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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 3 to Invitation to Bid No. S50-C23807 - Replacement of a Medium Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear at the 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Public Works and Engineering Department

To: All Prospective Bidders:

This letter of Clarification is being issued for the following reasons:

- **To respond to question posed by prospective bidders:**

Question No. 1 MWBE / SBE - Can the SBE percentage count towards required MWBE percentage target, if a subcontractor is both a minority and a small business? Are there any exceptions allowed from work that requires specific skill sets?

Answer: The answer to both questions is no. The Contractor must choose to assign the subcontractor to either the 10% MBE or the 8% SBE required participation goal which best provides a scope of work for the performance of the contract. A subcontractor with both credentials can not receive credit for both within one contract. Any exceptions will be reviewed on good faith efforts receiving no response.

Question No. 2 Are there any City permit requirements associated with shutdowns? Or, any other aspect of this project?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3 Is this project tax exempt? If so, can the City of Houston provide a Tax Exempt Certificate?

Answer: Yes. A tax exemption certificate will be provided to the awarded contractor upon request.

Question No. 4 The main-tie-main section of the switchgear is being designed to be a closed transition / auto transfer. Can the City confirm this is the desired method of operation for the Main-Tie-Main?

Answer: The main-tie-main section of the replacement switchgear requires the same scheme of operation as the current.

Question No. 5 The specifications call for a Remote Control Panel for the switchgear. What functionality does the City desire to control from the Remote Control

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FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Panel? Is there any need for dual functionality, meaning the same controls on both the remote control panel and the breaker door?

Answer: The replacement switchgear requires a dual functional operational remote control panel, operational from the front of the panel and from the remote control device.

Note: No further questions will be accepted after the publication of this Letter of Clarification.

When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the bid documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. It is the responsibility of the bidders to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this solicitation.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Letter of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

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