

EchoWater Facility FOG Station System Repairs, RFB# 8514
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1	Please confirm whether bidders are permitted to include contract comments as part of their bid proposal submission. We want to ensure that doing so would not affect the responsiveness or acceptability of our bid.	Please provide the specifics. The District encourages all contract questions be asked before the bid due date. The RFB has a section for Exceptions (Appendix J) but if the Exceptions cannot be accepted, the bidder risks getting the bid rejected.
2	Drawing G02, Note 4 references Sacramento County Specification Section 7-5 regarding the project schedule. Please confirm whether this requirement applies post-award or if it must be submitted with the bid?	The project schedule is furnished by the contractor as post-award activities.
3	Under “Preparation of Response,” items 1d and 1e on page 23 of the RFB states that time of delivery must be provided and may be a consideration in the award. Please confirm the appropriate procedure or form to use for submitting this information to EchoWater.	These items on RFB are intended to be generic. Ultimately, the District anticipates the project completion is 9 months or 180 working days after notice to proceed. The grinders have a leading time of approximately 5 – 6 months.
4	To further clarify RFI #1, are we allowed markup/red line Sacramento Area Sewer District’s contract/commercial terms with comments from our legal counsel? If so, will those changes, if any, be made to our contract if we are awarded this project? Typically, our legal counsel looks for and may comment on insurance, Limits of Liability, Consequential Damages, Indemnification, etc. Please advise.	The District encourages you to provide the specific comment and give an opportunity to the District to review and respond prior to bid. The RFB has a section for Exceptions (Appendix J) but if the Exceptions cannot be accepted, the bidder risks getting the bid rejected.
5	This project requires the contractor to list 5 projects in the last 2 years. Our team has more than 30 years of combined experience in construction but the corporation started the operation last year and since then we have completed 1 project and have two projects in our backlog. For the project of this small (\$500K), does the owner accept the personal	The District will not deviate from the experience requirements listed in the RFB.

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	<p>experience or reduce the requirement to give the opportunity to smaller contractors? We are certified small and DBE contractor which would be able to comply with all requirements and successfully completed this project.</p>	
6	<p>This is in reference to the <i>Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention</i> section on Page 31 of RFB No. 8514 (screenshot below).</p> <p>We would kindly request approval of our General Liability deductible in the amount of \$25,000. Please confirm if SacSewer (EchoWater) will accept this deductible.</p>	<p>The General Liability deductible in the amount of \$25,000 is acceptable.</p>
7A	<p>Is Franklin Miller, Model SuperShredder SS8000 acceptable as a macerator substitution by the District?</p>	<p>The Franklin Miller SuperShredder does not meet the macerator specifications. This unit is for sewage installations and does not have a feature to collect rocks and debris. It is a different piece of equipment for a different application.</p>
8	<p>Please clarify which four valves are being installed/replaced and which two valves need actuator on Drawing G07.</p>	<p>The valves being installed/replaced are V890001, 89FOG10, 89FOG12, and V890011. The valves with actuator are V890001 and V890011. Refer to Addendum No. 2.</p>
9	<p>Please clarify which fasteners (#2 or # 3) need to be used for flange bolt-ups.</p> <p>2. Fasteners for other exposure subject to temperatures less than 200°F shall be SAE J429 Grade 5 hex head zinc-plated carbon steel cap screws with matching washers and nuts, coarse thread.</p> <p>3. Fasteners for all exposures subject to temperatures greater than or equal to 200°F shall be ASTM A193 Grade B7, with matching washers and nuts. "</p>	<p>Per Addendum 1, item 1.06, delete section 1 and 3. Supply fasteners in specified in section 2 under Specs 40 05 24.</p>

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10	Who is responsible to remove and install grating around the existing basket strainers?	The District has ordered the replacement grating. There is no meaningful effort in removing and installing the new grating.
11	Who provides portable toilet?	Contractor is responsible for providing their own portable toilet(s) on site.
12	Who provides water and electricity for the project?	Contractor can use the existing water and electricity connections on site.
13	Who provides the trash dumpster?	Contractor shall provide their own trash dumpsters and hauls away.
14	Is the 34 mm screen acceptable instead of 0.25 inch per 46 24 23-12 3.03 Macerator schedule? In addition, is galvanized screen acceptable?	The proposed 34 mm cutting screen size is acceptable which is addressed in Addendum 1, Item 1.07. In our experience, the galvanized screen did not last and corroded. Prefers to stainless as the specifications indicate.
15	There is no specification section for the Lakeside Rock Traps, please confirm the specifications on sheet G10 of the drawings is the only specification?	Yes, the rock trap specification is only on Sheet G10 of the drawings.
16	Please confirm the rock traps are to be provided by the contractor.	Yes, rock traps are to be provided and installed by the contractor.
17	Can glass lined ductile iron pipe be allowed as a substitute for glass lined steel pipe?	No, pipe material shall be Schedule 40 steel, ASTM A53 per Spec 40 05 24- 3 2.02A, with glass lining per SS 40 05 24, 2.06 D for pipe size larger or equal to 4".
18	Are there 3 or 4 six-inch plug valves to replace? The scope of work states four plug valves are to be replaced but the drawings only show three. Please identify all the plug valves to be replaced with ball valves.	There are four (4) six-inch plug valves to replace with District provided ball valves. The valves being installed/replaced are V89001, 89FOG10, 89FOG12, and V890011. Refer to Addendum # 2.
19	Do the new pipe sections require insulation or coating? Sheet G07 states finish coat but just wanted to confirm.	Yes, the new pipe sections require insulation with 2" thick, EDPM Elastomeric tube insulation per General Note 6 on Drawing Sheet G09. Per Drawing Sheet G07 Note 10, new spools and fittings shall come from fabrication shop with a 5-7 mil DFT

