



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Providence Water

RFP Title: Accelerated Lead Service Line Replacement Program-Contract 3.2

Opening Date: 01/26/2026

Addendum #: 1

Issue Date: 01/15/2026

The purpose of this addendum is to provide the pre-Bid Conference meeting notes.



ADDENDUM NO. 1

TO: ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENT HOLDERS OF RECORD
ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

FROM: PROVIDENCE WATER
125 DUPONT DRIVE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02907
PHONE: (401) 521-6300

DATE ISSUED: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

RE: ACCELERATED LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM –
CONTRACT 3.2
CONTRACT NO. 20234

BID OPENING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 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, JANUARY 16, 2026

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 Monday January 12, 2026, at 2:00 PM is attached to and included with this Addendum.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SUBMITTED

1. **QUESTION:** I want to ask if you have an estimated budget cost for this project?

ANSWER: The engineer's estimate for this project is \$15,500,000.

2. **QUESTION:** I am reaching out to inquire how addenda notifications would be received for this project.

ANSWER: Providence City Hall will send out the addendum directly to anyone that has pulled the RFP from the City site/Bid Net. The addendum will also be posted on Bid Net and the City website for additional vendors to see and pull.

3. **QUESTION:** I'm reaching out to clarify the apprenticeship requirements for the Providence Water Accelerated Lead Service Line Replacement Program – Contract 3.2. Specifically, is the requirement for contractors to participate in a state-registered apprenticeship program in any state, or must the program be registered specifically in Rhode Island? In reading the spec, our interpretation is that the apprenticeship program can be registered in any state and if an award is received then we will meet to discuss the process and protocols by which the apprenticeship program goals will be achieved. Can you please advise?

ANSWER: Please refer to the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT) for questions regarding registered apprenticeship programs and requirements.

-END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1-

ATTACHMENT 1



Meeting Report

Project: Accelerated Lead Service Line Replacement Program Contract 3.2 **Project No.:** 20234

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Subject: Pre-Bid Conference Meeting

Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Meeting is being recorded. Hold all questions until the end. Please mute yourself if not speaking to limit background noise.

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. *Gianna Coppola*
 - ii. *Gina Palano*

- b. Engineer – CDM Smith
 - i. *Megan Moody*
 - ii. *Sandy Kutzing*
 - iii. *Mark Roberts*
 - iv. *Eileen Sundberg*

- c. Attendees – All attendees must provide name and agency/company name; please email Eileen Sundberg, CDM Smith Project Engineer, at sundbergem@cdmsmith.com to confirm your meeting attendance and provide contact information.
 - i. *Ian Yaple (EJ Prescott)*
 - ii. *Gregory Plate (Ferreira)*
 - iii. *Rachael Clifford (Laborers' Union New England Region)*
 - iv. *Garrison Moore (Murphy Pipeline Contractors)*
 - v. *Stephen Spadoni (Dewcon, Inc.)*

- d. *RIDOH*
 - i. *Stephanie Linakis*
 - ii. *Christina Martin*

iii. *Jack Sahlin*

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 Cities of Providence and Cranston, Rhode Island.
- 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 review and become familiar with the conditions existing within the project area, the type of equipment required to perform the work, the character, quality and quantity of the subsurface materials to be encountered insofar as this information is reasonably ascertainable from inspection of the sites per Section 01170 Paragraph 1.02 and 1.18.B.
- e. Bidders are requested to provide unit rate bid prices for items such as 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.
 - i. Note, the supplemental bid items S-5A for milling and S-5B for paving will be used only when Bid Item 11.1 and 11.2, respectively, are fully used.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. No scheduling of replacements shall be performed by any Contractor without approvals of the noted submittals in the Preliminary Shop Drawing List in Section 01300 Paragraph 2.01.A.

