

May 24, 2023

**Subject: ITB #2258-B: Utility Locating
Addendum #1**

Gentlemen/Ladies:

Below, please find responses to questions, clarification, or additional information for the above referenced Invitation to Bid. You will need to consider this information when preparing your bid.

1. Does Fayette County have digital maps (drawings) to identify the Water utility? What format are they in (For example: AutoCAD, PDF, GIS, KMZ)?

The Fayette County Water System will provide the UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR with access to water infrastructure maps (hard copy, PDF, GIS), on hand. These maps show general locations of utility facilities.

2. Are the water services on the utility maps?

General water main and water service information can be provided for 90% of the Distribution System.

3. Will we be responsible to mark the Water services from meter pit or curb-stop box to the main and all mains?

UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to mark from meter and/or curb-stop box to mains and all mains.

4. How much of the system is plastic or non-locatable water mains or services?

All water mains and services are locatable.

5. Please describe how these are now being marked with accuracy?

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) has been used successfully to locate.

6. Will all GA 811 locates for Fayette County water be sent directly to us?

No, but the UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR agrees to receive transmittals directly from Georgia811 for the dispatching of requests – per the Invitation to Bid Scope and Specification. The Water System currently plans to review and assign GA811 locates to the UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR.

- 7. If all tickets are NOT sent directly to us, what % will be sent and what are the criteria used to NOT send locates?**

This contract is primarily for Large Project locating; however, the UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR may be asked to perform regular locates. The UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR may be assigned normal GA811 locate requests if the Water System, for various reasons, may not be able to complete these locates prior to specified deadlines. Less than 5% of normal GA811 locate requests received by the Fayette County Water System will be assigned to the UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR.

- 8. If all tickets are NOT sent directly from GA 811 to us, what is the process used to screen out tickets and what is the time direction between ticket submission to GA 811 and us receiving ticket request?**

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- 9. Please confirm ticket price request, is this a price per ticket and a price per foot, ie - \$X per ticket + X cents per foot on that ticket? If not, please explain your pricing request?**

Per linear foot on Large Project Locates. Per Ticket on Normal GA811 Locate Tickets.

- 10. How would you like us to price after hour emergency work?**

Per ticket. This is only for GA811 emergency locates. The pricing sheet provided in the initial ITB has been updated and is attached as Attachment 1. Vendors shall use Attachment 1 when submitting their bids or the bid will be disqualified.

- 11. Will emergency work be a separate line item, or should we add verbiage into the document?**

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- 12. What is the trailing 12 month annual 811 ticket volume, by month?**

The Fayette County Water System responded to a monthly average of 2500 tickets in 2022 and January thru April 2023 more than 1500 per month. Since July 2022, 429,000 linear feet of water main have been located by the current contractor.

- 13. What long projects are occurring in your operating territory (overbuilds, main replacement, etc.)?**

The primary project is fiberoptic main installation. Road construction and power rehabilitation projects have also been "long projects". Projects are under construction currently and are anticipated to continue into FY 2024 which begins on July 1, 2023.

14. How are "long locates" invoiced? For example, if a contractor issues a one call ticket for 2 miles, what additional compensation will the locate vendor receive for the long locate?

Invoices should be submitted upon completion of assigned "long locate". Invoices shall be for linear feet located. There is no additional compensation.

15. Will locate vendor be responsible to pay for damages that occur due to incorrect prints/maps?

The UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for damages that occur from inaccurate locates. Prints and/or maps provided are for reference purposes only.

16. Are any of the provisions of the agreement negotiable?

No.

17. Will locate vendor be allowed termination rights for convenience?

No.

18. Will locate vendor be allowed to limit our liability to 10% of the contract value?

No.

19. Will bid, payment or performance bonds be required?

Per the original Invitation to Bid, bonds are not required.

20. Will the locating vendor receive all tickets directly from the One Call Center during the term of the agreement?

Locates will be assigned by the Fayette County Water System.

21. If locate vendor determines facilities are not present at the jobsite, do we have to visit the job site or is a remote clear (screen) allowed?

Assigned locates will have been verify by Water System staff.

22. Will locate vendor be compensated for not-at-fault damage investigations?

No.

23. Do you prefer a Dedicated Locating Service, where we only locate for Fayette County or other similar facility type?

No.

24. Is the start date negotiable?

No. The contract must align with the County's fiscal year which begins on July 1.

25. May we have an extension of the due date and time?

No.

26. Who is currently performing the locating services for the Fayetteville County?

Badger Daylighting

27. What is the start date Fayette County is anticipating this work to begin?

July 1, 2023

28. How much of the water utility is Non-Locatable where an electronic tone cannot be transmitted on the main?

Unknown how much main is "Non-Locatable" due to un-"transmitted...electronic tone".
95%+ of the water utility is locatable by various methods.

29. Are sewer services expected to be marked up to the clean out or just past the ROW?

The Fayette County Water System does not have sewer service.

30. Water Services – Are they on the utility map records?

Most, not all.

31. Transmission Mains – What is the material type of these mains?

Mains - cast iron, ductile iron, pvc, steel, asbestos concrete. Services – copper, plastic.

32. What are the size of these mains?

Mains: 2" – 30". Services: $\frac{3}{4}$ " – 8".

a. – **What are they feeding to and from?**

Treatment plant to meters.

b. – **What is the difficulty level of marking these mains and hook up locations to transmit a signal or the use of a GPR.?**

As with any utility there may be difficulties, but 95%+ are locatable by a variety of methods.

c. – **Has any of these mains been damaged and what was the estimated cost of repair and was there any other 3rd party claims for the damage form the water?**

Damages have occurred. Repair costs may range from a couple hundred dollars to a couple thousand dollars. Each repair is unique, and costs will vary. Third party claims for damages are possible.

Received by (Name): _____ Company_____

Note: If this addendum is not returned to the Fayette County Purchasing Department or if it is returned not signed, responding individuals, companies or other organizations will still be responsible for the requirements of this addendum and the specifications or changes herein.

The opening date for this ITB has not changed. **The opening time and date are 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 1, 2023.** Bids must be received by the Purchasing Department at the address above, Suite 204, at or before the opening date and time.

The deadline for inquiries has passed, so the Purchasing Department will not be able to accept any additional questions after this time.

If you have questions, please contact Natasha Duggan, Contract Administrator at (770) 305-5150, fax (770) 719-5534 or email at nduggan@fayettecountyga.gov.

Sincerely,



Ted L. Burgess
Director of Purchasing

PRICING SHEET – Revised – Addendum 1
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Responder agrees to perform all the work described in the Contract documents for the following prices:

| Type of Ticket | Estimated Tickets | Price per Ticketed Located | Extended Price |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Normal GA811 Locate Tickets | 10,000 | \$ | \$ |
| Emergency GA811 Locate Tickets | 10 | \$ | \$ |
| Subtotal GA811 Locate Tickets | | | \$ |
| Type of Ticket | Estimated Linear Feet (LF) | Price per LF Located | Extended Price |
| Large Project Locates | 650,000 | \$ | \$ |
| Total Bid (GA811 + Large Project) | | | \$ |

NOTES:

1. All applicable charges shall be included in your total quoted amount, including but not limited to materials, equipment, installation, labor, emergency response time and any other amounts. No additional charges will be allowed after the quote received by date.

COMPANY NAME: _____