GRID 2.0 Pre-Bid Meeting Questions

All open wire secondary need to be removed and changed out to triplex, correct?
Yes, all open wire secondary will be removed and replaced with triplex. Have we identified all open wire secondary, or will this be a change order as found? Unit Pricing for it.

Fences, there are a lot of fences in the way of these backyard poles. For example, behind the church at 14th St. and Elm Street, the only way to remove the pole is to remove the playground chain-link fence, and additionally remove a few panels of the white PVC fence to get to Pole. Will the contractor be responsible for putting fence back up or will that be done at the expense of GUC?
GUC will work with the selected contractor to identify these poles and determine if fence removal is necessary. In the event a fence needs to be removed, the contractor shall remove the minimum number of sections needed to complete the work. GUC will pay a fence contractor for repairs. Every effort shall be made to replace the pole without removing the fence. Backyard machines may be required to complete the work. All fence removals must be approved by GUC prior to removing.

The maps do not show copper neutrals. Also to be clear, will all copper neutrals be changed out? Lastly, the copper neutrals are to be fixed in the lump sum price, correct?
Sections of copper neutrals have been identified in the "Scope" section of the bid. All spans of copper neutral will be replaced with 1/0 ACSR. There may be cases where the copper neutral is being replaced and the pole is not. It is the contractor's responsibility to account for these costs in their lump sum price.

Landscaping, we are going to have to go in and out of a lot of homeowner's yards. If damage occurs, is the contractor responsible for the cost and the repairs?
Yes, the contractor is responsible for all property damage including landscaping.

Is vegetation and tree trimming the contractor responsibility or will GUC trim or remove small trees and brush if needed to replace poles?
Contractor will be responsible for removing vegetation as needed. All vegetation removal shall be approved by GUC prior to removal.

Concrete driveways, we're going to be working on a lot of them. Will GUC cover the cost if cracked or is it the responsibility of the contractor?
The contractor is responsible for all property damage including concrete. GUC suggests contractors document (via photo) all concrete prior to entering the property.

Is GUC providing a place to dispose old poles and equipment?
Yes, poles may be cut into sections are disposed in the dumpster bins at GUC.

Has the map been verified for errors such as previously replaced poles or any additional poles to be added.
Yes, the map has been verified and updated.

Communication transfer process?
Telecommunications shall be transferred from the existing poles to new structures and old poles should be removed, if possible. If not topping the pole above the neutral is acceptable. If topped, verify pole number to GUC.

Has GUC gathered total footage of wire spans for project?
No, this will be at the discretion of the contractor.

More Answers:

- The contractor is requested to relocate existing pole tags from the old poles to the new poles.
- GUC will provide the necessary materials.
- Switching will be performed within reasonable limits. GUC will handle de-energization, with assistance from the contractor as needed.
- Replacement transformers have been ordered for outdated transformers identified on the project map. The contractor is requested to upgrade existing copper connections to PTT4 connectors and brush existing copper connections.
- The use of one-shot will be at the contractor's discretion. The contractor will be provided with station one's contact number to request one-shot operation, along with an iPad to verify the circuit being worked on.
- Work may be performed on weekends and holidays, however, engineering assistance will not be available during these times.
- Outages affecting more than 20 Service points must be communicated to GUC in advance for proper coordination and procedures.