Yakima County Public Services
Request for Proposals for Automated Water Metering System

Questions Received From Vendors
July 15, 2013

The following questions have been asked by Vendors regarding the recent Request for Proposals for an Automated Water Metering System:

1. Requesting a time extension based on the limited time to put together a propagation study. Typical time needed for an accurate completed prop study is 2-3 weeks after receiving the coordinates for the meter locations, the coordinates for the possible antenna sites, and height information for the assets on the potential antenna sites.

   *We are not planning to extend the submittal date at this time. If we hear from more vendors that additional time is needed, then we will consider extending the submittal date.*

2. Regarding Phase 1 and Phase 2 for pricing. Are we supplying pricing for both phases or just phase 1? If we need to propose pricing for both phases will both phases start in January or is there a delay between each phase?

   *The timing for Phase II has not been determined. Therefore, please include a price or a price escalation factor (percentage that the meter costs will increase each year) for meters purchased during at least the next three years by Yakima County or by another government agency purchasing off this contract. We anticipate Phase II will involve just the purchase of meters and not the installation.*

3. Will Yakima County require lead free brass fittings and setters if necessary based on the approximate work start date projected as January 2014?

   Yes, we will require any fittings and setters installed to also meet the new low lead requirement, should they need to be installed.

4. Will there be a five (5) percent retainage on the County’s bid?

   Yes, there will be 5% retainage on the County’s project.