



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Providence Water

RFP Title: Accelerated Lead Service Line Replacement Program Contract 1-2

Opening Date: 12/04/2023

Addendum #: 1

Issue Date: 11/17/2023

The purpose of this addendum is:

Supplemental information



ADDENDUM NO. 1

TO: ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENT HOLDERS OF RECORD
ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

FROM: PROVIDENCE WATER
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DATE ISSUED: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

RE: ACCELERATED LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM –
CONTRACT 1.2
CONTRACT NO. 20234

BID OPENING DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 AT 2:15 PM

BID OPENING LOCATION: BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PROVIDENCE CITY HALL
25 DORRANCE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

LAST WRITTEN QUESTIONS DUE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

This Addendum No. 1, including all referenced attachments, modifies, amends, and supplements designated parts of the Contract Documents to the above-referenced project and shall be part of the Contract Documents as provided in the “Instructions to Bidders” for the above-referenced project.

Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by inserting its number and date on page 00 41 00 – 1 of the Bid Form. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder to disqualification.

The Contract Documents are hereby modified, amended, and supplemented as follows:

ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included with this Addendum:

1. Pre-Bid Conference Meeting Report

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

1. The meeting report from the pre-bid conference held on Thursday November 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM is attached to and included with this Addendum.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. **SPECIFICATION 007300 – SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS: ADD** the following new Paragraph 7.13 as follows:

“SC-7.13

Add the following new paragraph 7.13.E.1 of the General Conditions as follows:

Contractor is required to provide proper PPE and training for the work activities on the project including, but not limited to, for lead service line removal and replacement as recommended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/wp-solutions/2023-141/default.html>.”

2. **SPECIFICATION 01010 – SUMMARY: DELETE** “Olneyville and Silver Lake” in the first sentence of Paragraph 1.01.A and **REPLACE** with “Lower South Providence and Elmwood”.
3. **SPECIFICATION 01010 – SUMMARY: DELETE** “Olneyville and Silver Lake” in the first sentence of Paragraph 1.01.B and **REPLACE** with “Lower South Providence and Elmwood”.
4. **SPECIFICATION 01010 – SUMMARY: DELETE** “if there are enough signed ROEs for the contractor to meet the quota.” in the last sentence of Paragraph 1.02.B.
5. **SPECIFICATION 01010 – SUMMARY: INSERT** new bullet point “b.” as shown below immediately following “a.” in Paragraph 1.02. **RENUMBER** bullet points subsequently.

“b. Obtaining the Right-of-Entry (ROE) and Release Form for Lead Service Line Replacement from homeowners.”
6. **SPECIFICATION 01014 – CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE AND SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS: DELETE** the second and third sentence of Paragraph 1.08.A.6 and

REPLACE with “ROE must be submitted to and approved by the Owner before any work at that address takes place.”

7. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: ADD** “or Contractor” after “properties that the Owner” in the first sentence of Paragraph 3.01.B.3.
8. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: DELETE** the second sentence “Work includes checking for electrical potential near the water meter and installing an electrical grounding rod if not existing at the property.” in Paragraph 3.05.A.1.a and **REPLACE** with “Work includes testing for current and if water line is used for grounding, bypass with a temporary bonding jumper.”
9. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: DELETE** “installation of grounding rod if not present and checking for electrical potential on the pipe” in the third sentence of Paragraph 3.05.B.1 and **REPLACE** with “installation of a temporary bonding jumper if water line is used for grounding”.
10. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: DELETE** “installation of grounding rod if not present and checking for electrical potential on the pipe” in the second sentence of Paragraph 3.05.B.2 and **REPLACE** with “installation of a temporary bonding jumper if water line is used for grounding”.
11. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: DELETE** the entire paragraph 3.05.B.3 and **REPLACE** with the below:

“3. **(Item 2C) Access Not Provided** – Measurement will be based on the number of locations where one of the following occurs:

- a. Customer misses a scheduled and documented appointment after the Contractor mobilized for the replacement and cannot reschedule for more than 72 hours.
- b. Customer was home but provided no reasonable work area to access the service line or water meter on the interior of the house after the Contractor mobilized for the replacement.
- c. Improper grounding or electrical work is identified by the Contractor after mobilizing for the replacement requiring the homeowner to hire an electrician to perform electrical work before the replacement can be completed by the Contractor.

All work claimed under this Item must be documented in writing by the Contractor.”

12. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: DELETE** the third sentence “Work includes checking for electrical potential near the water meter and installing an electrical grounding rod if not existing at the property.” in Paragraph 3.06.A.1.a and **REPLACE** with “Work includes testing for current and if water line is used for grounding, bypass with a temporary bonding jumper.”
13. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: DELETE** “installation of grounding rod if not present and checking for electrical potential on the pipe” in the second sentence of Paragraph 3.06.B.1 and **REPLACE** with “installation of a temporary bonding jumper if water line is used for grounding”.
14. **SPECIFICATION 01025 – MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT: DELETE** “installation of grounding rod if not present and checking for electrical potential on the pipe” in the first sentence of Paragraph 3.06.B.3 and **REPLACE** with “installation of a temporary bonding jumper if water line is used for grounding”.
15. **SPECIFICATION 01170 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS: DELETE** Paragraph 1.18.B.2 and **REPLACE** with the following new Paragraph 1.18.B.2:

“2. A list of addresses for replacement of existing lead service lines as part of this project are provided in Appendix A of this Project Manual. A list of customers at these addresses that have signed the Right-of-Entry (ROE) and Release Form for Lead Service Line Replacement will be continuously updated and shared by the Engineer to the Contractor. The Contractor shall make three (3) documented attempts to obtain a signed ROE from homeowners. The three (3) attempts shall be on different dates and times and using different media (i.e. doorhangers, phone calls, door-to-door, etc.) and documented in the data management system with photographic evidence. The Contractor shall leave notification each time with a phone number for the Customer to contact them. If after three attempts, the ROE is not completed, the Contractor shall inform the Owner and Engineer in writing of the address, Customer name and the documented three (3) failed attempts including date, time and media. The Engineer may attempt to contact the Customer within 72 hours of the Contractor notifying the Engineer. The cost for this effort shall be included in the replacement bid items and no additional payment will be provided for the outreach effort. If the homeowner refuses the replacement prior to the third attempt, the Contractor shall document the refusal (i.e. address, customer name, date and time of refusal, reason for refusal, and person obtaining the refusal) and does not need to complete the three attempts. Provide any signed ROEs to the Inspector to confirm eligibility and add into the master list. For services that do not have a signed ROE reviewed and confirmed by the Engineer, no work shall take place. Owner reserves the right to revise the locations intended for lead service line replacements, including:”

16. **SPECIFICATION 01170 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS:** DELETE Paragraph 1.18.C.1 and REPLACE with the following new Paragraph 1.18.C.1:

“1. Before scheduling or commencing any work on private property, Contractor will obtain the consent of each Customer with a signed Right of Entry (ROE) and Release Form for Lead Service Line Replacement (a sample is provided at the end of this section). No work shall commence on private property until Contractor has received a signed ROE and Release Form for Lead Service Line Replacement authorizing permission to complete work on private property and the ROE is submitted to and approved by the Owner.”

17. **SPECIFICATION 01170 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS:** DELETE Paragraph 1.18.F.1 and REPLACE with the following new Paragraph 1.18.F.1:

“1. Engineer or Owner will confirm Homeowner signatures on the ROE and Release Form for Lead Service Line Replacement obtained by the Contractor prior to Contractor commencing construction activities. Contractor shall coordinate with Customers on the list in Appendix A by scheduling an inspection to confirm the presence or absence of a lead water service line.”

18. **SPECIFICATION 01170 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS:** DELETE “From” in the first sentence of Paragraph 1.18.M.2 and REPLACE with “Form”.

-END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1-

ATTACHMENT 1



Meeting Agenda

Project: Accelerated Lead Service Line Replacement Program Contract 1.2 **Project No.:** 20234

Meeting Date: November 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Subject: Pre-Bid Conference Meeting

Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

It is expressly understood by all attendees that if there are any inadvertent conflicts in this Pre-Bid Conference with the Contract Documents (Specifications and/or Drawings), that the Contract Documents and any issued Addenda shall govern.

