

THE CITY OF WALTHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**WATER METERS & FIXED NETWORK
AUTOMATIC METER READER (AMR) SYSTEM BID**

ADDENDUM NO. 3

June 19, 2013

CHANGES, CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The attention of bidders submitting proposals for the above subject project is called to the following addendum to the specifications. The items set forth herein, whether of omission, addition, substitution or clarification are all to be included in and form a part of the proposal submitted.

THE NUMBER OF THIS ADDENDUM (NO. 3) MUST BE ENTERED IN THE APPROPRIATE SPACE PROVIDED IN THE FORM FOR GENERAL BID – SECTION 00410-2.

ITEM NO.: 1 **ANSWERS TO POSED QUESTIONS**

Q1. For the removal of a meter and replacement with a smaller meter, will the City be installing a new tap from the main to resize the pipe going to the meter?

A1. No.

Q2. Does the scope of work require the installation contractor to install any reducing fittings?

A2. When the existing meter is replaced with a smaller sized meter, a reducing fitting will be necessary. Refer to Specification Section 01270, Measurement and Payment, 1.06 and 1.07 for work included in rightsizing items.

Q3. Will the lay and length be different for the new meter than it was for the removed meter?

A3. When a meter is downsized, a spool piece may be required in addition to the new, smaller meter to make up the difference for the longer lay length of the meter removed. Contractor shall provide the necessary piping, fittings, etc.

Q4. What degree of piping or plumbing, including pipes, pressure reducing valves, will be required?

A4. Refer to Questions #2 and #3.

Q5. Reference the large commercial meter evaluation requirement; will a cost per labor hour be acceptable? Without understanding the current state of the meter (pit, indoor, confined space, buried or flooded, etc. as well as the requirements for the written recommendation, providing a flat cost is difficult. Does this task require an engineer or a plumber?

A5. A cost per labor hour is not acceptable. One unit price shall be provided for large meter evaluations. Evaluations and written recommendations from the Contractor do not require a plumber or engineer.

End of Addendum 3