Street Light Questions and Municipal Responses

Questions raised at February 8, 2016 pre-bid meeting:

Town Manager, Nathan Poore, first offered an introduction to the project which is generally outlined in the RFQ.

Q = question  R = response

Q1. How will the town determine who maintains the street lighting system in the future (municipal staff, contractor, consultant oversight, utility, etc)?
R1. The municipalities will depend on guidance offered by the chosen consultant team which is selected through the RFQ process.

Q2. Will the February 25, 2016 submittal deadline be extended?
R2. No, the timeline has been established and will be followed until further notice.

Q3. Will each municipality be responsible for its own liability coverage of its system or will there be a combined policy?
R3. Once the system is built, each municipality will be responsible for its own insurance needs. Contracts between the municipalities and consultants/contractors will have insurance and liability arrangements as part of services expected within the contracts.

Q4. Where can we find the rates established by Public Utility Commission (PUC) rules for utility costs for installing fuses, installing fixtures, maintenance, etc?
R4. The rates can be found in the rate case via the PUC web site. A link to this site will be provided.

Q5. Are there fuses currently installed for each existing utility owned fixture?
R5. No

Q6. Will utilities share data on age of systems and system components?
R6. Yes, especially for the past nine years for fixtures. The data made available by the utilities will be public and available for inspection. A link to this data will be provided as it becomes available. The audit portion of the RFQ also has an expectation that the chosen consultant team will verify any existing data and/or create data when missing.

Q7. When will the last day be available to submit questions?
R7. February 17 at noon.

Questions added  February 11, 2016

Q8. In Section II “Proposal Format” the RFQ states that that Proposals are to be limited to a maximum of 25 “pages” excluding addendums. We are assuming that this is 25 sheets of paper, double-sided (which could be 50 numbered pages of content). Is this correct?
R8. Responses to the RFQ may be a total of 50 pages (or 25 double sided pages).

Q9. Does the Section II.A “Covering Letter” count against the page limit?
R9. The cover letter is included within the limit of 50 total pages (or 25 double sided pages).