



City of Florence Water Treatment Plant

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PROJECT: EAST FLORENCE VAULT MODIFICATIONS, MASTER METER REPLACEMENT AND BYPASS

Request For Proposals Questions And Official Responses

RFP No. 24

Date Issued: October 1st, 2026

Question Deadline: October 13th, 2026

Proposal Due Date: October 15th, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Florence has received questions from prospective proposers regarding the above-referenced project. The following questions and responses are provided for clarification and shall be considered part of the RFP documents.

To ensure that all prospective proposers have access to the same information, the City has compiled questions received from all prospective proposers into this document.

Prospective proposers should carefully review all questions and responses contained herein prior to submitting a proposal.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the responses provided below do not modify the requirements of the RFP. Any changes to the RFP documents will be formally issued through an addendum.

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Question 1:

Will the contractor be required to obtain a permit from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for this project?

City Response:

The City has consulted with CDOT regarding this matter. As a precaution, CDOT recommends that the contractor submit an application for a Special Use Permit to determine whether a permit is required for the proposed work.

Question 2:

Do we need to include removing the tree next to the existing vault?

City Response:

Yes. The tree will need to be removed to complete the proposed work.

Question 3:

Can you please provide an address/map to the dump site?

City Response:

The excavated spoils can be dumped at 500 County Road 100 Florence, CO 81226. Please dump spoils on or near the existing spoil pile outside of the chain link fence.

The tree and vegetation that needs to be removed can be dumped at the City's burn pit located at 791 Arrowhead Drive Florence, CO 81226.

Question 4:

The plans call for an existing sump pump removal. Is there any more information that can be provided for this?

Is there any associated pipe to be removed from the sump pump?

What size pipe is going into and coming out of the sump pump?

Does the existing pipe need to be removed or capped?

Where is this coming from/going to?

Does this need to be replaced? If so, please provide specs and details.

City Response:

The existing sump pump shall be removed and properly disposed of, as it has been non-operational and out of service for many years. Replacement of the sump pump is not required. All piping associated with the sump pump shall be removed. The sizes of the existing piping are unknown.

Question 5:

The plans call for the master meter to be replaced. Is this just the meter, or does the vault need to be replaced as well? If the vault needs to be replaced, please provide specs and details.

City Response:

The existing Master Meter Vault shall remain in place and does not require replacement. The project requires the contractor to install the new City-furnished Master Meter within the existing vault.

The City will furnish the new Master Meter. The contractor shall furnish all labor, fittings, materials, equipment and related work necessary for a complete installation.

Question 6:

The plan notes say that a shutdown may not exceed 6 hours long. Are we allowed more than one shutdown as long as they do not exceed 6 hours each?

City Response:

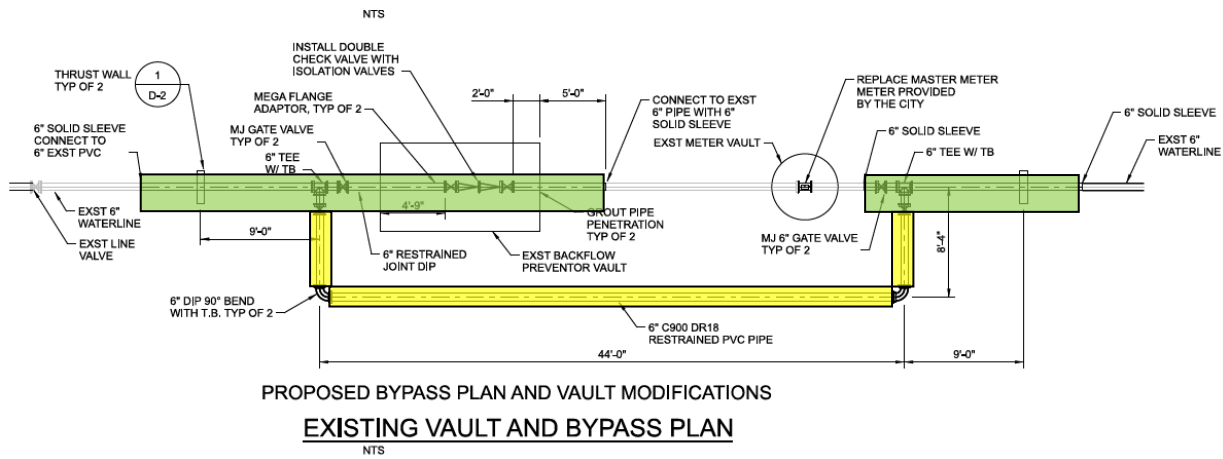
Only one shutdown is permitted for this project. The shutdown shall not exceed six (6) hours in duration.

