Addendum # 2

Date:	November 4, 2026
To:	All bidders
From:	Caley Conard, Buyer
Solicitation Number:	ITB# ELE/270026
Solicitation Title:	Underground Boring and Conduit Installation Services

SECTION 1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1.1 **QUESTION: Permits: Exhibit C (Conduit Policy, Developer's Responsibilities, Item 9) states that City, County, State Road, and Railroad permits will be obtained by OEU, while Exhibit A (Permits and Locates) states that the Contractor is solely responsible for obtaining all permits at no additional cost to the City. Please confirm which party is responsible for obtaining and paying for permits under this contract.**

ANSWER: The Contractor is responsible for obtaining all permits.

1.2 **QUESTION: Installation method: Exhibit A requires directional boring for all conduits, while Exhibit C describes open-trench installation. Please confirm that all work under this contract will be performed by directional bore, and that Exhibit C applies only as a reference for stub-ups, sweeps, pull tape, and related standards.**

ANSWER:

1.3 **QUESTION: Soil classification: Exhibit B prices each conduit size by soil type (Sand, Standard Soil, Rock, Clay). How will the soil type for each job be determined for quoting and payment purposes (e.g., OEU determination, geotechnical data, or field verification by the Contractor)?**

ANSWER: Field verification to be done by Contractor, OEU will verify when necessary.

1.4 **QUESTION: Hand digging and optional items: Exhibit A states that all hand digging shall be included in the quoted price for each project, while Exhibit B lists "Labor (Hand Dig)" and "Backhoe w/ Operator" as optional hourly items. Please clarify when the optional hourly items would apply. It should be included in the pricing**

ANSWER: This would be used if the City were to provide the materials, or if we only need hand digging

to be done. This line item is in the event that we should need it, we have pricing.

1.5 **QUESTION: Pricing period: Exhibit B shows "Annual Pricing" and "Total: Initial 2-Year Contract Term Pricing." Should the estimated quantities be treated as annual quantities, with the 2-year total equal to twice the annual amount? Also, please confirm whether unit prices must be held firm for the full initial 2-year term or only through the first contract year beginning February 2027.**

ANSWER: Please refer to Exhibit A – Scope of Work for pricing escalation: "*Any price increase for contract renewal will be subject to negotiation as approved by the City of Ocala. In no case will the increase exceed three percent (3%) annually unless there are mitigating market conditions. Prices increases shall be based on the CPI-U and Contractor must submit their request for an increase with CPI justification at least 90 days prior to the end of the current term.*"

The Exhibit B – Price Proposal is calculated as it is for estimated budgetary purposes. The total bid amount should be submitted in ProRFx as the calculated Initial 2-Year Contract Term Pricing as shown on the Exhibit B – Price Proposal. NOTE: Changing the calculations on the Exhibit B – Price Proposal from what they are set to calculate, will deem a bid as Non-Responsive.

1.6 **QUESTION: Required forms: The copy of Exhibit A we downloaded ends at Item 8 (E-Verify) under Pricing and Award. Please confirm whether there are additional pages or required forms (e.g., Section 787.06 affidavit, E-Verify affidavit, references form) that must be submitted with the bid.**

ANSWER: Bidders shall submit a list of their references as stated in the Scope of Work. The Affidavit of Compliance is only required for vendors in which we have under contract, and will be sent to the most responsive, responsible bidder prior to awarding the contract. E-Verify enrollment will be verified prior to the awarding of the contract. You can, however, submit your proof of enrollment with your proposal if you choose.

1.7 **QUESTION: License eligibility: Does the City require a Florida Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor license, a General Contractor license, or will either qualify a bidder as prime?**

ANSWER: Please refer to the Scope of Work under Licensing and Experience Requirements.

1.8 **QUESTION: May a firm bid as prime, or must bidders already hold a City of Ocala contractor**

registration/eTRAKIT account before award? Are joint ventures or named subcontractors allowed on the bid form?

ANSWER: Please see the Scope of Work under Contractor Responsibilities – Subcontracted Services section.

