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ADDENDUM #1

INVITATION FOR BID #23-20

WATER METER REPLACEMENT & INSTALLATION

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Q1. On the one-year warranty of installation, what does that cover? We typically are 3 inches on each side of the meter. Is that what is the expectation? If a pipe is leaking 6 months after that's 5 feet away, we want to make sure we are not liable for that.

A1. Refer to Exhibit A, Section 01400-2, Paragraph 1.5.

Q2. If a home has a finished basement where the water meter is, are we allowed to mount the MIU inside? Or if there is a three strand wire existing and we cannot follow it out due to a newly finished basement, can we use existing wire? Drilling blind through a finished wall can cause a lot of damage. And at who's expense would that be?

A2. Meter interface units (MIUs) shall not be installed inside any building. Refer to Exhibit A, Section 15100-16, Paragraph 3.10. All existing cables connecting MIUs to meters shall be removed. All water meter and MIUs installations shall include new cable. Refer to Exhibit A, Section 15100-5, Paragraph 2.1G.

Q3. Given the general size/scope of this IFB, plus to allow the Contractor adequate time to complete detailed on-site analysis of the various service divisions, would the City consider an extension to the due date (e.g., 3 week extension)?

A3. No, the bid opening will not be extended.

All other terms and conditions of this bid 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.



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