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		prime coat. Contractor shall apply a finish coat to new pipe segments and fittings. Finish coat shall be 5-7 mil DFT, Pitt-Guard 97-948 or Equal.
20	Are there any areas where insulation is required to install?	The new pipe sections require insulation per General Note 6 on Drawing Sheet G09, re-use insulation blankets and install at piping connection joints per General Note 7 on Drawing Sheet G09.
21	Is the Netzsch M-Ovas Model S1 4.0/300 Macerator as the alternate?	Yes, Refer to Addendum # 3 Item 3.03, and Item 3.04
22	Is insulation required on the grinders and/or rock traps?	No, District can order the custom made blankets after construction should they be required.
23	The Request For Bid indicates that contractor shall complete work within 180 Working Days from the Notice to proceed. Amongst the industry we are seeing unforeseen, unexpected and uncontrollable delayed delivery dates on many materials. Can you confirm that the owner will work with the general contractor in regard to contract duration and milestones once the project is awarded and product lead times are solidified? If not, should contractors include liquidated damages in their bids to account for these delayed deliveries?	Yes, the District will work with the contractor should something outside their control come up. Refer to RFB document, page 25, Force Majeure section.
24	Please confirm that there are any domestic requirements (Buy America, AIS, BABA, etc.) for this project?	Since this project is not funded by Federal or State grants, the requirement does not apply to this project.
25	The pricing for this bid would account for conditions in effect at the time of bid. Please confirm that any tariffs, restrictions, or similar changes in policies surrounding the import of foreign materials required to prosecute the work which are enacted after the bid date,	Refer to Addendum 3, Item 3.02 - All bidders are expected to consider external factors in preparing their bids. Price increases, changes in availability, and delays in supplies, equipment, or materials arising from new or increased tariffs, import/export restrictions, other similar governmental action or intervention, or other external events should be fully accounted for in the total bid price. The successful bidder shall not be

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	will be treated as a changed condition, subject to a price adjustment and issued via a Change Order.	entitled to any adjustments in contract price, extensions of time, or other relief arising from such events except in the case of force majeure.
26	There are no painting or coating specs. Please confirm no field painting will be required.	Correct there are no specs because it is only a handful of spool sections and fittings. However, per Drawing Sheet G07 Note 10, new spools and fittings shall come from fabrication shop with a 5-7 mil DFT prime coat. Contractor shall apply a finish coat to new pipe segments and fittings. Finish coat shall be 5-7 mil DFT, Pitt-Guard 97-948 or Equal.
27	The Pipe Schedule 40 05 03 calls for steel pipe with ductile iron fittings, and grooved couplings for the FOG system. Please advise if ductile iron pipe spools would be acceptable with ductile iron fittings, this may be more cost-effective to match materials instead of using transition couplings.	Pipe material shall be Schedule 40 steel, ASTM A53 per Spec 40 05 24- 3 2.02A, with glass lining per SS 40 05 24, 2.06D for pipe size larger or equal to 4”.
28	Please confirm if the experience listings for the Macerators shown in Specification 46 24 23-1.05-A are required at the time of bid, or during the submittal phase.	They can be provided post bid during the submittal phase.
29	Vogelsang is the listed manufacturer for the 46 24 23 Macerators. Lakeside is the listed manufacturer for the Rock Trap Specified on Drawing G10. Both specs allow for equals. A sales rep is quoting on both the Macerators by Netzsch and the Rock Traps by Lakeside. Specification 00 43 25 appears to require that 'or-equal' items must be approved by the owner and added to the contract documents via addendum, or they cannot be used on the project. Please confirm if Netzsch is considered an acceptable equal for the Rock Traps and add them via addendum to the 00 43 33 Proposed Products Form. Or confirm if they are not acceptable and cannot be used.	The District has not received Substitution Request Forms associated with Rock Traps. The substitution request for the Netzsch M-Ovas Model S1 4.0/300 is acceptable. Refer to Addendum No. 3.

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