

**CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM**

**THE CITY OF READING**

**ADDENDUM NO. 1**

**RFP: Buttonwood Gateway Improvements  
Project - Phase 1**

**DUE DATE:** March 3, 2023  
3:00 P.M. Prevailing Time

This addendum must be signed, attached to, and returned with your proposal to the City of Reading by the time and date indicated ABOVE.

Q1. Are any preconstruction as-builts available for pipe size of laterals? Plans show reducers if necessary and no definitive pipe material which this unknown can significantly affect cost.

**A1. As-builts for the existing laterals are not available. Based on televised footage of the sanitary mains, most laterals are expected to be 6” vitrified clay pipe.**

Q2. Is there an estimate available for this project?

**A2. The planning estimate for this project is in the \$350-\$400k range.**

Q3. Line item for sewer pipe mentions contractor is responsible for compaction testing. Is this required?

**A3. The City will require compaction testing on all trenches as per project specifications.**

Q4. There appears to be a significant amount of tree work required on Tulpehocken street (trimming & removal) but no line item. Where should this work be allocated as per payment items?

**A4. Any tree work needing to be performed to accommodate clearance for work shall be performed in a safe manner without overhead obstruction and no to damage any street trees shall occur. The following are City of Reading requirements:**

- 1) The contractor shall perform work in compliance with the City of Reading, Codified Ordinance, Shade Tree 555-110., M (4) whereas: The contractor shall prune trees in question to a minimum height of fourteen (14) feet over the cartway and or eight (8) feet over the sidewalk to ensure an unobstructed work zone and prevent any damage to the street trees within the work zone.**
- 2) The contractor shall follow proper pruning standards according to ANSI A300 Tree pruning standards. Topping is prohibited.**
- 3) A Shade Tree work permit shall be secured before any tree work shall commence. There is no fee associated with issuance of a Shade Tree Work Permit. Permit application can be obtained at <https://www.readingpa.gov/shade-tree-work-permit-application>.**

**4) At minimum the contractor shall have a Certified Arborist on Staff**

**Tree trimming and root cutting shall be incidental to the cost of the excavation work.**

Q5. There are many homes along all 3 streets where storm runoff exits properties and onto the street via curb cut outs. How are these to be handled (removal, replacement, details, etc.)?

**A5. The project calls for replacement of the portion of sewer lateral between the clean out at the curb and the sanitary main. Demolition of the sidewalk is not anticipated with this phase of work. Sidewalk replacement with new downspout connections will be constructed with the Phase 2 streetscape work. Any damages to roof drain piping in sidewalk should be replaced in kind as part of backfilling and restoration.**

Q6. On one of the streets there are dilapidated properties and one has debris along with a make shift retaining wall that will infringe on proposed work. Will the owner be responsible for addressing these issues prior to construction?

**A6. The City of Reading will make arrangements to have this debris removed prior to the start of construction.**

Q7. Will permit fees be waived for the project?

**A7. The City of Reading will not require permit fees for this project. However, page 8 of the Contract Documents requires that anyone working within the City must pay an annual Business Privilege License of \$55 and also pay a Business Privilege Tax.**

Q8. Can you please provide a traffic plan for each section of work?

**A8. Bid Addendum #1 includes the addition of specification section 09 01 00 Maintenance and Protection of Traffic During Construction. Contractor will be responsible to provide any traffic control and lane/parking closure plans to the city prior to the start of work. Use of PennDOT Pub 213 PATA figures is acceptable for submission to the City.**

I, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE CHANGES COVERED BY THIS ADDENDUM HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

Firm Name (Type or Print)\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title\_\_\_\_\_

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