

June 25, 2026

**POLK COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
ADDENDUM # 5
BID # 26-112, COUNTY ROAD 557 WIDENING
FPID Project No. 445143-2-54-01**

This addendum is issued to clarify, add to, revise and/or delete items of the Bid Document for this work. This Addendum is a part of the Bid Document and acknowledgment of its receipt shall be noted on the Addendum.

Contained within this addendum: questions & answers and Revised Bid Sheet added to FTP Site.

FTP Site Instructions:

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Respectfully,

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This Addendum sheet should be signed and submitted with your bid submittal. This is the only acknowledgment required.

Signature

Printed Name:

Title:

Company:

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- Q1:** Please confirm that no watermain bypassing is anticipated for this project.
- A1:** No watermain bypass systems are anticipated but the contractor is to maintain service during construction. Once the new main is cleared, the old one will be removed as noted on the plans.
- Q2:** If watermain bypassing is required please provide locations.
- A2:** No watermain bypass is required other than needed by the contractor for sequencing their work.
- Q3:** Please confirm all connection and removal points can be isolated by existing valves.
- A3:** As noted on the plans, all connections points can be isolated but are the responsibility of the contractor.
- Q4:** Please confirm that line stops are not required for any watermain removal or connections.
- A4:** Line stops will be required as noted in the construction plans and as needed by the contractor to complete the project.
- Q5:** If line stops are required, please provide their locations.
- A5:** The construction plans have notes as to the locations of the line stops at the various connection points. See the plans sheets.
- Q6:** Can a tie in sequence be provided by the City?
- A6:** The contractor is to provide the work sequence needed to complete the project. It is anticipated that the new line be complete and cleared prior to the start of the demolition and removal of the existing watermain.
- Q7:** There are three plan sets provided for the utility work, is there a specific order the watermain will need to be constructed in?
- A7:** The three (3) sets of plans provide the full watermain construction for the entire route and the contractor has the lee-way to sequence his construction as needed.
- Q8:** What is the anticipated start date of this project?
- A8:** The anticipated start date of this project is Summer 2026.
- Q9:** Is BABA or buy American / domestic materials applicable to this project?
- A9:** Please see Bid Package, FDOT Supplementary Conditions, Page 91 – Item #3 *Buy America and Foreign Contractor and Supplier Restriction*

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- Q10:** Please confirm that all ductile iron fittings for the proposed watermain are to be epoxy coated on the exterior of the fitting and not the standard asphaltic seal coat.
- A10:** All DI fittings are to be Epoxy Coated on the exterior as per the City of Lake Alfred Standards.
- Q11:** Please confirm if the contractor will be required to restrain the existing main's / service lines at the proposed connection points. The plans do not dictate if the existing lines are already restrained.
- A11:** The City standards require the Restraining of all joints and will include the watermain to which the new mains will be connecting to even if it is existing.
- Q12:** Please confirm that the City or the EOR has already filed for the FDEP permit for this project. This is typically not a permit the contractor is responsible for as DEP approval is typically needed for the proposed design.
- A12:** The watermain permit has been obtained.
- Q13:** Please confirm if the contractor is responsible for the bac-t testing on this project or if the City will cover this cost. The plan general note 18 implies that the City will be paying this cost and performing the samples.
- A13:** The contractor is responsible for the final clearance of the watermain and obtaining BTs as well as providing as built for the entire installation. The contractor is responsible for a final cleared main to be considered complete. The City will assist as needed with the FDEP forms for submittals.
- Q14:** Is there any asbestos cement pipe present on this project?
- A14:** To our knowledge, there is not any asbestos Cement pipe present. As noted on the plans, the contractor is to identify both material and size of lines to be removed or connected to.
- Q15:** Is the city or contractor responsible for removing the services at Sta. 1193+20, 1194+00, 1195+40 and ETC.
- A15:** The contractor is responsible for the removal of the services lines as noted on the plans. The city will assist the contractor as needed and as noted on the plans.
- Q16:** Please confirm the callout for the 6" DIP watermain at Sta. 1197+00, there plan scale calls for 125' while the callout on the plans calls for 200'. Due to this project being a LS job what quantity is the contractor to follow?
- A16:** The 200' length should be used.
- Q17:** Please confirm the size of the wet tap called out at sta. 1197+00 the plans call out a 6x6 while the existing watermain is callout as 10".
- A17:** The wet tap is to be as noted on the plans as 6-inch X 6-inch.

