



City of Los Banos

At the Crossroads of California

ADDENDUM NO. 2

October 10, 2025

WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Response to Questions

1. **Question:** How many meters are to be inventoried/ replaced? Is it 1500 meters?

Response: Reference is made to the bid schedule quantities listed for Bid Item's No. 3 through 8; numbers are approximate but should be close to what is required for replacement. Address list of locations will be provided to the awarded contractor upon notice of award.

2. **Question:** What is the percentage of meters that are on risers?

Response: The majority, if not all the meters are not on risers; they should be straight piped into the service line.

3. **Question:** How are we to properly conduct the inventory? Are we to review the meter/transmitter issues as well as review the meter box and lids?

Response: Yes, reference is made to the bid item description for Bid Item 2- Water Meter Inventory. Contractor to document at each location the condition of the water meter, box, lid and connection fittings, size and if box needs to be adjusted to grade. Payment for completing the actual meter swap outs, fittings, boxes etc. would be through Bid Items 3 through 11.

4. **Question:** Is there a standard route the City would like for us to complete first?

Response: The City would prefer that the larger meters get completed first in the inventory and swapped out. Starting with the 8-inch meters (Bid Item 8, then Bid Item 7, etc.). The actual route to conduct the inventory would be at the Contractor's own methods for the smaller meters.

5. **Question:** What is the Contractor's role in getting the new meters/ transmitters integrated with the City's system?

Response: The Contractor will be required to take note of each meter serial number and transmitter serial number for each address, as each one is installed. Contractor to issue finalized list to the City when completed. The City will have an inspector present for installations and will be coordinating with getting the meters integrated into the existing system.

6. **Question:** What is the existing service line material? Are they mainly Iron Pipe?

Response: The majority of the service lines are either Copper or PVC.

7. **Question:** Can the contractor crimp the PVC pipe if required?

Response: Yes, crimping the pipe is fine for meter and fitting installation if required.

8. **Question:** What does the City's valve system look like? Are there a good amount of valves throughout the City for customer shut offs?

Response: Yes, valves are placed throughout the City's system at most street crossings.

9. **Question:** How long can each service line be shutdown for meter installation?

Response: Response: Reference is made to Section 21- Notifications of the Special Provisions: No single service line may be shutdown for longer than 4 hours. Contractor is required to place door hangers on residences no sooner than 48 hours prior to shutdown.

10. **Question:** Are all the meters 1" in size?

Response: Most of the residential meter sizes range from 5/8" through 1". See Bid Item No. 3. The standard census meters to be installed with sizes of 5/8" through 1" are threaded/ have the same application for installation. Phase I inventory is in place for the confirmation of each meter size for each residence of concern. Address list will be provided to awarded Contractor.

11. **Question:** What is the service line material on the resident's side?

Response: The majority of the service line material is PVC on the resident's side of the meter box.

12. **Question:** What is to be done with the existing meters and transmitters?

Response: : Contractor to Salvage the existing meters and transmitters to the City. See Bid items 3 through 8 descriptions.

13. **Question:** Is it required for the Contractor to provide certification for the meter and transmitter?

Response: The City is responsible for supplying the meters and transmitters for the Contractor to install. No certification is required, Contractor is required to take note of each meter and transmitter serial ID number on a list and provide to the City once completed.

14. **Question:** What if there is a leaking problem on the customer's side of the meter box during installation/ during duration of the project?

Response: if an issue arises during construction, Contractor to send in an RFI regarding the problem for the City to provide direction. The City will have an inspector on the job for issues that come up. If the leaking is a problem due to the installation, contractor shall remedy the problem.

15. **Question:** Will the City grant extra days to the contract if installations and inventory take longer than expected or if issues arise that are out of the Contractor's control?

Response: Reference is made to Section 21 – Time of Completion and Liquidated Damages of the General Provisions: if unforeseeable issues are caused beyond the control and without fault or negligence of the Contractor and in the opinion of the engineer, calendar days may be granted for the contract. All issues must be sent in writing to the City and must be documented properly through an RFI.

16. **Question:** What if the Contractor has a hard time finding an existing meter box?

Response: Contractor to send in an RFI to the City.

17. **Question:** Is there a specific time for changing out the School meters:

Response: Contractor to coordinate with the City and the school for meter installations. Installation shall be conducted outside of school hours or during the holiday break. If Contractor wishes to conduct this on the weekend, Contractor to coordinate with the City.

18. **Question:** Is there a storage space or lay down area for equipment and materials?

Response: The City will work out a storage yard and lay down area prior to start of construction and will communicate to the awarded contractor.

This Addendum forms a part of the Proposal Documents and will be incorporated into the Proposal Documents, as applicable. All other conditions of the Proposal Documents remain unchanged. The following changes, additions, or deletions as set forth herein shall apply to the Proposal Documents and shall be made a part thereof and shall be subject to all the requirements thereof as through originally shown and/or specified.

Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with this Addendum. All consultants **MUST** acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing and returning this Addendum with your Proposal.

City of Los Banos

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