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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 1
PVC Gravity SDR-35 Sewer Pipe & Fittings

Reference: Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.: S35-S24495

To All Prospective Bidders:

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reasons:

- To revise the above referenced solicitation as follows:
 1. At the City's electronic website, Group No. 2, Item Nos. 1 thru 3, 5 thru 16 and 18 has been changed.
 2. At the City's electronic website, Group No. 4, Item No. 1 has been changed.
- To answer the following questions:
 1. Question: *"Who, specifically, will be handling the IHS pricing mechanism for the PVC Pipe?"*
Answer: *"The Public Works & Engineering Department handles the IHS pricing decrease and increases requested by the supplier's."*
 2. Question: *"Will that person forward the index to the supplier on a quarterly basis?"*
Answer: *"No." It is the supplier's responsibility to make those price adjustment requests as needed. The supplier should make these requests as needed quarterly with justification such as copies of their invoices and related costs.*
 3. Question: *"Is the IHS data based on a paid subscription and what is the web address for the specific IHS webpage mentioned in the paragraph entitled "Price Change Mechanism?"*
Answer: *"The City will not forward the IHS index to the supplier and yes the IHS Index is a paid subscription. The website is "http://www.ihs.com/index.aspx"*

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4. Question: *"Can an IHS data history be provided for PVC Pipe for the past four quarters prior to the bid date?"*

Answer: "No."

- Due to the aforementioned change(s) to the e-bidding items you may need to edit your bid. To do so, please select the "Bid Number" and proceed accordingly.

This Letter of Clarification will be considered part of the solicitation referenced on the first page of this document. 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).

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each BIDDER to obtain any previous Letter(s) of Clarification associated with this solicitation.



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