1. Introductions & Meeting Attendance

a. Owner – Providence Water (PW)

- i. Matt Gallant
- ii. Joe Martino
- iii. Gina Palano

b. Engineer – CDM Smith

- i. Megan Moody
- ii. Eileen Sundberg
- iii. Mark Filomeno
- iv. Ben Skrabak
- v. Kathy Hutchinson (Garg Engineering)

c. Rhode Island Dept. of Health (RIDOH)

- i. Jack Sahlin

d. Attendees – All attendees must provide name and agency/company name; please email Megan Moody, CDM Smith Project Manager, at moodymb@cdmsmith.com to confirm your meeting attendance and provide contact information for distribution of the final meeting report. **Meeting is being recorded. Hold all questions until the end. Please mute yourself if not speaking to limit background noise.**

- i. Stephen Bizko (Bizko)
- ii. Paul D'Ercole (D'Ercole Construction)

- iii. Jared Nunes (R.T. Nunes and Sons)
- iv. Chris Walsh (W. Walsh Co.)
- v. Armando Ricci (Ricci Drain Laying Co.)

2. Summary of Project and Work

- a. The Work of this Project generally includes replacing lead service lines within the retail water service area of PW in the Lower South Providence and Elmwood areas of the City of Providence, Rhode Island. **This is the second contract of a large replacement program for Providence Water.**
- b. Work of this Project will include, but is not limited to, furnishing all materials, labor, equipment, tools, services, appurtenances, and incidentals required to replace lead service lines (both public and private) and to perform all required and associated surface restoration.
- c. Refer to Section 01010 – Summary of Work for a detailed description and summary of all Work of this Project.
- d. Bidders are requested to provide unit rate bid prices for replacing public side only lead service lines (water main to curb stop), public side portion of a full lead service line (water main to curb stop), private side only lead service line (curb stop to meter) and private side portion of a full lead service line (curb stop to meter), along with their qualifications to perform the Work of replacing water service lines. Minimum qualification requirements for water service line replacements and installations are specified in Section 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders, Article 2, Paragraph 2.2.
- e. The intent of this Project is that the Owner desires to make an award to the lowest qualified and responsible Bidder on the basis of the Base Bid plus all Supplementary Bid Items.
- f. No work shall be performed by any Contractor without first obtaining and securing proper permits from the respective jurisdiction(s) and issuing authorities. Permit costs are to be included as part of the lead service line replacement unit cost.
- g. Uniformed Traffic Control shall be arranged and coordinated directly by the Contractor and invoices for any and all traffic control shall be submitted for direct reimbursement with no markup by Contractor under the allowance item as included Bid Item No. 1J. When Uniformed Traffic Control (Bid Item 1J) is not available Flagger may be used under the allowance item included Bid Item No. 1K.
- h. Refer to Section 01025 – Measurement and Payment for a detailed description of the various items of the work. Lead service line replacements shall be the same price and

payment for each and every lead service line replacement of that replacement item type.

- i. All Work shall be constructed in accordance with the Specifications and Construction Details in the appendices. If there are any conflicts between these technical specifications and construction details, specifically in the General Requirements of these appended documents, the Division 0 and Division 1 of these Specifications shall govern.

3. General

- a. City of Providence, Rhode Island; State of Rhode Island; and Federal Government Rules, Regulations, Ordinances and Provisions apply to this Contract. Refer to Section 007300 Supplementary Conditions.
- b. Questions related to the City of Providence bidding process, MBE/WBE program and requirements, and technical questions should be submitted to the respective contacts as listed in the Request For Proposals included at the beginning of the Specifications.
- c. The work of this Contract is in part funded by the Rhode Island Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) as administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Bidders shall comply with all requirements of the Rhode Island DWSRF, including but not limited to American Iron and Steel (AIS), Build America Buy America (BABAA), and EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program of which Providence Water has established a requirement 10% DBE participation (no waiver request is available). **Contractors must ensure that any DBE used is a certified DBE. Please reach out if any questions.**
- d. There is a City of Providence goal of 10% Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) and 10% Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), with an overall goal of 20% of the total bid value. An MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form may be submitted for consideration by the City of Providence as specified in the Contract Documents. The City of Providence MBE/WBE Waiver Request Form does not apply to the EPA DBE Program.
- e. Bidders must meet the qualification requirements specified in the Instructions to Bidders, Article 2, Paragraph 2.2 for water service line replacements and installations. Bidders must submit qualifications information to demonstrate compliance using the forms provided in Section 00 45 13 – Bidder's Qualifications.
- f. Bids should be submitted in accordance with the City of Providence Request For Proposals included at the beginning of the Specifications and Section 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders.

