



**ENGLEWOOD WATER DISTRICT**

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To: Prospective Respondents

Date: June 4, 2026

Re: **Addendum #1 to RFB 2026-145 Manasota Key Water Main Replacement Project**

Respondents are notified that this Addendum will be made part of the solicitation documents. The intent of the Addendum is to add to, modify, or clarify the documents.

Questions submitted pursuant to this solicitation and Englewood Water District responses:

**Question 1.**

We understand there may be a **Minority/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Good Faith Effort (GFE)** requirement included in the contract documents. However, we have been made aware that local ME/WBE programs have been suspended, and no active directory appears to be available for outreach.

Can you please clarify the following:

- Is a Minority/DBE GFE requirement still applicable for this project?
- If so, what documentation or outreach efforts are expected given the absence of an active vendor directory?

**Answer 1.**

No. The Solicitation does not establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal and does not require submission of Good Faith Effort (GFE) documentation or M/WBE outreach documentation with the Bid.

However, this federally funded Project is subject to the affirmative steps requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.321, as incorporated into Part G – Federal Contract Provisions of the Solicitation. The suspension, modification, or unavailability of any local M/WBE program does not eliminate or modify the applicable federal requirements.

Contractors utilizing subcontractors are required to comply with the affirmative steps requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.321 to ensure that small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used whenever possible. Contractors are also encouraged to consider veteran-owned businesses when identifying potential subcontracting opportunities. Contractors may utilize available resources, including the State of Florida Vendor Information Portal ([vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com](http://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com)), the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency, the Florida Department of Management Services Office of Supplier Diversity, and other commercially available sources to identify potential firms for subcontracting opportunities.

## Solicitation Clarification – Federal Subcontracting Requirements

For this federally funded Project, the successful Bidder shall, prior to Contract execution, certify to the District that it understands and will comply with the affirmative steps requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.321 applicable to subcontracting opportunities under the Contract and shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate such compliance. Such records shall be provided to the District upon request during contract administration, grant monitoring, audit, or project closeout.

### Question 2.

Is there a bid bond form to be used for this bid? Or is a standard A1A form work.

### Answer 2.

The District has not provided a mandatory Bid Bond form as part of the Solicitation Documents. Bidders may submit a standard industry Bid Bond form, such as the AIA A310 Bid Bond, or an equivalent form issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida, provided the Bid Bond complies with the requirements of the Solicitation Documents, including the required amount of five percent (5%) of the total Bid Price.

### Question 3.

The project is described as a water main replacement. Are there remnants of the existing/abandoned water main that will need to be removed during construction? If so, are as-built drawings available for general location reference?

### Answer 3.

The existing 6-inch watermain along Manasota Key Road was washed out during a series of hurricanes. Pieces of the watermain may still be remaining; however, it is not possible to determine if any existing watermain still exists. As-builts will not be provided.

### Question 4.

Would it be acceptable to utilize the parking lot area (highlighted in green below) for material and equipment storage?



**Answer 4.**

The Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating and providing staging areas and facilities required for construction operations. The Contractor shall reach out to the property owner for information and approval of referenced property.

**Question 5.**

In lieu of an 8" 11.25° HDPE bend, would the use of an 11.25° ductile iron fitting be acceptable?

**Answer 5.**

Ductile iron fittings will not be accepted in lieu of HDPE bends for HDPE pipe.

**Question 6.**

The bid documents note that Manasota Key Road was recently reconstructed. Is there a design sheet available for reference to ensure pavement restoration matches existing conditions?

**Answer 6.**

Cross sections and as-builts of the recent road replacement are not available.

**Question 7.**

Does this project have any certified payroll requirements?

**Answer 7.**

No. The Solicitation does not require certified payroll reporting, and the Project is not subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements. Bidders shall remain responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local labor laws and employment requirements.

**Question 8.**

Does this project have any BABA requirements?

**Answer 8.**

No. The Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) provision included in Section 20, Part G – Federal Contract Provisions is expressly identified as "Not Applicable to RFB 2026-145."

