

**PUD NO. 1 OF SKAGIT COUNTY
FIBER OPTIC CAMPUS TO WTP:
BNSF RR CROSSING
ADDENDUM NO. 1**

Date of Issue: July 26, 2024

To All Planholders and/or Prospective Bidders:

The time and place of bidding remains unchanged as 10:30 AM, Tuesday July 30, 2024, at Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County.

Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided in the BID FORM. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder to disqualification.

The following changes, additions, and/or deletions are hereby made a part of the project bid documents for the Fiber Optic Campus to WTP: BNSF RR Crossing and shall have the same effect as if set forth therein.

A. GENERAL:

- a. A pre-bid meeting was held on July 23, 2024. at Skagit PUD, 1415 Freeway Drive. Meeting minutes with a list of contractor questions and answers to date is attached to this addendum.
- b. List of attendees are attached to this addendum.

B. SPECIFICATIONS:

- a. Supplementary General Conditions – Section 6.1 Supplemental Section 1-.08.5, Time for Completion (Contract Time), to be replaced with the following:
Contractor shall complete all work associated with the Bid Schedule after issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Work shall be substantially complete by September 20, 2024.
- b. Technical Specifications – Section 33 05 07.13 – Utility Directional Drilling:
 - i. This is a fiber conduit project. Any reference to waterline pipe shall be replaced with fiber optic conduit.
 - ii. 2.2 Pipe and Tracer Wire: this section shall be omitted.

This Addendum consists of this one (1) cover page and three (3) attached pages, for a total of **four (4) pages**.



07/25/2024

Mark Handzlik, P.E., Engineering Manager

Appended hereto and part of Addendum No. 1

- A. Meeting Minutes (2 pages)
- B. List of Attendees (1 pages)



**Fiber Optic Campus to WTP:
BNSF RR Crossing
Pre-Bid Meeting Agenda
July 23, 2024
10:00 AM**

Wendy LaRocque, Project Manager – Environmental Compliance, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and welcomed everyone.

Project Manager LaRocque began the meeting by introducing the Project Team for Skagit PUD: Mark Handzlik, P.E., Engineering Manager; Wendy LaRocque, Project Manager - Environmental Compliance; Mark Semrau, P.E., Capital Program Manager; Josh Brady, Engineering Technician; Catherine Price, Contract Coordinator; Tyler Scott, Maintenance Foreman; and Chris Smith, Capital Project Inspector. Attendance sheet attached.

Project Manager LaRocque reviewed the purpose of the Pre-Bid meeting was to briefly go over the project and provide an opportunity for Bidder questions/answers.

She gave a brief project description/overview including installation of approximately 167.5 linear feet of 2-inch HDPE fiber optic conduit by horizontal direction drill under the BNSF railroad crossing on Riverside Drive in Mount Vernon, Washington. Work includes pre-drilling geotechnical exploration boring and traffic control along with incidentals and appurtenances in estimated quantities identified in the Bid Proposal.

Project Manager LaRocque reviewed the bid schedule as follows: Question Cutoff: Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM; Bids Due: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 10:30 AM; Anticipated Award Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2024; Anticipated Notice to Proceed issued: August 30, 2024; Anticipated Start of Construction: September 3, 2024; and Substantial Completion: September 20, 2024.

Project Manager LaRocque discussed possible project constraints: BSNF Railway License Agreement for work expires on October 4, 2024; contract completion date is critical. Work shall be substantially complete by September 20, 2024. Staging Areas: Stage in Alder Lane right of way. Bore entry on Alder, drill west to east. Work Hours and Days: 7 AM to 9 PM, Monday through Friday, and 8 AM to 9 PM, Saturday and Sunday.

Project Manager LaRocque reviewed scheduling constraints including BNSF must be given notice ten (10) business days prior to installation. City must be given notice 72 hours prior to detour. Project Manager will give notice, but accurate schedule with adequate notice is mandatory. Appendix A - Permits: BNSF License Agreement (23W-17995) and City of Mount Vernon ROW Permit (ENG24-0160)

Project Manager LaRocque reviewed questions received thus far, and the responses given:

Probable Construction Range	\$50,000 - \$70,000
The completion times I found are already past. (page 00-73-00-5) 6.1 Supplemental Section 1-08.5, Time for Completion.	Replace current language with "Contractor shall complete all work associated with the Bid Schedule after the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Work shall be substantially complete by September 20, 2024.
What are you needing completed in regard to the Geotechnical bores? (depth, location, how many)	The contractor is free to do as much or as little geotechnical exploration as they need to feel confident in the bore plan. Soil reports have been included in the bid package; however, if a contractor choses to do more research, Skagit PUD will pay for it. BNSF prohibits boring closer than 25' to the center of the tracks.

Plans call for 2" HDPE but do not specify wall thickness or color. Also section 33 05 07.13 refers to a new waterline with tracer wire.	2" HDPE DR-9 Fiber Optic Conduit is called out on pg 3 of the plan set. Orange conduit is preferred. The waterline language in section 33 05 07 13 is in error. This is a fiber conduit project; no tracer wire is necessary.
Data logging. Does written record work for the pull back and rotational force use by the bore machine or does it need to be electronic?	Either method of recording (written or electronic) is acceptable.
Page 33 05 07.13-5 3.3 F Calls for the bore path 25' in either direction of the tracks to be flat or falling. Is this accounted for on the plans sheet page 3?	Skagit PUD believes the plans to be consistent with the requirements set forth by the BNSF license agreement as stated in 33 05 07.13-5 3.3 F.

Project Manager LaRocque stated that the conduit within the easement in the commercial store parking lot (east side of Riverside Drive) will need to be capped and covered with a traffic-rated meter box.

Project Manager LaRocque reviewed a few possible bid/proposal issues. Use only the Bid Proposal form or Addendum Bid Proposal form to submit bids. All pages of the form must be submitted with bid unless specific addenda pages are issued. Restrained pipe fittings are to be included in the individual bid items in which they appear. Complete the Addenda Acknowledgement form. If bid items or quantities are revised, a new Bid Proposal form will be issued.

Project Manager LaRocque Addendum No. 1 will be issued with questions/clarifications to date.

Project Manager LaRocque asked if there were any audience Questions/Clarifications. There were none.

Engineering Manager Handzlik reiterated that the conduit on the west side of Riverside Drive it is to be left level or near the surface. Also, on the east side of Riverside Drive a traffic box is suggested, it needs protected and to be able to be located in the future. The drill rig needs to be on the west side (Alder Lane) and drilling should forward advance to the east (into PUD's easement in the commercial store parking lot); this will minimize the impact on the parking at the business.

With no further questions or comments, Project Manager LaRocque adjourned the prebid meeting at 10:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Price, Contract Coordinator

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 Pre-bid Meeting
 July 23, 2024
 10:00 AM

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