- g. Bidders will be required to provide specified insurance certificates and performance and payment bonds for execution of the construction contract.
- h. All Applications for Payment shall be prepared and submitted by Contractors as specified in Section 01026 and shall be submitted monthly.
- i. Adequate workforce including subcontractors shall be provided to complete the work within the Contract schedule while maintaining minimum monthly quota of 80 completed service replacements per month.
- j. Refer to Section 01014 Construction Sequence and Schedule Requirements. No City of Providence Department of Public Works controlled roads can be opened after November 15th or before April 15th. Private side only replacements can be performed in the City of Providence during the winter months given the Contractor has scheduled for hot patch to be available for sidewalk restoration.
- k. No partial replacements will be permitted. Both the public and private side LSLs must be replaced at the same time.
- l. Work cannot be started on a property that requires a private-side replacement without obtaining a Right of Entry and Release form for Lead Service Line Replacement. Contractor shall collect the ROE forms and load them to leadCAST per Section 01014.
- m. All RFIs and submittals will be tracked electronically, and the Contractor will be required to submit them through Kahua. All submittals are detailed in Section 01300.
- n. All data will be tracked electronically, and the Contractor will be required to record information on a daily basis in leadCAST. The fields required to be recorded are listed in Section 01720 Paragraph 1.03.
- o. Two licenses will be provided for Kahua to the Contractor per Section 01300. Any additional licenses can be purchased by the Contractor.
- p. Pre-construction photos shall be provided for each property to document existing conditions per Section 01322. Post-construction photos shall be provided for each property and are required per Section 01322 to provide final visual evidence and a final record of final restoration.
- q. Contractor to obtain all necessary permits for proper execution of the project per Section 01170 Paragraph 1.07. The required permits per service are as follows:
 - i. Water Service Application
 - ii. Traffic Engineering Permit

- iii. Road Opening (municipal and state) Permit
 - iv. Sidewalk Opening Permit
 - v. Street Closure Permit
 - vi. Plumbing Permit
- r. Record documents shall consist of pre- and post-construction photos, completed PWSB water service applications, electronic data per Section 01720.
- s. Prior to performing a replacement involving the private side (curb to meter), the Contractor shall have a quality inspection performed by a competent person properly trained to check if the existing water pipe is being used for grounding and test for current per Section 02663. Install a temporary bonding jumper in parallel to the existing service line, firmly attached with approved grounding clamps on either side of the service line. Temporary grounding will be removed once the replacement is complete.

4. Anticipated Schedule

- a. November 29, 2023 – Last addendum issued.
- b. December 4, 2023 – Bid opening at 2:15 PM at Board of Contract and Supply Meeting, City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Providence City Hall, 25 Dorrance Street, Providence, Rhode Island.
- c. By February 2, 2024 (within 60 days of bid opening) – Anticipated award and execution of contract(s).
- d. Contract time/duration is through October 31, 2024.

5. General Discussion and Questions

Reminder: Only questions answered by formal written Addenda are binding in accordance with the Section 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders of the Specifications. Oral and other clarifications or interpretations (including questions and verbal answers at this pre-bid conference meeting) are without legal effect. Questions received at this pre-bid conference meeting will be answered in a meeting report issued by formal written Addenda. In accordance with Section 00 21 13 – Instructions to Bidders, Article 5, all questions shall be submitted in writing at least ten days (by November 24, 2023) before the date set for the bid opening to: Megan Moody, CDM Smith Project Manager, moodymb@cdmsmith.com. Bidders are encouraged to submit any questions asked at the pre-bid conference meeting in writing to confirm that they are received. Bidders are solely responsible for verifying that their questions are received.

1. Question: How many services have Right-of-Entries already?
 - a. Answer: Outreach is currently being conducted and the awarded Contractor will receive this list.
2. Question: Has Providence Water begun to collect ROEs or is this on the Contractor?
 - a. Answer: CDM Smith is doing work to collect some ROEs ahead of construction, but the Contractor will also need to collect ROEs. This is a joint effort. This will be clarified in Addendum No. 1.
3. Question: Is there coordination with the gas company for road work?
 - a. Answer: There is ongoing coordination between PW and the gas company. No known gas work is happening at this time. There may be future projects with the gas company or PW water main work but this is an ongoing discussion.
4. Question: Is it expected that the restoration work would be done in 2025 or should this be planned to be completed in 2024?
 - a. Answer: Restoration should be completed in 2024. As of today, we aren't aware of other projects going on in the project area. If other projects impacting restoration come up, this will be addressed with the awarded contractor.
5. Question: Is this a standard BOCS award system?
 - a. Answer: This is a standard BOCS award process. It is currently not known if the bid will be recommended to go through the Finance Committee.