



**Invitation to Bid (ITB) #2318
Pothole Excavation of Water Service Laterals to determine Line Material
Addendum #1 and Acknowledgement**

To: Prospective Bidders
From: Kristen Desper, Augusta Water
Date: July 10, 2024

Questions from Bidders:

1. Will Augusta Water dispose of the material or does the contractor have to do it?
Response: Proper material disposal will be the responsibility of the contractor.

2. Will water be provided? If so, how and how far from the work sites?
Response: Yes, Augusta Water will provide a hydrant meter (and backflow device if needed) to the contractor at no cost. The contractor will be required to comply with backflow prevention requirements. The contractor will be permitted to use most hydrants near their work site, provided they do not cause damage or disruption to the system (ex. opening or closing the hydrant too quickly).

3. Section 2.1 General “Locations” - Could you provide the total number of potholes located in each specified area?
Response: A general breakdown (based on current results) is included below. Please note, Augusta Water is continuing to survey customers and these numbers are provided for information only. Bids will be judged based upon the existing total provided on the bid sheet.

STUARTS DRAFT	216
VERONA	181
WAYNESBORO	113
LYNDHURST	84
STAUNTON	72
FISHERSVILLE	53
WEYERS CAVE	53
MOUNT SIDNEY	44
FORT DEFIANCE	7
GREENVILLE	3

4. "VDOT Traffic Control Permits" - Due to the number of days required for contractors to obtain a permit through VDOT would it be more cost effective and an option for the county to work with VDOT directly to provide the required permits in batches by area?
Response: The contractor will still need to apply for the permit, then Augusta Water can add the contractor under our blanket permit with VDOT. Coordination with VDOT will still be required to keep them updated on current locations.

5. Section 2.4 Verification Method/2.7 Damage During Service Lateral location/Excavation - If pipe is in poor condition, scraping for verification may cause leaks. If so, would the necessary repairs be in addition to the quoted amount?
Response: If the pipe appears to be in poor condition, the contractor may substitute the scrape test for a visual inspection and magnet test. If the contractor suspects lead is present, a scrape test or other confirmation method (ex. lead test kit) will be required. If any damage occurs, it will be the contractor's responsibility to repair it at no additional cost to Augusta Water or the customer.

6. Section 2.1 General/2.4 Pricing - Sod is listed on the description and pricing. Would seed and straw be accepted?
Response: Sod is the preferred restoration method. Re-use of the existing grass is also acceptable.

7. Will all pothole locations selected be free from repairs to homeowner personal landscaping, shrubbery, mulching etc. If not, can the county provide the number of locations that will require landscape repairs?
Response: Augusta Water cannot guarantee pothole locations will be free from personal landscaping, however it is anticipated the contractor could select a pothole location along the water line to avoid permanent landscaping such as shrubs. If the contractor feels a location would require too much repair, they may skip the location and Augusta Water will perform the inventory.

Please print all pages of this addendum and sign and date the acknowledgement below indicating that you have received the responses to the questions above and include it with your submittal for your bid to be considered.

I acknowledge receipt of this Document and the Addendum Changes:

Bidder's Signature

Date

Printed Name