

James Island Public Service District

Subsurface Utility Locate Services | RFP #2025-03

Addendum #1

Questions Received and Responses:

- 1) QUESTION - The RFP requests SUE services in accordance with ASCE Standard CI/ASCE 38-02, but item ii. on page 11 states “Utilities shall be located with 72 hours of notification...” and “When emergency conditions require, utilities shall be located within 2 hours of notification”. These time frames are consistent with SC811 statutes and can’t be applied to the SUE process since SUE involves QL-D (utility records collection), QL-C (surveying), and QL-B (designating utilities with GPR and/or electromagnetic pipe and locators systems). QL-D efforts to contact and collect all utility owners within a project area often require 2-6 weeks. Can the response time requirements in ii. be eliminated?
 - a. Response: **In the Scope of Services on page 11, it states that the District is looking for a professional to locate underground utilities using locating equipment. Based on the scope, we would like to keep the response time requirements as stated in item (ii) on page 11.**

- 2) QUESTION - The RFP references ASCE Standard CI/ASCE 38-02. This standard has been updated which is now ASCE Standard ASCE/UESI/CI 38-22 “Standard Guideline for Investigating and Documenting Existing Utilities”. Should respondents adhere to the updated ASCE Standard 38-22 or use the previous ASCE Standard 38-02?
 - a. Response: **Respondents should adhere to the updated ASCE Standard 38-22.**

- 3) What is the average number of structural penetrations for each engineering project?
 - a. Response: **The professional locator will not have to locate or use SUE services for engineering projects for the District. This RFP is for locating services only.**

- 4) How many engineering projects are planned for JIPSD over the life of this RFP?
 - a. Response: **Locating services relating to any engineering projects will not be covered under this RFP for locating services.**

- 5) Is the description of the service deliverable in these 2 sections, (ii) and (iii) related to South Carolina’s “Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act, Title 58, Chapter 36”?
 - a. Response: **Yes. The description in section (ii) and (iii) are related to South Carolina’s Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act.**

- 6) If sections (ii) and (iii) are related to South Carolina’s “Underground Damage Prevention Act”; Can the services described in sections (ii) and (iii) sections (Palmetto Utility Protection Services (PUPS) SC 811) be bid upon separately from the Subsurface Utility Engineering Services described in the other sections (e.g. sections (i), (iv), and (v))?
- a. Response: **Section (i), (iv), and (v) in the Scope of Services all describe actions the professional locator should exhibit when locating services for the District. The bid should be related to providing locating services to the District with the option of using SUE services as needed.**
- 7) Attachment C, Section 4 – Schedule of Fees “Offerors shall provide a schedule of fees based on hourly rates.”, while Attachment E, Article 2 “Method of Payment for Services” is identified as “Lump Sum”. Question: Which payment method should be used when submitting the RFP, the “Hourly Rate” as described in Attachment ‘C’ or the “Lump Sum” as described in Attachment E, Article 2?
- a. Response: **Please follow Attachment C, Article 4 and provide the schedule of fees based on hourly rates.**
- 8) Is 811 locating part of this contract? If so, how many tickets are anticipated per year?
- a. Response: **Yes. The amount of locates performed each month varies. It can range from 300-500 locates a month.**
- 9) What is the estimated contract amount?
- a. Response: **The estimated contract amount is to be determined.**