

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
[purchasing@newtonma.gov](mailto:purchasing@newtonma.gov)  
Fax (617) 796-1227

November 18, 2024

**ADDENDUM #2**  
INVITATION FOR BID #25-31

**SPEARS PARK COMMUNITY GARDENS**

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

**Q1. Please provide water cabinet specification/details with make/model etc.**

**A1. Please delete backflow preventor cabinet on detail 2 Sheet L901. The water line connection shall be installed in the ground using a rectangular polyolefin valve box as manufactured by NDS or approved equal. The existing handhole may be salvaged for reuse at the discretion of the contractor. The backflow preventer shall be enclosed in a steel backflow cage to be approved by the City.**

**Q2. Spec section 01 78 39 states post construction survey must be certified by Registered Land Surveyor. Will Civil PE Stamp on these documents suffice in lieu of Registered Land Surveyor?**

**A2. Yes. A PE stamp will be sufficient for the as-built.**

**Q3. For equal bidding purposes, please confirm all soil export to be considered clean (under RCS-1 criteria).**

**A3. All soil exports shall be considered clean.**

**Q4. Will city/engineer require analytical testing of existing soil to be exported from site along with certified disposal slips?**

**A4. Analytical testing of existing soils will not be required. However, the City will engage with a Licensed Site Professional should any potentially reportable soil conditions are encountered during excavation.**

**Q5. Who is responsible for analytical testing of existing soil to be exported from site?**

**A5. See A4.**

**Q6. Will the city pay for police details required?**

**A6. The contractor shall coordinate and pay for all police details needed to complete the work.**

**Q7. Will site furnishings to be installed by contractor (benches, tables etc) be delivered to the site by the town? Will these furnishings be assembled by the town or will contractor be required to unbox and assemble?**

**A7. Site furnishings will be provided by the City. The contractor is expected to assemble and install the site furnishings in coordination with the City.**

**Q8. Note 20 on L001, please confirm Registered Civil Engineer in MA is suitable in lieu of PLS.**

**A8. See A2. A Massachusetts Registered Civil Engineer is acceptable in lieu of PLS.**

**Q9. Confirm if groundcover planting and perennials to be furnished & installed by contractor or city**

**A9. The contractor shall furnish and plant all shrubs, groundcovers, and landscaping materials as shown on the plans and in the quantities and sizes listed thereon. No substitutions shall be permitted without the written approval of the City's Representative. The City shall furnish and plant all trees as shown on the plans.**

**Q10. Will water meter be supplied by City or required to be furnished by contractor?**

**A10. Water meter will be provided by the City.**

All other terms and conditions of the IFB remain unchanged.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA ON YOUR  
BID FORM. FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA COULD  
RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID AS NONRESPONSIVE.**

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Read". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nicholas Read  
*Chief Procurement Officer*