



**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
WATER MAIN CLEANING AND LINING PHASE V REBID
RFP EP23/24-26R**

ADDENDUM # 1 – SEPTMBER 30, 2024

BID OPENING THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

The following revisions, clarifications, additions and/or deletions are hereby made a part of the Bid Documents for the City of East Providence’s Water Main Cleaning and Lining Phase V Rebid project, RFP EP23/24-26R.

A pre-bid conference was held from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM on September 24, 2024, in Conference Room 306 at the East Providence City Hall. The conference was led by Brandon Blanchard, Vice President from Pare Corporation. The sign in sheets are attached. Below are the discussion points from the conference, followed by questions and clarifications.

Pre-Bid Conference Discussion Points:

1. The City of East Providence is rebidding the Phase V Water Main Cleaning and Lining project with a reduced scope of work due to bid prices received from their previous bid solicitation exceeding their budget for the project. Bidders shall note the City’s RFP # as “EP23/24-26R” in their bid submissions.
2. The reduced scope focuses on cleaning and lining water main in the Watchemoket Cove and Center City areas of East Providence, along with water service replacements in Willett Avenue. Cleaning and lining of water main in Pawtucket Avenue, Newport Avenue, Martin Street, and Willett Avenue is not included in the rebid.
3. The project generally includes the following aspects:
 - a. Cleaning and lining water main of various sizes;
 - b. Removing and replacing existing water main with new ductile iron water main;
 - c. Removing and replacing existing valves, hydrants, and appurtenances where called for on the project drawings;
 - d. Installing new valves where called for on the project drawings;
 - e. Replacing water services and curb stops where indicated on the drawings and in the specifications;
 - f. Installing temporary water bypass piping to support the project work; and
 - g. Temporary and permanent restoration of disturbed areas (City roads, RIDOT roadways, non-pavement areas, etc.).

4. Important Dates:
 - a. Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: September 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM
 - b. Question Deadline: October 3, 2024 at 4:00 PM
 - c. Bid Opening: October 17, 2024 at 2:00 PM
5. Questions shall be submitted by email to Brandon Blanchard, P.E. of Pare Corporation at bblanchard@parecorp.com, and Jessica Lamprey, Procurement Specialist for the City of East Providence at jlamprey@eastprovidenceri.gov.
6. Project Schedule
 - a. The critical milestone for the project is to complete all work and associated billings before the end of 2026 due to the terms of the City's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.
 - b. The City anticipates making an award and issuing Notice to Proceed before the end of 2024.
 - c. Work in Willette Avenue shall be prioritized at the start of the contract to perform water service replacements before an upcoming roadway restoration project planned by RIDOT. Further clarification will be provided to bidders if RIDOT's project schedule becomes better defined.
7. The City will be submitting a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) and Utility Permit to RIDOT for work in Willett Avenue. If submitted prior to bid opening, it will be provided by addenda for information purposes.
8. Bid Forms
 - a. Unit Price Contract with allowances for traffic control and support of existing utilities. Unit items and quantities are anticipated to generally reflect the scope of work shown on the Drawings.
 - b. Bidders shall include all required forms – forms required by the City of East Providence and forms required for State Revolving Fund (SRF) projects.
9. Special Contract Requirements 00733 - The project is funded through a Drinking Water SRF loan. Requirements for SRF projects must be met. These include, but are not limited to:
 - a. MBE / WBE Participation
 - b. Prevailing Wages/Certified Payroll
 - c. American Iron and Steel Requirements
 - d. Build America Buy America (BABA) provisions

Pre-Bid Conference Questions/Clarifications:

1. Is there an Engineer's estimate for the work?

An Engineer's estimate is not being made available to bidders. The City has budgeted \$19.5 million for this project from a SRF loan they received for this and other projects. The scope of the work and associated quantities are based on the City's budget and as assessment based on past unit bid prices.