- i. Uniformed Traffic Control shall be arranged and coordinated directly by the Contractor and invoices for any and all traffic control (including locations and names of police details and flaggers) shall be submitted for direct reimbursement with no markup by Contractor under the allowance item as included Bid Item No. 1J. Determination of using Uniformed Traffic Control (Bid Item 1J) vs. Flaggers (Bid Item 1K) will be at the discretion of the Contractor unless uniformed police are required in an area by the City or State.
 - i. No work shall be performed without presence of traffic control as outlined in the specifications and described in individual permits.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- l. Note, scale shown in Appendix A figures is for topographical information only, such as streets and buildings. Dots representing properties with lead service lines are not to scale and are for identifying the correct properties only. The lines represent which building and which street the service line runs between and does not show the service line alignment.

3. General

- a. City of Providence, Rhode Island; City of Cranston, 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. 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. A City of Providence 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 State of Rhode Island MBE/WBE Program or the EPA DBE Program.

- d. There is a State of Rhode Island requirement of 15% MBE/WBE (7.5% MBE and 7.5% WBE split) participation of the total bid value. Prior to award, the contractor must submit the MBE Utilization Plan to the Department of Administration DEDI for review and approval. Approval of the Plan is required prior to execution of the construction contract. Bidders can contact the DEDI office with questions. Monthly report submissions to the DEDI office are required.
- e. 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 (BABA), and EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program of which Providence Water and EPA have established a requirement of 10% DBE participation (no waiver request is available).
- f. The contractor is required to post the DWSRF project sign somewhere visible for public viewing. Contractor is required to post a set of labor law posters that employees see on a regular basis along with prevailing wage rates. It is the contractor's responsibility to replace the prevailing wage rates when and if they are updated during the duration of the contract.
- g. Bidders must be affiliated with a state or federal registered apprenticeship program as specified in Appendix O of the Contract Documents. A minimum of 15% of total labor hours performed by the contractor shall be completed by apprentices registered in the state or federal registered apprenticeship program.
- h. Bidders must meet the qualification requirements specified in the Instructions to Bidders, Article 2, Paragraph 2.2 for water service line replacements and installations. The minimum requirement is 1,000 lead service line replacements involving the private side of the line in the past 10 years. Bidders must submit qualifications information to demonstrate compliance using the forms provided in Section 00 45 13 – Bidder's Qualifications.
- i. 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.
- j. Bidders will be required to provide specified insurance certificates and performance and payment bonds for execution of the construction contract.
- k. All Applications for Payment shall be prepared and submitted by Contractors as specified in Section 01026 and shall be submitted monthly.

- l. 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 during winter months (December through March) and 100 completed service replacements during summer months (April through November starting no later than 60 days after the issued date of the Notice to Proceed.
- m. 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 without an approved road opening permit by the City's Department of Public Works. Private-only replacements that do not require cutting into the roadway may continue throughout the year with approval from the local municipality. If a test pit is performed during the winter shutdown period at a private side location and the utility side is found to be lead, the Contractor shall apply for a DPW road opening permit and, if approved, complete the replacement if hot patch is available for temporary pavement restoration. Replacements can only be performed IF hot patch is available and is to be scheduled by the Contractor with open plants. Hot patch is to be used for temporary sidewalk restoration with final concrete restoration to be completed in the spring.
- n. Replacement work shall be up to the existing water meter. Contractors can raise the meter if needed to make the final connection to the existing interior plumbing. Cost of raising the meter shall be included in the private side replacement cost and no additional payment for modifying interior plumbing will be provided.
- o. Item 2D Short Segment Private Side Only Lead Service Line Replacements covers replacements where there is only a short segment of lead pipe (up to 30 inches in length) on the private side between the curb stop and foundation of the building.
- p. Partial replacements will be permitted after contractor outreach is complete, a written or verbal refusal is on file, and only once approved by Providence Water in writing. Providence Water must approve the partial replacement in writing before the replacement begins. If homeowner changes their mind during the public side replacement, contractor must perform the private side replacement at the same time.
- q. 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. Construction Sequence and Schedule Requirements are as follows:
 - i. Contractor shall complete all outreach efforts as required per Section 01170 no later than four (4) months before the end of the Contract.

