



March 4, 2022

ALL ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS

SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO EPWATER STANDARD FRONT-END DOCUMENTS

Dear Engineers and Consultants:

El Paso Water has posted revised Front-End Documents on our website at https://www.epwater.org/business_center/engineering_overview/design_standards_and_specifications. Please save the link for future reference. You may also navigate to this page from epwater.org home page under the Business Center tab.

Revisions have been made to the following sections:

1. TITLE PAGE – Updated names of Board Members
2. Sections 00010 and 00020 – INFORMAL NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID – Added new instructions on Bid Opening times and submissions and new instructions on submittal of Bids.
3. Section 00100 – INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS – Item 5, INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA, in Paragraph 5.1, the sentence that begins “Questions received less than seven (7) days...” has been revised to 10 days instead of 7 days prior to the date for opening of Bids where questions will not be answered. Item 6, BID SECURITY, 6.2, the sentence that begins “The Bid security of other Bidders whom Owner believes...” has been revised from “...forty-sixth day after the Bid opening...” to ninety-first day. Item 12, SUBMISSION OF BIDS, the first paragraph was revised to include new instructions on submittal of bids. Item 17, CONTRACT SECURITY, Payment Bond must be provided for contracts more than \$50,000 in value – instead of \$25,000. Finally, BID PROPOSAL CHECKLIST, revised Item 10 on list and added MANDATORY Item 11.
4. Section 00300 – BID FORM – Added “Bidder Information” on first page. Item 2, the sentence that begins “This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five days...” has been revised to ninety days – instead of 45 days.
5. Section 00301 – CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FORM – Page 3, Item No. 6.0, “Years” column in the table will now need to be filled out for “Injuries & Illnesses in Year” to report from the firm’s OSHA No. 300 Logs.

6. Section 00500 – STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR ON THE BASIS OF A STIPULATED PRICE – ARTICLE 5, Item 5.1, first paragraph added sentence to the end of paragraph which begins “Each invoice regardless of contract type...”. ARTICLE 6, Item 6.7 was changed and added NEW Sections 6.8, 6.9, and 6.10. ARTICLE 7, Item 7.7, revised referenced Section Number. ARTICLE 9, Added NEW Section 9.5. Finally, CONTRACT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST was revised.
7. Section 00800 – SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS – ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY, revised numbering of SC-1.01.A.50 and SC-1.01.A.51 to NEW numbers SC-1.01.A.50 and SC-1.01.A.52. ARTICLE 4 – COMMENCEMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK, SC-4.01.A, has been revised. ARTICLE 6 – BONDS AND INSURANCE, SC-6.01.A, revisions to requirements for Payment Bond and Performance Bond. SC-6.04, BUILDER’S RISK AND OTHER PROPERTY INSURANCE, PROPERTY INSURANCE, revised Item A which begins “Contractor shall purchase and maintain property insurance...”
8. Section 00840 – GENERAL WAGE REQUIREMENTS – the Building Construction Trades Wage Rates and Definitions adopted by EPWU-Public Service Board on January 12, 2022 have replaced the City of El Paso’s Building Construction Trades Wage Rates (February 28, 2017).

Effective immediately, utilize these revised Front-Ends when preparing bid documents for EPWater. **All footer dates in ALL front-end sections have been changed to 3/4/22.** Please ensure this information is provide to your staff, as appropriate.

For any questions regarding the revised documents, please contact me at (915) 594-5526 or Geoffrey Espineli at (915) 594-5591. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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