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ADDENDUM #1

INVITATION FOR BID #10-98

WATER MAIN REHABILITATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: **Answer the following Questions:**

Q1. The temporary bypass section (ss. 02667) lists PVC as the only acceptable pipe material. Will HDPE pipe be accepted? Steel? We have a vast supply of HDPE that meets AWWA, ASTM, and NSF approval standards, and are seeking approval of other pipe material, please confirm that "or equal" pipe materials will be allowed.

A1. "Or equal" temporary bypass pipe materials will be considered if the products meet AWWA, ASTM and NSF 61 standards.

Q2. The Plans do not show a layout or size dimensions of the temporary bypass sections. Nor are the required pipe sizes stated in the specifications. There is much cost difference in installation of 4-inch versus 6-inch pipe to carry the temporary fire hydrants. Especially in residential areas, typically 4-inch is used to carry the temporary hydrants and customers on one side of the street, with a parallel 2-inch line for the customers on the opposite side. Except in Boston and Framingham, where 6-inch is the standard, 6-inch is usually reserved for industrial areas, or areas with multiple fire protection systems. What are the anticipated sizes of bypass piping? Will it be left to the contractor to determine the size required?

A2. General Note No. 78 on the drawings requires a minimum of 4-inch and 2-inch for temporary bypass piping.

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON YOUR BID FORM

Thank you.



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