

## Questions & Answers # 1

**Will GUC allow prefabricated, shop-built regulator and meter stations for this bid? If so, the subcontractor performing the installation would have an NC General Contractor's License and Drug/Alcohol Plan.**

Our bid package did not specify means and methods for fabrication of the meter/regulator set. However, Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC) will provide most, if not all, of the materials for fabrication of the meter/regulator set. Please refer to the Bill of Materials from the project plans for a reference of materials to be provided by GUC. Contractor will perform the service (inlet) tie-in to the meter set at the steel end of the steel/PE transition fitting. All work performed for the project requires compliance with a Drug and Alcohol plan conforming to Title 49 of CFR, Chapter I, Part 199 (49 CFR 199). Any field work involving connection of the meter/regulator set to our gas distribution system would require conformance with this requirement.

**Will GUC require that the manufacturer of a prefabricated meter/regulator set have a Drug and Alcohol policy in place for at least one (1) year to qualify for award of a Contract?**

We will forward this question to our Human Resources department, which administers our plan. There is a possibility that a firm could fall under our Plan, as long as we have personnel witness all work. We will follow up on this during the week.

**Is Greenville providing all material or do we need to procure any? In this instance, material would be any of the pipe, equipment, fittings, station supports, etc.**

See above. GUC will provide all material less minor incidentals. We may provide additional clarification via addendum.

**Can we build this station in the shop and deliver onsite?**

Contractor means/methods will not be dictated by the specifications. However, logistics of materials delivery for this scenario would have to be determined. At this time, we will not exclude off-site fabrication.

**The package mentions nondestructive testing- do we include that price in our bid? If we shop build can we x-ray prior to delivery?**

Include pricing for all testing procedures in the lump sum price for the meter/regulator set. Any unspecified testing will be performed at your own expense. On-site testing generally includes pressure testing.

**We prefer to pressure test in the shop as well using nitrogen as the media. Is this acceptable and to what pressure and length of time do we test?**

We take no exception to the suggested testing procedure. The assembly must also be tested in the field.

**Will painting be included as part of the Contract?**

Painting/coating will be performed outside of the Contract by GUC personnel.

**Will skid-mounted stations be allowed?**

For this bid submittal, we will accept only construction per the plans.

**What test reports, compliance documentation, and certifications will be required for the project?**

At minimum, reports of pressure testing, compliance with welding procedures, welding certifications, OQ and DOT certifications and compliance will be required. Assistance with record drawing information will be required, but final record drawings will be provided by our consulting engineer. GUC will obtain final record drawing dimensions with assistance from the Contractor.

**It appears that GUC will be purchasing all materials listed on the bill of materials on drawing STW-1 (pipe, fittings, valves, meter, regulators, etc.) for this project. Please confirm that this is correct. If so, please provide a schedule of when all of the materials will be available.**

GUC will purchase all of the major materials for the project. Minor incidentals needed for fabrication of the meter/regulator set and testing will be borne by the Contractor. A schedule of material delivery is anticipated this week.

**Please confirm what the proposed in-service date is for the new meter set. The General Conditions states 60-days after Notice to Proceed and the Specification states 30-days.**

The correct Contract time for the project is 30 days. This would be from receipt of materials. Thus, the 30 days would encompass fabrication of the unit, installation, and testing. We may prepare an addendum to clarify.

**Will GUC consider waiving the requirement of Payment and Performance Bonds?**

Although they may not be required per statute, GUC generally requires Payment & Performance Bonds for Contract work. These Bonds will not be removed from the specifications.