**Question 9.**

Does this project have any AIS requirements?

**Answer 9.**

Yes. The Solicitation includes a Florida Iron and Steel Certification pursuant to Section 255.0993, Florida Statutes. Bidders shall review the applicable certification requirements contained in the Representations and Certifications section of the Solicitation. By submitting a Bid, the Bidder certifies that it will comply with the requirements of Section 255.0993, Florida Statutes, as set forth in the Solicitation Documents.

**Question 10.**

What is the Engineer's estimate/budget?

**Answer 10.**

The Engineer's estimate will not be provided.

**Question 11.**

Are signed and sealed MOT plans required?

**Answer 11.**

Yes, signed and sealed Maintenance of Traffic plans are required for the project for open cut sections of road and/or when the work is within the pavement, shoulders, or sidewalks of the road or may disrupt traffic per Sarasota County Ordinance 2024-051.

**Question 12.**

Will a laydown yard be required? Is the owner providing one?

**Answer 12.**

The Owner will not be providing any laydown areas. The Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating and obtaining any additional land, access, and facilities necessary for construction operations, including staging areas, storage areas, and access thereto.

**Question 13.**

Will the owner pay for the water used for Pigging, Flushing, Testing?

**Answer 13.**

The Contractor will not be charged for reasonable water usage for pigging, flushing, and testing. However, the Contractor shall be responsible for paying all costs including installation, maintenance and removal and service charges for water used as applicable. Refer to the RFB and Technical Specification Section 01 51 00.

**Question 14.**

What are the hours/days allowed for work?

**Answer 14.**

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday and in accordance with Sarasota County requirements.

**Question 15.**

Are there any MBE or DBE goals?

**Answer 15.**

No. The Solicitation does not establish any MBE, WBE, or DBE participation goals. However, this federally funded Project is subject to the affirmative steps requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.321, as incorporated into Part G – Federal Contract Provisions. Contractors utilizing subcontractors are required to comply with those requirements to ensure that small businesses, minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used whenever possible.

**Question 16.**

Is a field office required?

**Answer 16.**

A field office will not be required.

**Question 17.**

Is Builders Risk Insurance required?

**Answer 17.**

No. See page 43, paragraph 18.

**Question 18.**

Will the owner reimburse the Contractor for any required permits and/or fees such as, ROW permit, etc.?

**Answer 18.**

Contractor shall submit receipts and a copy of the applicable permits proving the actual cost incurred from the local government permitting agency. Payment shall be made in accordance with the contract documents and shall constitute full compensation for any approved costs attributed to the payment of applicable local government permits and fees.

**Question 19.**

Please provide a copy of all the permits obtained by the owner for this project.

**Answer 19.**

The watermain replacement was determined to be in-kind replacement and per Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Rule 62-555.330, the replacement did not require a construction permit. The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) was notified of the replacement. No other permits have been obtained by the Owner for this project.

**Question 20.**

Please provide all the permits, including fees, that the Contractor is responsible for.

**Answer 20.**

The Contractor shall obtain any and all required permits from all appropriate government agencies, unless otherwise specified. Work permits and licenses necessary for the prosecution of the Work shall be secured

and paid for by the Contractor.

**Question 21.**

Can we use hydroseed for restoration?

**Answer 21.**

If hydroseeding is used on the project, it shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations including Sarasota County development regulations and Department of Transportation (DOT) standards.

**Question 22.**

Please advise whether there are any known contaminated areas on site.

**Answer 22.**

No known contaminated areas have been identified on the project site based on information available.

**Question 23.**

Can the awarded contractors apply for a price escalation if necessary if the price of materials is significantly higher at the time they receive notice to proceed than it is at the time the bid is due?

**Answer 23.**

No. Bidders shall include all anticipated costs, risks, and market conditions in their Bid. The Contract does not contain a price escalation clause or other provision for adjustment of unit prices based upon increases in labor, material, equipment, fuel, supply chain costs, tariffs, or other market conditions occurring after Bid submission.