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Q18: What size are the proposed service lines at Sta. 1204+80, 1205+05, and 1206+05?

A18: The existing service lines are per city details for service lines but the contractor is to verify and replace with the same size as existing.

Q19: Will a plumber be required for the above mentioned service connections, or are these meter boxes placed at the new ROW location?

A19: The contractor is to provide the connections and is responsible for the work and the means and methods to be used in the construction of the project.

Q20: Please confirm the size of the wet tap called out at Sta. 1208+60, the plans call for a 6x6 wet tap but the existing watermain is called out as 10". This will also change the size of the reducer needed to go to 12"

A20: The Plans will be updated for the work at this location.

Q21: The plans call for 198' of 8" watermain at Sta. 1223+00 but the scale on the plans only comes out to 125'. Please confirm which quantity the contractor is to use in their bid since there are no pay items for this work.

A21: The contractor is to bid 198 Feet of the 8-inch main.

Q22: There is an 8" watermain being removed between sta. 1218+50 and sta. 1223+00.

a. Please confirm if this watermain needs to be connected to at Sta. 1223+00 or is the old watermain shown continuing to the North to be capped?

b. Will the contractor be installing a cap on the 10" watermain or an existing 8" watermain on the South end of this removal?

A22: **a.)** The 8-inch main crossing the road will connect to the existing 8-inch main, and a cap will be installed to the existing watermain going north.

b.) The new watermain on the west side of the roadway will need to be cleared and then connect to the existing 8-inch at station 1218+58+/- to 10-inch main and capped going north.

Q23: At sta. 1219+20 there is a 2" watermain called out as "disposition", what is the contractor to do to this watermain? Disposition does not refer to an activity or task.

A23: The contractor is to remove and dispose of the existing 2-inch main.

Q24: At Sta. 1239+35, the contractor is to connect to an existing watermain valve heading east, is the contractor also supposed to connect to the watermain heading south as well?

A24: The contractor is to connect the main going south.

Q25: What size double services are required at Sta. 1245+40, 1248+40, and 1250+80, etc.?

A25: The contractor is to use the standard City of Lake Alfred double service detail W-4 in the plans.

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Q26: Can all of the service lines be open cut across the existing roadway, or would drills be

A26: The contractor has the R/W as the work zone and is allowed to open cut and repair the existing roadway as needed for construction of the watermain crossings. No open cuts across the new roadway will be permitted.

Q27: Will the roadway crossings for mainline installation need to be performed at night under a flagging operation?

A27: The contractor is responsible for his work and means need. They are to determine when and how to accomplish the work.

Q28: Will any of the new watermain be required to be installed within a casing where it is going to be under the new roadway?

A28: No casings under the roadway are anticipated.

Q29: Can the notes at 1260+20 be clarified:

a. The South set of utility plans show the install across the road being by others, I am assuming this is because it is covered under the Lake Alfred set of utility plans.

b. Please confirm it is not expected to perform a 12" wet tap at this location and instead use a 12x6 reducer to install the fire hydrant.

c. Will the contractor still be required to install the connection to the watermain heading to the South within the Lake Alfred set of plans?

d. Are we correct that the 12" connection at this location is temporary and will be capped later, or can this connection be eliminated depending on the tie in sequence of the work?

A29: a. Correct.

b. Correct.

c. Yes, construction includes a stub-out that allows for connection to the new watermain.

d. Connection may be eliminated based on the sequence of work.

Q30: Per a note on plan sheet 8 on the Old Lake Alfred utility plans, the contractor is to supply fittings as needed to maintain the required clearance from the existing forcemain. How will the contractor be compensated for these fittings, as it is unknown if any will be needed? If pay items would be provided for the utility scope of work the contractor will have a price in place in-case any additional fittings are required.