2. Are the 6 addenda issued from the original bid made a part of this rebid?

Addenda issued to the original bid are not explicitly incorporated into this rebid and they should not be construed as such. Pertinent revisions made to the original bid documents by addenda have been incorporated into the rebid documents, where applicable.

3. Can the City clarify project schedule? The bid documents indicate final completion within 640 calendar days of Notice to Proceed, but how is winter shutdown accounted?

The date for Substantial Completion shall be October 15, 2026. The date for Final Completion shall be November 15, 2026 and final payment requisition shall be submitted by the Contractor by November 30, 2026. The schedule for this project is predicated on the payment terms of the City's SRF loan.

The City is requesting that the selected Contractor prioritize water service replacements in Willett Avenue for early 2025. Otherwise, the Contractor may be permitted to perform other work in winter months (January – March), at the City's discretion, where temporary bypass is not necessary (e.g., water main replacement). The City will determine if construction in winter is allowed based on weather conditions and other factors. Bidders are advised that the Contractor's inability to work in winter months, beyond that work specified in Willett Avenue, will not be a reason for a schedule extension.

The Contractor will be required to provide a detailed schedule prior to start of construction, which shall be updated periodically throughout the progression of the work. The City of East Providence will rely on this schedule for notices to residents and business owners.

4. Can the City identify which water main in Willett Avenue each service is connected to?

The City will provide tie cards for the water services being replaced in Willett Avenue. These will be provided in a future addendum.

5. Can you clarify if the Contractor is still required to prioritize replacement of water services?

Contractor is required to prioritize water service replacement in their project scheduling, both in Willett Avenue, as well as the lead services called for replacement in other project locations.

RIDOT's pavement restoration in Willett Avenue is planned for 2025. The City is coordinating with RIDOT for more specific details on the schedule for their project. Additional information will be provided to bidders if it becomes available. However, bidders should be prepared to complete water service replacements, including temporary pavement restoration, in Willett Avenue prior to April 1, 2025 assuming Notice to Proceed is issued before December 31, 2024. Bidders should plan for hot mix asphalt (HMA) temporary pavement restoration in Willett Avenue during winter months in their bid price. No adjustment to the bid price for temporary pavement restoration in winter months will be permitted.

6. Will flaggers be allowed and how are they to be paid for?

Flaggers will be permitted when East Providence Police Department traffic detail officers are not available, per Section 01000 Paragraph 1.9 Part C. Flaggers will be reimbursed under the Traffic Control allowance item. Contractor is required to schedule and coordinate police details and/or flaggers, including cancelling details within the timeframe required by the East

Providence Police Department. Costs incurred from police details that are cancelled without sufficient advance notice shall be paid directly by Contractor.

7. Is the weight of couplings included in the fittings to be paid for under Bid Item No. 25?

Yes.

8. Are corporations replaced as part of cleaning and lining to be paid for under the items for furnishing and installing corporations stops of various size.

Yes, but the Contractor shall take measures to prevent clogging of services and hydrant laterals with cleaning debris and/or cement lining in accordance with the technical specifications of this contract.

9. Will the sign-in sheet be provided?

The sign-in sheet from today's pre-bid meeting is attached.

Additional Clarifications:

1. According to Section 37-13-3.1 of the Chapter 13, Title 17 law, any state public works project valued at \$1,000,000 or more shall employ apprentices for the performance of the awarded contract. The number of apprentices shall comply with the apprentice to journeyman ratio for each trade approved by the apprenticeship council of the department of labor and training. Bidders shall be aware of this requirement when preparing their bids.
2. RIDOH, in consultation with EPA, has determined that this project must comply with the Buy America Build America (BABA) Act and that the City's request for a waiver is denied. Refer to Section 00733 for BABA requirements.

Attachments:

1. Pre-Bid Conference Sign-In Sheets

East Providence – Water Main Cleaning and Lining Phase V (Rebid)
 Pre-Bid Conference Sign-In Sheet
 September 24, 2024 – 10:00 AM

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