



SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

Question and Answers #2
Request for Proposal No. 2237022
Universal Metering Phase 3

Date: January 24, 2023

Item No. 1

Question:

Fee Structure, Item 1.1 & 2.1 Description: 16 mm (16 x 19 mm) water meter.

Question: Please confirm this describes a 5/8x3/4" meter to be installed onto a 3/4" water connection.

Answer: Correct.

Item No. 2

Question:

Fee Structure, Item 1.2 & 2.2 Description: 19 mm (19 x 25 mm) water meter.

Question: Please confirm this describes a full 3/4" meter to be installed onto a 1" water connection.

Answer: Correct.

Item No. 3

Question:

Item 3.0 Description: Upgrade Existing Meters to RF Transmission (3.1 & 3.2)

Question: For items 3.1 & 3.2, are these all pit meters? Any inside applications? If there are any inside applications, we suggest making those separate on the pricing schedule. For the pit applications under 3.1 and 3.2, will the pit lid have an existing 38mm diameter hole to accommodate the RF antenna?

Answer:

Item 3.1 are all pit meters.

Item 3.2 is to be treated as pit meters for pricing purposes.

There are provisions for inside installation pricing under Item 6.0 of the pricing schedule.

For pit installations under Item 3.1 and 3.2 of the pricing schedule, pricing to be based on pit lids having an existing 38mm diameter hole to accommodate the RF antenna. If existing lids are found not have an existing RF antenna hole, the SCRD will either retrofit the existing lid or supply replacement lid with appropriate hole.

Item No. 4

Question:

Item 9.1 Description: "Line freezing using freezing kit (if necessary) per service co".

Question: The description is cut off. Please provide the remaining description. Is it is per service "connection" (end of description)?

Answer:

Correct. Item 9.1 of the pricing schedule should read "Line freezing using freezing kit (if necessary) per service connection".

Item No. 5

Question:

Invasive Species Management.

Question: In phase I and II of the SCRD water meter program, the District managed and coordinated the responsibilities related to invasive species. In this latest RFP, it is asking for the successful proponent to undertake all of these responsibilities. May we suggest that the SCRD handle invasive species as they have done in the past (i.e. managed by SCRD)? If the proponent is to manage this, can the SCRD provide some further information on local resources/expertise and further direction? We have not undertaken this sort of invasive species management on any past meter projects other than the past phase I and II meter project with the SCRD who was lead on management responsibilities.

Answer:

Section 5.1.3 of the RFP states that "Treatment of known patches of the invasive plant Knotweed will be carried out by the Regional District", as per past practice. The successful Proponent is requested to provide an Invasive Species Management Plan describing treatment and disposal of any invasive species identified on site within 20 metres of install locations that were not previously identified by the Regional District.

Item No. 6

Question:

Is the SCRD able to provide the successful vendor warehouse space to house and store product in the Sechelt project area?

Answer:

No, the SCRD does not have warehouse space available in the Sechelt project area.

Item No. 7

Question:

Section 3.3 Scope, "All work is to be completed within 12 months of contract award".

Question/Comment: May we suggest that proponents provide a schedule of proposed project completion including all milestones (i.e., detailed project plan)? Each company can then be evaluated accordingly. Note: there are many components, fittings, etc that currently have very long lead times. These lead times need to be carefully factored into an overall project plan and timeframe.

Answer:

The Regional District's preference is to complete all installations within 12 months of award. Proponents shall submit their earliest achievable completion schedule. Completion dates beyond 12 months of award will be considered and evaluated accordingly.