

QUESTIONS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) SYSTEM (16-0080)

RFP date posted: May 6, 2016

Expiration date: June 16, 2016 at 2PM CST

Deadline for questions: May 24, 2016

Date Updated: **May 23, 2016**

1. Can you provide the coordinates (latitude and longitude) info for all service addresses?
 - a. The City is adding this information as a separate attachment to the RFP.

2. Can you provide the latitude and longitude along with height of all available City assets?
 - a. The City is adding this information as a separate attachment to the RFP.

3. Can you differentiate the difference between residential and commercial meters?
 - a. As of April '16, they are 1734 residential meters and 915 commercial meters. The City is also providing this information as a separate attachment to the RFP as well.

4. Is the City expecting us to quote meters and MTU endpoints on this RFP?
 - a. Yes.

5. Is the City wanting us to quote installation of the system as well?
 - a. No, the City will install and the Offeror will program the units.

6. In Section 2.3 it states, "Integrate real time information from AMI system..." can you clarify real time information?
 - a. Real time can be variable – for example updates can be every half hour or 4 times a day. Please specify in your bid how often the information will integrate.

7. Does the City have any intentions of using the AMI System for the streetlights.
 - a. At this time, there are no plans to do this.

8. In Section 2.8 in regards to the testing period of the meters it states, "Location of the test meters will be determined by the Light and Power Superintendent" does the offeror have any say of where the test meters can be placed?
 - a. The City intends to work with the selected offeror in the trial period to ensure a successful outcome, however the City does intend to push the system to ensure it will work in all locations of our system.

9. Is the offeror expected to pay for the pilot (trial) program?
 - a. Please see addendum Number 1 for this RFP.

10. This RFP seems to lean towards wanting a RF Mesh System is that the City's preference?

- a. The City does not have a preference from one type of system to the next.
11. Will the City coordinate this system with the current AMI system in place on water meters?
- a. The City is open to using existing infrastructure in place or going on a standalone system as well. The City intends to source the best system for its Light and Power Division.
12. Does the City currently have a time of use rate?
- a. No, the City does not.
13. Can the City please provide a copy of its RFP document in an editable Microsoft Word format to allow insertion of technical responses and completion of required forms?
- a. The City is adding a document to the RFP website where Offerors may use in their RFP response. Use of this document is not mandatory.
14. It was mentioned the possibility of integration with the existing water meter system, what system does water use? Is it drive-by, radio or other?
- a. The Sioux Falls Water Department is using a fixed network RF system manufactured by Aclara.
15. Can you provide the meter end point location listing in an Excel format?
- a. Excel format is now uploaded to the document library for the RFP.
16. In the file Section 3.0 Requirements Only, if we “Comply” is an explanation needed?

- a. No further explanation is necessary if the box is marked that you are complying with the above requirement(s).