



**VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER & POWER AUTHORITY**  
**TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION DIVISION**

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PROJECT NUMBER: PR -14 - 20

PROJECT NAME: RFP FOR CONTAINER PORT UNDERGROUND PROJECT

PROJECT REFERENCE: ADDENDUM No. 1

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1) Is there a SWPPP required for the project?

**Response:**

Because the work will not expose more than an acre at any one time, this project will not require a SWPPP or storm water permit.

2) Trench details provided in the project plan sheet E-12 show the trench with only 8" to 28 inches cover over the proposed utilities. Typical local standards have a minimum 36 inch cover from top of utility to top of road surface. Please confirm that the trench details are correct.

**Response:**

Trench details should be adjusted to the new E-12 detail sheet. Trench detail B-B should have flowfill along route til 2 inches below grade.

3) Please confirm asphalt repair detail for the project. Being a major shipping and industrial park access road 2 inch asphalt repair seems thin for the heavy weight traffic that the road takes daily. Previous utility trenches that have been overlaid with 2 inch asphalt have had the edges projected or crack through. Wapa Cruz Bay Underground Feeder 7B project, the most recent project bid, called for a 4 inch base with 2 inch surface overlay repair. Please find attached the asphalt repair detail used for Cruz Bay Project.

**Response:**

Refer to attached drawing SKC-01, dated October 24, 2019.

4) The new proposed line from JB-8 to MN-4 is shown on plans installed in the roadway shoulder. the road in this area has a rip rap shoulder that drops 6 ft and is not wide enough for the proposed trench. Attached is a photo of the road and the shoulder in question. Please confirm if the trench will have to be installed within the roadway for this portion of the project..

**Response:**

The trench will be installed in the roadway for this portion of the project.

5) Item 25 , Additional Secondary work for customer shows a quantity of 10. How is this quantity derived and what does the scope of work associated with this line item encompass?

**Response:**

The quantity 10 each refers to the number of customers requiring hook up on the secondary side. This will require being hooked up from the transformer to the customer. Meters should not have to be replaced for this connection.

6) Item 26 calls for Hi Pot testing. Is there a procedure for this testing that specifies how this testing is to be performed? For example does each cable need to be tested individually or can we test several lengths of cable that have been assembled with required connectors such that we can test a longer length of the cable system.

Response:

Wapa requires that the cable be tested at 60kV dc for 24.9kv cables. The cable run can be broken into three to five segments for testing. Each cable in the parallel run would have to be tested for these segments. Tests must be done for a duration of 15 minutes per cable with recorded readings every minute.

7) Will Wapa have a representative on site at all time work is being conducted?

Response:

Wapa will have a representative on site 80% of the time work is being conducted.

8) Based on CRF 200.320, subpart C all conditions are met for this project to be procured by sealed bids. Why is this project being procured by competitive proposals and not sealed bids?

Response:

The criteria handed down from FEMA stipulates that these projects must be competitively bid.

9) How will the weight of each evaluation criteria be rated for each Offeror? Is it prorated or set points? I.e . If the #1 contractor gets 20 points, what will the 2nd and 3rd bid get? please explain how the point system is broken down for the first, second and third ranks for each item of the evaluation.

Response:

The evaluation is performed by a committee of VIWAPA professionals consisting of an assigned number of voting members, supported by non-voting ex-officio committee members, consisting of other personnel from WAPA, and Ernst and Young. Each voting member assigns points to each Offeror for each category listed above. Then the average score for each category will be combined for the total evaluated score for each Offeror. The Offeror with the highest total evaluated score will be awarded the project.

10) For the evaluation criteria compliance with Contract Drawings and specifications portion, typically compliance with the contract drawings and specifications is facilitated with the execution of the project work. Other than complying with the bid instructions, what is required of the bidder to receive 20 points for compliance with the contract drawings and specifications.?

Response:

Offeror evaluation sheet revised to remove this item. See Attached

**11)** For the evaluation criteria cost portion, how will the weight of each evaluation criteria be rated for each offeror? Is it prorated or set points? I.E. If the low bid contractor gets 20 points, what will the 2nd and 3rd lowest bidder get?

**Response:**

The criteria is based on set points. The Authority has developed its cost based on work done locally and will use this as a comparison against cost provided by the Offeror's.

**12)** For the evaluation Criteria Financial Strength portion, what scale is going to be used to determine the financial strength of a bidder to receive 10 points? Is one bidder's financial strength going to be determined based on another bidder's financial strength? Or will it be based on the financial strength needed to complete the project. For example, if one contractor has the financial strength to complete the project and another contractor has the financial strength to complete the project ten times over, will each contractor receive 10 points?

**Response:**

Each Offerer will have their individual financial strength evaluated based on their capability to complete the project.

**13)** For the evaluation criteria reputation of company portion, is the evaluation based on a contractor's work within the community of the U.S. Virgin Islands?

**Response:**

The evaluation criteria is based on the contractor's work history in the Virgin Islands, United States or abroad. In order to be competitive to everyone, contractor's experience cannot be limited to just the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**14)** For the evaluation criteria reputation of company portion, the reputation of a company should not be used for an evaluation criteria because it is based off of opinion. How is the reputation of a company any different than the opinion of the person evaluating the proposals?

**Response:**

The reputation of the company is based on information provided by each Contractor. The committee members will review performance based on past work performed and score Offerors accordingly.

**15)** Is the funding source aware that the bid will be procured through an evaluation committee and will not be awarded to the responsive, qualified low bidder?

**Response:**

Both sources are aware of the use of an evaluation committee for reviewing all bids.