

WATER METER SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PROJECT RFP # 16-004
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
RFI # 002

Question 1:

Would the Town consider accepting pricing for supply of the water meters, AMI endpoints, and infrastructure “separate” from the installation/retrofitting of the water meters OR as an installation contractor, do we need to submit a response and pricing to a meter/AMI supplier to be submitted together to the Town?

Response:

The Town expects a consolidated proposal including all costs as detailed in the RFP Attachment H.

Question 2:

Can the Town provide water meter sizes as part of the data file? This will help keep costs accurate.

Response:

The Town does not have this information available. Upon award, the contractor shall perform an audit survey of all existing meters and service locations (see RFP Scope of Services Item 1). The contractor shall record the location of all existing meters, serial numbers, make/model & manufacturer, age of meter and size. The proposal should contain provisions for adjusting costs following a system audit and meter type & sizing analysis see RFP Scope of Services Item 3). Most residential meters are 5/8”.

With regard to commercial meters (those 2-inch and larger), see response / clarification to Question 5 below.

Question 3:

Can the Town provide information on how many of each size water meters are located in pit/vault sets?

Response:

See response to Question 2 above.

Question 4:

The RFP document references the Town wanting the installation contractor to “right size” water meters where needed. Will this type of work be priced on a case by case basis? There is no pricing line item, nor quantities for this work. This work will require pipe modifications in order to complete these installations.

Response:

The “right size” will result from the audit survey of all existing meters. This falls into the category of the proposal containing a provision for adjusting costs following the system audit analysis. This pricing will be on a case by case basis. The Town does not anticipate a significant number of meter size changes.

Question 5:

Please provide clarification is required for the RFP requirements for commercial meters?

Response:

The Town’s “commercial meters” are simply those 2” and larger regardless of the actual use served (e.g. a multi-family residential use with a single large diameter service of 2-inch or larger would be considered a commercial meter). These commercial meters will NOT be replaced as part of this RFP. Thus, the range of meters to be furnished under this work is limited from 5/8 inch to 1-1/2-inch. However, the contractor is required to include all meters (residential and commercial) in the audit survey analysis of existing meters and service locations (see RFP Scope of Services Items 1 & 3). The contractor shall record the location of all existing meters, serial numbers, make/model & manufacturer, age of meter and size. This analysis is to consider all meters and all property uses including commercial, residential, businesses and any other use with a water meter. Changes to some water meter sizes are anticipated to meet the proposed “right-sizing” goal. However, at this time, replacement of commercial meters defined as those of 2” and larger regardless of ultimate property use is **NOT** included in the scope of work. After the audit survey analysis is completed, adjustment to scope and costs is possible based on the results.

For bidding purposes with regard to the modernization of commercial meters to allow auto read with hardware and software provided under this work for existing meters having such capability without meter change out, the vendor should provide a unit price to retrofit commercial meters 2” and larger for automatic remote read.