Question 7:

The Can you clarify where the DIP and C900 are to be used? There are only 2 callouts for type of the pipe. It appears the bypass portion of the pipe will be C900, and the pipe entering the new vault appears to be DIP. Does all of the pipe, including coming out of the new vault, need to be DIP as well?

City Response:

Refer to the accompanying annotated drawing on the next page for clarification of the pipe material requirements. Sections highlighted in green indicate ductile iron pipe, and sections highlighted in yellow indicate C900 pipe.



Question 8:

What is the existing pipe material?

City Response:

The existing pipe is white PVC, which is believed to be older AWWA C900 PVC pipe. The exact pipe specifications have not been verified.

Question 9:

I would like to request we put a 9lb anode on each ductile iron pipe coming and going from The backflow vault.
And the MJ Fittings we can supply epoxy coated fittings that are a stock item in Colorado.

City Response:

The City will accept non-zinc-coated ductile iron pipe with 9-pound anodes installed on each section of pipe in lieu of zinc-coated ductile iron pipe, as well as epoxy-coated fittings in lieu of zinc-coated MJ fittings.

Question 10:

Securing the existing pipeline before shutting off and cutting out the piping.
The existing pipeline probably is not restraint before the 6" valve that will be Shut down for the time during the construction of the by-pass leaving the risk That the pipeline could push out from the existing line before the valve.
Installing CRA Thrust wall anchor's on both sides of the pipeline to hold back the Pipeline from pulling out during the shutdown by pass.

City Response:

The contractor shall excavate and expose the existing upstream 6-inch isolation valve to verify whether it is adequately restrained. If the valve is not adequately restrained and the existing piping is at risk of movement or separation when the valve is closed and the downstream piping is cut and removed, the contractor shall install the appropriate anchoring and thrust restraint, including thrust wall(s) as necessary, to adequately secure the pipeline and prevent movement or separation during the shutdown and associated construction activities.

Question 11:

Gate Valves Mueller A2361.

We would like to offer the AVK #65 Series MJ Gate Valves as an Equal to the Mueller A2361. Both Designs are fully epoxy coated in and out of the valves. The AVK comes standard with SS bolts, Nuts , and operator stem all SS standard design.

City Response:

The City will accept AVK Series 65 MJ gate valves as an approved substitute for the specified Mueller A2361 gate valves, provided they meet the applicable project requirements and specifications.

Question 12:

Addition of new valve installed on the meter side of the project after the by-pass tee to

The connection to the existing outgoing line.

Installing a new 6" valve instead of a 6" Solid Sleeve would allow for the

Existing lines on both sides to be isolated during construction incase other existing valves

Fail to close.

City Response:

The City does not require the installation of an additional valve at that location as part of this project. However, if the contractor determines that installing an additional valve in this location would facilitate or improve the execution of the project, the contractor may include it in their bid as an additional component of the proposed work. The installation of this additional valve is at the contractor's discretion and is not a requirement of the City.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The City reserves the right to issue additional clarifications or addenda as necessary. Proposers are responsible for reviewing all issued RFP documents, including any subsequent addenda, prior to submitting a proposal.

Questions received after the established question deadline may not be answered or may be addressed only if the City determines that the question warrants clarification for all prospective proposers.

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