capped at each end and abandoned in place

26. Question: Is the contractor responsible for any impact fees for each service?

Response: Impact fees are only associated with installations of new meters. There are no impact fees for this project.



CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

1. Remove and Replace the INVITATION TO BIDDERS with the attached revised INVITATION TO BIDDERS. The section has been updated to reflect the correct lengths of water and sewer main to be replaced.

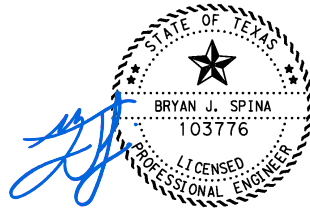
CLARIFICATIONS

1. Added Electronic Bid Opening Instructions.

END OF ADDENDUM #1

This Addendum, including these six (6) pages, is eight (8) pages with attachments in its entirety.

Attachments: Revised INVITATION FOR BIDDERS
Electronic Bid Opening Instructions



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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

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Sealed bids are requested by the San Antonio Water System for the construction of approximately 4,367 LF of 8-inch waterlines, 68 LF of 6-inch waterlines, and 15 LF of 16-inch waterlines via open-cut construction and approximately 144 LF of 8-inch sanitary sewer mains via open-cut construction for the 2021 SMP Package I (Buckwheat, Sunny Glen, Mider) Project, SAWS Job Nos. 20-5007 & 20-5507.

To view additional project information, as well as obtain the plans and specifications for this project, visit our website located at www.saws.org and click on the Business Center. Then select Bidder, Consultant, and Vendor Registration, which is located on the left-hand side of the screen. Select the Register Now button and proceed with registration.

For difficulties downloading plans and specifications, contact the Contracting Department at 210-233-3341.

A non-mandatory pre-bid WebEx meeting will be held at 2:00 PM (CT) on Friday, August 14, 2020.

<https://saws.webex.com>

Meeting number (access code): 146 836 9075

Meeting password: XDv3KCcsX73

Audio Connection: (210) 233-2090

For questions regarding this solicitation, technical questions or additional information, please contact Florinda Gonzales, Contract Administrator, in writing via email to: Florinda.Gonzales@saws.org or by fax to (210) 233-3914 until **10:00 AM (CT) on Friday, August 21, 2020**. Answers to the questions will be posted to the web site by **3:00 PM (CT) on Tuesday, August 25, 2020** as a separate document or included as part of an addendum. Please be advised that Bidders are prohibited from communicating with any other SAWS staff, the Consultant, the Developer, or City of San Antonio officials regarding this IFB up until the contract is awarded as outlined in the Instructions to Bidders.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency and to protect the health of the public, SAWS is implementing new procedures for the submission of bids. Bids will be received either Electronically or through Sealed bids, until 9:00 AM (CDT), Monday, August 31, 2020. Electronic bids will be received via the secure SAWS FTP site. **Sealed bids** will be received by Contract Administration, 2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North, Tower II, Customer Center Building, **via a drop box located on the left wall when walking through the first set of double glass doors of the main Tower II entry on the north side of the building**, San Antonio, Texas 78212. See the Electronic Bid Opening Instructions attachment for additional information regarding an electronic bid submittal. **Electronic** bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent of the total bid price. (Or, if providing SAWS with a cashier's check or certified check in an amount not less than five percent of the total bid price, SAWS will request this within 24 hours from the apparent low bidder. **Sealed** bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond in an amount not less than five percent of the total bid price. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud by Contract Administration via WebEx.

If Bidders intend to submit bids electronically, Bidders will need to submit a request by **Friday, August 28, 2020 by 10:00 AM CDT** to receive access to the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site via email to Florinda.Gonzales@saws.org. Bidder's email requesting access to the FTP site shall provide the legal name of Bidder's company and the intended recipient's email address and phone number. No requests for FTP site access will be accepted after **Friday, August 28, 2020 by 10:00 AM (CDT)**.

Bid opening WebEx meeting will be held at 9:00 AM (CT) on Monday, August 31, 2020.

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Meeting number (access code): 146 978 8920

Meeting password: Amu7s6EgNF5

Audio Connection: (210) 233-2090



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ELECTRONIC BID OPENING INSTRUCTIONS
August 31, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. (CDT)

FTP BID PROPOSAL UPLOAD

In order to receive electronic bids for this project, SAWS will utilize a SAWS secured File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site. Only Bidders bidding as Prime Contractors will need to submit their request prior to **August 28, 2020 by 10:00 am** to receive access to the FTP site via email to **Florinda.gonzales@saws.org**. Bidder's email shall provide the legal name of the Bidder's company and the intended recipient's email address and phone number. No requests for FTP site access will be accepted after **August 28, 2020 by 10:00 am (CDT)**. Once a Bidder is approved for access, an email with a hyperlink to the FTP site and a unique password for the Bidder will be provided to the Bidder's email recipient.

Once access is received, Bidders may upload the required documents per the Bid Proposal checklist any time before **August 31, 2020 by 9:00 am (CDT)**. Please ensure to allow sufficient time should Bidder's experience technical difficulties in uploading the required documents. No changes to the Bid nor bid price can be made once the Bid has been submitted.

Bidders shall comply with the following:

- 1) Limit files to one (1) pdf file that includes all requested documents, per the Bid Packet Checklist. **ONLY ONE SUBMITTAL WILL BE ACCEPTED PER REQUEST.** Do not upload any zip files.
- 2) Ensure that the itemized List of Bid Items is (are) the first page(s) of your file.
- 3) Bidders may protect the document from editing by adding a password. However, the document must be accessible for viewing by SAWS without requiring a password.
- 4) File shall be named: **CO-00355-FG – 2021 SMP Package I (Buckwheat, Sunny Glen, Mider) Project.**
- 5) **DO NOT SHARE ACCESS AND/OR PASSWORD WITH OTHER PARTIES OUTSIDE YOUR COMPANY.**
- 6) **ENSURE THE BID IS SENT NO LATER THAN THE DUE DATE AND TIME. BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER THE BID OPENING DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If the Bidder is in need of help, they may contact the SAWS Interim Contract Administrator, **Florinda Gonzales**, at 210-233-3914 or view troubleshooting tips at <http://www.Serv-U.com/sharefiles>

WEBEX BID OPENING MEETING

The WebEx meeting details are below if you would like to view the public opening of the bids.

When it's time, start or join the WebEx meeting from [here](#).

Access Information

Meeting Number: 146 978 8920

Meeting Password: Amu7s6EgNF5

Audio Connection: 210-233-2090 (SAWS WebEx)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Florinda Gonzales

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SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM

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