The Contract will be awarded based upon the unit prices submitted by the successful Bidder, and such prices shall remain firm for the duration of the Contract. Increases in the Contractor's costs of performance shall not constitute grounds for a Change Order, equitable adjustment, or additional compensation. Any adjustment to the Contract Price shall be governed solely by the terms of the Contract Documents and shall not include adjustments based solely upon increases in the Contractor's cost of labor, materials, equipment, fuel, tariffs, supply chain costs, or other market conditions occurring after Bid submission.

**Question 24.**

For the trees that have to be removed to install the drill pits, will they have to be replaced in kind or can a smaller, similar species tree be installed.

**Answer 24.**

All trees disturbed by construction activities shall be replaced in kind or in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations, whichever are most stringent.

**Question 25.**

Are signed and sealed HDD calcs required?

**Answer 25.**

Signed and sealed Horizontal Directional Drill calculations are required. See Technical Specification Section 33 05 24 - Directional Drilling for additional details.

**Question 26.**

Do we need to de-bead the HDPE at the fusion joints?

**Answer 26.**

No, HDPE pipes used for the horizontal directional drill do not need to be de-beaded at the fusion joints.

**Question 27.**

Is wireless guidance required for this project?

**Answer 27.**

Wireless guidance is not required per the Contract Documents. However, the Contractor shall furnish all items necessary to perform the horizontal directional drilling operation and install the pipe to the lines and grades shown on the drawings and in accordance with Technical Specifications Section 33 05 24.

**Question 28.**

Is a mud engineer required for the drilling operations?

**Answer 28.**

A mud engineer is not required per the Contract Documents. However, all of the work shall be performed safely and in compliance with all environmental regulations and in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations and contract documents including plans and technical specifications. All drilling fluids are to be managed and monitored continuously during the drilling operations and shall be properly disposed of. Refer to Technical Specifications Sections 33 05 24 – Directional Drilling and 33 31 50 – Piping and Valves.

**Question 29.**

Do all fusion joints need to be recorded with a Datalogger?

**Answer 29.**

Fusion joints do not need to be recorded with a datalogger. However, the horizontal directional drill and piping must adhere to the Technical Specifications Sections 33 05 24 – Directional Drilling and 33 31 50 – Piping and Valves.

**Question 30.**

May HDPE-to-DI/PVC connections be made using stainless steel internal stiffeners with mechanical joint wedge-type restraints in lieu of HDPE MJ adapters?

**Answer 30.**

The HDPE to DI/PVC connections can be made by utilizing HDPE MJ adapter with stainless steel stiffeners, gland ring, T-bolts/gaskets with MJ sleeve.

**Question 31.**

Can we drill deeper than what it shown on the plans/profile? What is the max depth?

**Answer 31.**

The drills can be deeper if the Contractor provides acceptable design parameters on the signed and sealed drilling calculations and requirements per Technical Specifications Sections 33 05 24 – Directional Drilling. The drilling calculations and plan shall be approved by the Owner and Engineer prior to installation. Refer to the geotechnical reports as sandy calcareous clay to weathered limestone was discovered at a depth of approximately 35 feet in the project area.

**Question 32.**

Can the drills be extended and / or combined?

**Answer 32.**

It is possible to combine the drills. However, the successful Bidder/Contractor shall submit signed and sealed drilling calculations and requirements per Technical Specifications Sections 33 05 24 – Directional Drilling. The drilling calculations and plan shall be approved by the Owner and Engineer prior to installation.

**Question 33.**

Are we allowed to work Saturday and Sunday to prevent frackouts?

**Answer 33.**

The successful Bidder/Contractor shall plan the drilling activities accordingly to avoid working on Saturday and Sunday on the project. Currently there is not any approved weekend work.

**Question 34.**

Bid items #8 specify 8” DR9 HDPE pipe installed by HDD. Can 6” DR18 Fusible PVC pipe be approved as an “equal” or alternate for the HDD segments of this project?

**Answer 34.**

Fusible PVC pipe is not allowed on this project.

**Respondents are required to acknowledge receipt of this addendum in their response submittal forms. All other terms and conditions of the original solicitation and contract remain the same.**

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