



**State of Alaska**  
**Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Village Safe Water Program**

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To: Vendor List

Re: Amendment 5  
ITB 22-VSW-UNK-044  
Unalakleet Water Source Project  
ITB Due Date: August 18, 2022 @ 2:00 PM AST

**The following are vendor questions and the department's response:**

1. Vendor: Drawing C401, notes #15 calls out to extend existing well casing height to achieve 2' 8" AFF. Is there a detail showing all existing well casings top of pipe elevations to determine lengths new well casing that is needed per each well?

Department: Existing well casing elevations are shown on detail 2 sheet C102.

2. Vendor: Drawing C401, note #9 calls out SDR 9 HDPE riser pipe, drawing C501, Detail 2 Calls out 2" SDR 7.3 HDPE. Please verify. Can a option of well PVC riser pipe be used?

Department: For bidding purposes assume HDPE SDR 9 for all risers.

3. Vendor: [REDACTED] is having some concerns regarding the Asphalt Paving for the Unalakleet Water Source Construct Project. We are hearing that this will be overpriced for this project and are having a hard time finding anyone to bid it as this is so small. If possible please pass this on. Below is a comment from one of the Asphalt Contractors.

I looked at the plans and it is unclear what the full scope for the paving work is. Looks like at most 1,700 tons. The price for this small QTY to mobilize in and out an asphalt plant is going to be very high and our experience is the owner receives sticker shock from this and it never comes to fruition. It maybe best to explain the paving scope of this work would be better suited to pair up with a larger QTY paving project when one comes to town.

██████ has since asked for a ROM cost for this work just to get a ballpark figure and we are looking at over \$1 mil. We are just trying to let the owners know up front in advance as we have been seeing many projects lately never come to fruition.

Department: Remove all pavement replacement requirements from the base bid. Saw cut and remove/dispose of existing pavement as shown in the drawings to facilitate installation of the buried pipeline. After installation of pipeline, backfill excavation and re-construct road prism with classified material as shown in detail 7/C503 with the exception that D-1 leveling course or recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) shall be placed and compacted to existing grade in place of new asphalt. Compact top 12" of backfill to 98% of maximum modified proctor dry density. Contractor to furnish and install appropriate, owner-approved, long term traffic control devices (centerline cones and weighted bases) and permanent signage warning of pavement breaks and reduced speed limits in affected areas.

The department may issue a change order to the contractor once a road surface treatment method has been identified. The department may also bid this work separately or utilize force account labor for this work.

4. Vendor: As an option, I would like to suggest that the asphalt be bid as a separate line item or alternate in this RFP. This would give the client and end user the option to decide after they receive all of the proposals.

Department: See above question and answer #3.

5. Vendor: I'm looking for a permit price for my bid on the following spec. section. B. Contractor shall furnish all necessary temporary permits for construction of Work. Including the following: 1. Contained Water Discharge Permit (ADEC), 2. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) (ADEC). 3. Any other permits required for construction.

Department: The contractor should reach out to Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Water (DOW) Wastewater.

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