1.9 **QUESTION: On-call volume and geography: What historical or anticipated annual volume (linear feet, number of task orders, or dollar range) should bidders expect? Are work locations limited to Ocala Electric Utility service territory within city limits, or do they also include county or annexed areas?**

ANSWER: We do not have data on the anticipated volume for the boring jobs. The current contract which started in February 2023 and is active until February 2027 has a liquidated amount of $3,215,101.37 over the life of the contract. Work orders will take place anywhere within OEU service territory and is not limited to city limits.

1.10 **QUESTION: Mobilization and response: The ITB references quote-within-48-hours and start-within-4-business-days. Does that clock start from Notice to Proceed, and is there a defined mobilization radius or staging expectation inside Ocala?**

ANSWER: Work is to begin once a work order has been issued and is not limited to city limits.

1.10 **QUESTION: Bonding and insurance: Please confirm bid bond, performance/payment bond, and minimum liability / auto / workers' compensation limits (and any City-as-additional-insured or waiver requirements) applicable to this ITB**

ANSWER: Please see Exhibit A under Insurance Requirements.

1.11 **QUESTION: Evaluation and award: Will award be lowest responsive/responsible bid only, or are there scored criteria (experience, equipment, references, response capacity)? How many contracts does the City intend to award?**

ANSWER: This is an Invitation to Bid (ITB) and will be awarded to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder. The City will award one contract for these services.

1.12 **QUESTION: Does the work include conduit only, or also innerduct, pull boxes/handholes, tracer wire, and restoration to City standards? Are bore logs, as-builts, and GPS/locate documentation**

required with each task order invoice?

ANSWER: The work included conduit, stub-ups, mule tape, and restoration as well as additional line items for replacing sod, concrete, and asphalt. As-builts and bore logs will be required for all work orders.

1.12 **QUESTION: Pre-bid / site information: Is there a pre-bid conference or site walk? If not, are standard detail drawings, typical bore profiles, or prior-year task-order samples available to proposers?**

ANSWER: There will not be a pre-bid or site walk for this project.

1.13 **QUESTION: Can the department provide some sample project drawings from past projects?**

ANSWER: I have uploaded some Conduit Design Prints and a Right-of-Way Utilization – Utility Permit in the Addendum section for bidders to review.

1.14 **QUESTION: Exhibit B prices each conduit size by soil type (Sand, Standard Soil, Rock, Clay). How will the soil type for each job be determined for quoting and payment purposes (e.g., OEU determination, geotechnical data, or field verification by the Contractor)?**

ANSWER: Field verification to be done by Contractor, OEU will verify when necessary.

1.15 **QUESTION: Acceptance: What is OEU's process and timeframe for inspecting and accepting a completed job (e.g., mandrel/proving test, depth verification, OEU inspection) before an invoice is approved for payment?**

ANSWER: OEU inspection is typically complete within 1-week of bore. Contractor will be responsible for repairing issues at any point until wire is pulled through.

1.16 **QUESTION: Partial payments: For jobs that extend over more than one month, may the Contractor invoice monthly for work completed to date (progress billing), or is payment made only after the entire job/work order is completed and accepted?**

ANSWER: Contractor may only invoice for work completed. Pre-approval is required to split work order invoicing.

1.17 **QUESTION: Exhibit A requires all conduit to be installed by directional bore, but Exhibit C**

includes open-trench requirements (concrete encasement under pavement, warning tape, compaction, and spare conduits). Please confirm whether these requirements apply to directionally bored conduit, or only to open excavations (bore pits, stub-up pits, hand-dig areas). Will spare conduits, when required, be shown on each job drawing and paid at the unit price?

ANSWER: Certain circumstances require trenching which will be noted on the conduit design.

1.18 **QUESTION: Payment: Please clarify (a) whether payment is based on drawing footage or as-built field footage; (b) whether monthly progress billing is allowed; (c) OEU's acceptance process and timeframe; (d) payment terms after invoice approval; (e) whether retainage applies; and (f) whether a specific as-built format is required.**

ANSWER: . (a) as-built footage (large discrepancies between drawing and as-built footage will need to be justified) (b) Pre-approval is required and will be considered on a case-by-case scenario. (c) See Q3 (d) Please refer to general terms and conditions of contract (e) No. (f) No.

SECTION 2. SOLICITATION ADDITIONS, CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS

N/A