

GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS I, FOR RFB 20-22 DUE 04/30/2020
AT 4:00 PM FOR DIRECTIONAL BORING SERVICES

1. Is the expected workload volume that the awarded contractor will be assigned? **GUC averages two subdivision cable replacement projects per year. GUC's weekly average of miscellaneous bores is two to three single pipes, 400', 2"-4" bores per week. GUC does not have the work volume to support a full time directional boring crew.**
2. On page 5 of the RFB document under Section II. It references pre-approved billing outside of the general per unit basis. Can you please share more information regarding and what is intended by that? **Labor/job rates are negotiated on the installation of concrete manholes, concrete vaults and concrete sidewalk replacement on a per job basis.**
3. How is utility potholing to be billed?
 - a. And if it is meant to be included within the unit rate item # 1-10. Is there a minimum number of potholes allotted before additional compensation can be discussed with GUC? **GUC pays the roadway patching due to potholing. The potholing labor should be included in the bore cost. The contractor determines the number of potholes needed to safely perform the bore.**
4. Does GUC expect any projects to contain work involving the excavation and restoration of concrete sidewalk, asphalt roadway or any conditions outside of a typical soil right-of-way to expose an existing utility.
 - a. If yes, how is that intended to be compensated? **See question #2.**
5. Does GUC expect the work to involve private utility crossings and how are those intended to be addressed? **Yes.**
 - a. Does GUC expect private utility locates to be performed and whose responsibility is that? **GUC calls in the locate ticket. It is the responsibility of the owner of the private utility to locate their facilities.**
 - b. Does GUC secure a release from the homeowners before a project is released to contractor? **Yes.**
6. How does GUC intend to address traffic control if needed? **When traffic control is necessary, it is the boring contractor's responsibility to provide three days' notice before beginning the job. GUC will arrange a third-party contractor to perform traffic control. Without proper notification the boring contractor is responsible for traffic control.**
7. Can GUC be more specific as to what equipment is to be considered standard per typical crew makeup and to be covered within the unit rates? **Direction boring drills, fluid mixing equipment, vacuum excavators and reel trailers are considered essential equipment to perform directional bores and covered within the unit rates. The boring contractor is responsible to determine the number of employees to safely perform the work.**
8. On page 6 of the RFB packet, it states that supplemental equipment could be requested by GUC. Is there a list of what that supplemental equipment is? And how is that to be compensated if requested? **Supplemental equipment refers to digging equipment; excavator, backhoe. Rates will be negotiated for the usage of said equipment to perform work listed in question**

2. Direction boring drills, fluid mixing equipment, vacuum excavators and reel trailers are considered essential equipment to perform directional bores.

9. Does GUC allow contractor crews to dispose of trash/waste related to the services performed at their facility and receptacles? Yes