

5.13.2026—RFB 26-21 The Grid Distribution Pole Replacement 5.13.2026 1:30pm, Pre-bid, Minutes / Q&A

- Introductions were given.
- Dates listed in RFB were reviewed.
- FAQs discussed
- General Information reviewed.
- High level scope of work was discussed to include limits of construction.

(Approximately 45 minutes)

General Information:

- Contractor must be released by GUC before crews are pulled off for storm, etc. Project materials shall be secured and must remain on GUC's system. Grounds must be removed, and system shall be left in safe & fully operational condition. The contractor shall not leave GUC system with temporary rigging, or jumpers when leaving for storm.
- Transformer seals and metal tags shall be installed on primary elbows. GUC will issue tags. Will be discussed in more detail during pre-construction meeting.

FAQs:

- Q: Is there a hard start date?
 - A: Bid communicates start no later than date of **June 8, 2026**.
 - Completion date is **Dec 4, 2026**. (if not possible, please present alternate date)
- Q: Can most of the work be isolated and de-energized?
 - A: Some of the underground (UG) neighborhoods cannot be backfed and will be coordinated on case-by-case basis. Contractor will be responsible to assist with switching.
- Q: Is there a lay down yard or areas where material can be staged?
 - A: All material will be available for pickup at GUC Ops center. Laying material at jobsite is acceptable so long as it is not more than a week's worth of work.
- Q: Where do bidders bring/dispose of removed materials?
 - A: Removed materials can be brought to GUC Ops Center. Bidder is responsible for disposing of all non-salvageable material. Poles brought back to GUC Op Center need to be sawed to lengths no greater than 45 feet.

- Q: How will awarded bidder access GUC Op Center Yard?
 - A: GUC will provide badges to awarded bidder.
- Q: How will material be kitted or needed to be picked up?
 - A: For larger material orders, GUC will require a week or two notice. Material can be picked up Monday through Friday, 0700-1630.
- Q: Will contractors be responsible for reclamation?
 - A: Contractor is responsible for repair of damages to customer yards and public right of ways.
- Q: How will after hour outages be coordinated/communicated?
 - A: Awarded bidder will need to coordinate with engineering to work with customer around after-hours outages.
- Q: What is the 1 Shot process?
 - A: The selected contractor will be provided contact information for GUC dispatchers to request 1-shot.
- Q: Is weekend work allowed?
 - A: Weekend work is allowed and should be coordinated through the engineer in charge. Engineering and Construction support will not be available on the weekend. 1-shot request will be limited on the weekend and all work/1-shot will have to be approved by GUC engineering prior to weekend work.

Additional Q&A:

- Q: Is there any early completion bonus?
 - A: No.
- Q: When is the bid due?
 - A: 2pm May 28, 2025
- Q: How will jobs be kitted?
 - A: GUC Engineering Assistants will make work orders to break up the project sections into smaller segments. This may be done by street or quadrant. The contractor will receive materials work on the areas specified in the work orders.

- Q: There is a transformer missing on the Work Order Map. There is also a discrepancy with the footage of UG primary to be pulled (10,389' as measured in the field versus 9876' given in the bid document). How will the contractor be compensated for the additional work?
 - A: An addendum was requested to allow the contractor to give unit costs for additional items, however the intent of the map was to serve as a general guideline. It will be the contractor's responsibility to review the scope of work in the field and bid on the job as a whole.

- How do we determine which transformers will need to be replaced. How to determine which pads to change?
 - All transformer pads will be replaced. Transformer shall be replaced if it is leaking, is live front, has a hole in the housing, or is leaning excessively.

- Q: Some of the work areas are 20-30 ft. inside tree line or dense vegetation. Will GUC clear the vegetation, or will it be the responsibility of the contractor?
 - A: GUC will perform clearing of a 5-10 radius around all transformers and switching cabinets.

- Q; Will GUC provide conduit?
 - A: GUC will provide all conduit and wire for the Southgate UG Cable Replacement.

- Q: Will contractor be responsible for repairing concrete or asphalt if damaged?
 - A: Yes. Any damage resulting from construction activities will be the responsibility of the contractor to remediate.

- Q: Where can contractor dispose of spoils?
 - A: Spoils can be disposed of at 1101 Holly St.

- Q: Will GUC supply contractor with water for boring rig?
 - A: Contractor can apply for temporary, metered water service to use for drilling purposes. Contractor will be billed for water usage.