



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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**Subject:** Letter of Clarification No. 2 to Invitation to Bid No. S50-C25249 - Work Order Contract for Fiber Reinforced Polymer Patching on Concrete Pavements Citywide for the Public Works and Engineering Department

**To:** All Prospective Bidders:

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

- **To revise the Electronic Bid form and respond to questions posed by perspective bidders:**

- 1.) See the revised Electronic Bid Form.
- 2.) The following questions and City of Houston responses are hereby incorporated and made a part of the Invitation to Bid:

**Question No 1:** One of the requirements for this bid is to have the material pre-approved by the City of Houston's construction division, materials and testing division or the maintenance division. If you could please forward me the names of contacts for one or all of those divisions so we can submit material for the pre-approval process?

**Answer:** This will be done at the appropriate time after bid submittal.

**Question No. 2:** In the bid documents the City established 100,000 cuft per year. Does the City have any range of how many work orders the successful bidder will receive in any specific year?

**Answer:** The City anticipates issuing 10 work orders and utilizing 2,000 cuft of fiber reinforced polymer patching material, per contract year. See the revised Electronic Bid Form.

**Question No. 3:** Please check the quantities to be bid. 100,000 cuft equates to 11,500,000 lbs. The material cost without installation labor and general conditions will be \$11,500,000 at a rate of \$1/lb.

**Answer:** Yes. See the revised Electronic Bid Form.

**Question No. 4:** Is it possible to make police officers an hourly price basis if needed for major thoroughfares and major intersections?

**Answer:** Yes. See the revised Electronic Bid Form.

**Question No. 5:** Is it possible to make an hourly allowance for flaggers too?

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**Answer:** Yes, See the revised Electronic Bid Form.

**Question No. 6:** Is it possible the City could we break down the bid items and quantities as follows:

Certified Flagmen (as required by Traffic Permits) - **50 Hours,**

Off Duty Uniformed Peace Officer (as required by Traffic Permits) **10 Hours,**

Single Lane Closure for Major Thoroughfare; include Arrow board, signs, etc. - **5 each.**

**Answer:** Yes. See the revised Electronic Bid Form.

**Question No. 7:** The original posted quantity of Polymer Patching (100,000 Cubic Feet) for each contract year is grossly overstated in relation to the anticipated annual budget (\$250,000). At current prices, the 100,000 CF for Year 1 would be around \$25 million, which would put the 5 year bid total around \$125 million. With values this large, it will be extremely difficult for any contractor to be able to obtain bonds for this project. Please reduce the bid quantity accordingly. Also, can language be added, as done with some previous procurement that stipulate the maximum limits of the final bonds required annually?

**Answer:** Yes. See the revised Electronic Bid Form.

**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 solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s). It is the responsibility of the bidder/respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders/respondents shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this solicitation and resulting bid.

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

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