- ii. Contractor shall complete all scheduling efforts as required per Section 01170 no later than three (3) months before the end of the Contract.
 - 1. Replacements at a school property or a property that directly abuts a school should be planned for when school is not in session.
- iii. Owner outreach can continue up to two (2) months before the end of the Contract per Section 01170.
- iv. Contractor shall complete all replacements no later than two (2) months before the end of the Contract to allow time for final restoration in accordance with the minimum required settlement durations in Section 01170.
- v. Of the total replacements noted in Section 00 11 16, a total of 15 replacements of Item 1B, 10 replacements of Item 2A, and 15 replacements of Item 2B (for a potential maximum of 25 separate locations) will be locations directed by the Owner to be completed within 48 hours regardless of weekends and holidays. These are considered "emergency replacements" and will be within the Providence Water Distribution System. These locations may or may not be listed in Appendix A of the Contract Documents.
- r. In accordance with Section 01170, Paragraph 1.18 Contractors shall make four (4) documented attempts to obtain a signed ROE from homeowners and log attempts in leadCAST. The four (4) attempts shall be on different dates and times and using different media. A minimum of three (3) of the attempts must be door-to-door. A maximum of one (1) of the attempts can be a phone call or email. The Contractor shall leave notification each time with a phone number for the Customer to contact them. If after four attempts, the ROE is not completed, the Contractor shall inform the Owner and Engineer in writing of the address, Customer name and the documented four (4) failed attempts including date, time and media.
- s. In accordance with Section 01170, Paragraph 1.18, Contractors shall make and document four (4) attempts to schedule the work. The four (4) attempts shall be on different dates and times. The Contractor shall leave notification each time with a phone number for the Customer to contact them. If after four attempts the customer does not respond, the Contractor shall inform the Owner and Engineer in writing of the address, Customer name and information on the four (4) failed attempts including date, time, and summary of attempts made.
- t. 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.

The Contractor shall provide an initial submittal schedule at the pre-construction meeting for review by Owner and Engineer per Section 01300 Paragraph 3.01.

- u. 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.
- v. Two licenses will be provided for Kahua to the Contractor per Section 01300. Any additional licenses can be purchased by the Contractor.
- w. 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. Photos must include date, time, location, device information, and source in the metadata tag.
 - i. Anomalies (cracks, leaks, etc.) should be discussed with on site RPR and homeowner prior to commencement of work.
- x. Contractors shall provide pitcher filter installation instructions, filter use and flushing instructions, health effects flyers, and sample offer flyers per Section 02663.
- y. Contractor to obtain all necessary permits for proper execution of the project per Section 01170 Paragraph 1.07. No work shall be conducted without a valid permit. Permits should be listed on the two-week look-ahead schedules. The required permits per service are as follows:
 - i. Traffic Engineering Permit
 - ii. Road Opening (municipal and state) Permit
 - iii. Sidewalk Opening Permit
 - iv. Street Closure Permit
 - v. Plumbing Permit
 - vi. Dig Safe ticket
- z. Record documents shall consist of pre- and post-construction photos and electronic data per Section 01720. Payment can be withheld for a replacement if the required photos and documentation are not provided.

- aa. 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.
- bb. Pitcher filters (with replacement cartridges, as needed) suitable for a minimum 6-month duration, along with instructions for use shall be furnished and delivered by the Contractor at the quantity needed to supply one pitcher filter to each unit in a property following replacement. The pitcher filters shall be NSF 53 certified to remove lead. Contractor as specified shall store pitcher filters in a suitable location and furnish at the time of replacement property. Contractor record delivery of pitcher filters (with replacement cartridges, as needed).

4. Anticipated Schedule

- a. January 21, 2026 – Last addendum issued.
- b. January 26, 2026 – 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 April 26, 2026 (within 90 days of bid opening) – Anticipated award and execution of contract(s).
- d. Contract time/duration is 469 calendar days from Executed Date of Agreement OR Notice to Proceed, whichever is earlier.

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 before the date set for the bid opening to: Eileen Sundberg, CDM Smith Project Engineer, sundbergem@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.

No questions were received during the pre-bid meeting.