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UTILITY POLES TRANSFERS AND FIBER SUPPORT SERVICES (RFP 2023-017) SALEM, NH

ADDENDUM No. 1

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This Addendum is published with questions and answers received regarding RFP 2023-017 – Utility Pole Transfers and Fiber Support Services. Appropriate responses are provided in **BOLD** for each question asked. This document shall be part of the RFP and Contract requirements.

Bidders Questions:

- Please confirm all police details will be reimbursed to the contractor by the Town.

Yes. Police details are reimbursed. Note that no markup is allowed on invoicing.

- There is no reference to a bid bond. Please confirm no bid bond is required, correct?

No Bid bond is required.

- The marker items noted on the bid form are confusing. Is the pricing requested a per marker (meaning quantity of 1) installed, or per bag? If per bag, is that the quantity of a bag listed?

The two items are just for purchase of the different tags. The manufacturer sells tags per bag of 25 pieces. The bid quantity is 40 bags and 50 backs respectively. Reference cut sheet in appendix. The final product will be delivered to the Town.

- Why is there a splicing spec for fiber cable? Where are splices occurring? Thought this job was just to transfer existing cable?

This is a full-service contract for all Town assets for a 3-year duration. The starter contract does not have any fiber splices. Future work and contracts under the award will have fiber splicing. Future work will be scoped as projects are developed.

- Why is a new bolt required (alt 1) at locations where fire alarm cable is being removed?

The Town maintains its attachment rights if the bolt is installed. The bolt, hanger, tag assembly will support a future fiber expansion project.



- Please confirm if the fiber to be transferred is fiber on messenger, or fiber over lashed to other cables, or is it ADSS, and what size fiber cable? Etc. need more info.

Bidders should visit the project site to confirm all conditions. The majority of transfers for this project are fiber on messenger. There is some over lashed wire on Messer Ave. ADSS wire was not observed but it may still be present. Cable size through the project area is relatively small. Existing design information is not complete however the majority of the cable appears to be 24F cable based on available record information.

- Who will handle any underground conduit work required for the “Transfer Span Wire, beacon and power” section of work?

The awarded contractor will coordinate all work. Bids should consider a subcontractor to dig if the contractor is not equipped to handle such tasks. Note that digging is extremely minor in nature for the first project. Where the bidder elects to condition the bid then the Specifications Exception Form should be completed. The Town may elect to participate in digging on the first project.

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