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REFER TO FILE: **BRC-1**

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - ADDENDUM 1 ON-CALL WATER METER MAINTENANCE SERVICES PROGRAM (BRC0000112)

**Reminder: The deadline to submit proposals is Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.**

The following addenda and informational update are in response to requests for information submitted by the proposers and to clarify information in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for On-Call Water Meter Maintenance Services Program (BRC0000112) released on September 4, 2019. The questions presented in Section B of this Addendum represent questions asked by the Proposers in the form and context as submitted.

All addenda and informational updates will also be posted electronically at <http://pw.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts/>. Please check the website frequently for any further addenda or informational updates, which may be released for this solicitation.

#### **A. ADDENDUM**

The RFP Notice, page 1 is hereby modified, with deleted language in ~~strikeout~~ and added language in **bold**, as shown below:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Public Works requests proposals for the On-Call Water Meter Maintenance Services Program (BRC0000112). This contract has been designed to have a potential maximum contract term of 4 years, consisting of an initial 1-year term and three potential additional 1-year renewal options. The total annual contract amount of this service is estimated to be ~~\$1.5 million~~ **\$375,000**. The Request for Proposals (RFP) with contract specifications, forms, and instructions for preparing and submitting proposals may be accessed at <http://pw.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts/> or may be requested from Mr. Danny Medina at (626) 458-4080 or [dmedina@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dmedina@pw.lacounty.gov) or Mr. David Pang at (626) 458-7167 or [dpang@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dpang@pw.lacounty.gov), Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## **B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- 1. Question:** Our firm has a C-36 plumbing license. We have been performing meter testing and replacements of all sizes and brands using this license. We would like to know if our license would be accepted for this project due to our experience in the industry?

**Response:** No, the C-36 license will not be accepted to fulfill the licensing requirement for this service for the following reasons. The contract work consists of large water meter maintenance, service, repair and replacement. The work to be performed will occasionally include fabrication, trenching, boring, backfilling, compacting, paving, surfacing, and/or shoring to complete required installations, tests, maintenance and repairs. The C-36 plumbing contractor license as defined by the California Contractors State License Board under Title 16, Division 8, Article 3, covers (a) waste removal and/or the construction and connection of on-site waste disposal systems; (b) piping, storage tanks and venting, including vacuum, compressed air and gas for medical, dental, commercial and industrial usage; (c) gas appliances; (d) water and gas piping from the premise to the utility meter to the structure or fixed works; (e) installation of water heating components to suitable temperatures, including installation of solar equipment; and (f) maintenance and replacement of all aforementioned items and devices, such as gas earthquake valves, gas control valves, back flow preventers, water conditioning equipment and regulating valves. As defined, the tasks associated with the C-36 license alone do not adequately encompass all the tasks, which may be required under this contract work to the extent that the required licenses listed in the RFP do. The defined operations do not make reference to tasks, such as making modifications or fabricating large water meter system components, trenching or boring to access large water meter systems, and backfilling, surfacing and paving access points of large water meter systems.

- 2. Question:** Concerning Form PW-2, Section E, Large Meter Replacement. It is very difficult to give an accurate per unit estimate for the replacement of a large meter. Each service setting is different. In the past the County has requested the hourly cost of:

- Two Person Crew
- Additional Crew Member
- Backhoe with Operator
- Dump Truck with Operator

Would it be possible to use this again?

**Response:** No. As stated in the Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices and again at the Proposer's conference held on September 18, 2019; it is the responsibility of the Proposer to calculate their proposal price and take into consideration all materials, administrative costs, supervision, transportation, taxes, equipment, fuel costs, and the potential for escalation of wages. Please note that Exhibit I, List of Large Water Meters, provides a catalog of the County's Large Water Meters, which may be serviced as part of the contracted work, including the size, type, serial number and location of each meter. While there may be variables associated from one meter to another, the meter type specifications detailed on Exhibit I combined with the description of the services on Form PW-2, Schedule of Prices, Section E, provide the Proposer adequate information to submit their best price, considering all potential factors.

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Mr. Danny Medina at (626) 458-4080 or [dmedina@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dmedina@pw.lacounty.gov) or Mr. David Pang at (626) 458-7167 or [dpang@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dpang@pw.lacounty.gov), Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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