

**GREENVILLE UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR 23-65**

**RFB FOR RIVER DREDGING**

**12/20/2023 at 3:00PM**

1. Exhibit A illustrates the approximate area for dredging around the existing intake screens, but does not define a depth, or target elevation, for sediment removal. Can GUC provide the required depth, or elevation, for dredging? Without this information, the contractor would be unable to define the vertical limits to stop the dredging. **GUC has not determined the depth elevations but only the vicinity based on previous inspections and location of the two intakes that are impacted by the sediment. Item 2 Pre-Survey will assist GUC in determining dredge depths and target elevations. GUC will require a pre-construction survey with bid to determine dredging area and depths.**
2. Under Project section (page 7), Part 3 states, “Contractor will be responsible for obtaining any surveys needed to complete this project.” Also under Project section (page 8), Part 11, Item c states the contractor must include description for, “Calculation method to track volume of sediment removed.” Can GUC specifically identify that pre-construction and post-construction surveys, performed by a surveyor licensed in the State of North Carolina, will be required for the project? This requirement will allow for fair and accurate volume calculations to determine a Cubic Yard – Net Section from within the identified dredge cut. **GUC intent on this project is for contractor to obtain a survey to complete this project. GUC has determined that the best method for defining dredge area and depth then calculating volume removed by having contractor include pre and post construction survey of river in this bid package. Surveyor must be licensed I the state of NC.**
3. Further to Question 2, can GUC revise the bid form to included a specific, lump sum, line item for surveys on the project? **Line item 4 has been added to bid form to include pre and post survey.**
4. Under Project section (page 8), Part 11, Item h states, “The contractor must hold the appropriate insurance for any and all activities related to the dredging.” Also under Insurance Requirements section (page 10), coverages such as commercial general liability, automobile liability, workers’ compensation, employer’s liability, environmental/pollution liability and umbrella coverage are required. Since the Tar River is considered a Navigable Waterway, the appropriate insurance coverage that each contractor must hold would also include Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act (USL&H) and Maritime Coverage and Bodily Injury (Jones Act). Can GUC add the requirement for each contractor to submit a Certificate of Insurance (COI) along with their bid so that GUC can verify appropriate coverage at the time of bid? This would allow GUC the opportunity to pre-qualify responding contractors. **Greenville Utilities Commission will not be making this insurance a requirement for this bid at this time.**

5. Under Project section (page 8), Part 11, Item f states the contractor must include, "Detailed description and copies of all applicable permits and licenses. The contractor shall be responsible for all fees related to permitting and licensing and or agreements that are obtained. These shall be listed in the proposal." Since this is not a design-build contract, GUC as the Owner would be responsible for procuring and payment of all required federal, state, and local permits. Can GUC clarify the exact intent of this requirement, specifically identifying how the contractor could even satisfy it in their proposal, or remove it completely from the Request for Bid? **If any fees, Greenville Utilities will be responsible for the payment of city, county, and environmental fees required for this project.**

6. In order to provide GUC enough time to consider the questions above, along with some of the information discussed during our site visit yesterday, and to allow the contractor sufficient time to incorporate any changes issued by addendum into their bids, can GUC extend the due date for proposals? **Extend bid due date to December 20, 2023 at 3pm.**