A30: The utility bid is a LUMP SUM and the contractor is responsible for the fittings needed and the complete watermain system as shown on the plans.

Q31: Can the type of existing pipe we are connecting to be provided for the utility plans?

A31: The contractor is to determine as part of the work and the type of existing pipe and remove the same as noted on the plans.

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Q32: Can the type of existing watermain being removed be provided?

A32: The contractor is to determine as part of the work the type of existing pipe and remove as noted on the plans.

Q33: Sta. 1293+00, 1306+00, 1357+70, and 1362+80 shows that an offset is needed under the proposed storm, but no bends are shown, is the contractor correct to assume these will be 45 degree bends?

A33: The contractor can use detail W-8 on Page U-20.

Q34: What size are the services at Sta. 1313+55, 1313+70, 1316+00, 1317+00, 1318+35, 1321+40, 1323+80, 1323+95, 1326+00, 1326+55, 1327+90, and etc.?

A34: The contractor is to determine as part of the work the type of existing service and remove as noted on the plans. The service is to be per the City standards for services.

Q35: How is the residence to the east of Sta. 1313+00 getting water once the 2" line on the south side of the property is removed? The proposed meter box location is on the North side of this property, is the contractor responsible for making this connection?

A35: The contractor is responsible for the connection. The old service is to be turned off and removed after new service is connected.

Q36: Please confirm pipe size heading North East from Sta. 1335+60 from the old watermain, plan sheet 16 calls for a 2" watermain removal, but plan sheet 17 calls for an 8" watermain to be installed. Is the contractor to assume a 8" to 2" watermain connection will be required?

A36: Yes that is correct. Pipe northeast of Sta. 1335+60 to be 12".

Q37: Please confirm if the contractor is to cut in a 12" tee or use a 12x12 tapping sleeve and valve at Sta. 1345+35? The plans have two notes that C.' for both options.

A37: The contractor is to install a 12-inch main connected to the existing 12-inch line going under the roadway. Pipe northeast of Sta. 1335+60 to be 12".

Q38: Please provide the full note for the watermain connection at Sta. 202+35 shown on utility plan sheet 20.

A38: The note reads as follows. "CONNECT PROPOSED LINE TO EXISTING 12" WM USING A 12"x12" LONG STAINLESS STEEL WET TAPPING SLEEVE AND TAPPING VALVE."

Q39: Please confirm that no casing is required under the existing box culvert offset at Sta. 1357+70?

A39: No casing is required under the existing box culvert.

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Q40: Please confirm if excavatable or non-excavatable flowable fill is required for the watermain offset under the existing box culvert at Sta. 1357+70?

A40: No flowable fill is required.

Q41: Is the contractor installing the end of line 12" gate valve at Sta.609+15 or just performing a sleeve connection?

A41: Valve is planned to be installed by the private developer. Contractor is to install only the sleeve connection required.

Q42: Page T-12 of the signal plans indicate "awaiting boring information from geotech" for drilled shaft design. Please provide drilled shaft information for structures MA-3 to 6.

A42: Page T-12 of the S&S Final Plans do not include this note and drilled shaft information is provided.

Q43: Can CADD files be provided?

A43: Yes, see Addendum 2, they've been added to FTP site.

Q44: Can pay items for landscaping scope be provided?

A44: Yes, Pay Items 580-1-1 Landscape Complete-Small Plants-LUMP SUM and 580-1-2 Landscape Complete-Large Plants-LUMP SUM added.

Q45: Can Utility Work Schedules be provided?

A45: Yes, see Addendum 2, they've been added to FTP site.

Q46: Will FDOT prequalified subcontractors be acceptable for work classes pavement marking, traffic signals, electrical work?

A46: See Addendum 1 for change to FDOT Pre-qualifications.

Q47: There is no guardrail on this project, can guardrail be removed from qualification requirements?

A47: Yes, guardrail can be removed from qualification requirements.

Q48: Please confirm the purpose of Pay Item 102-1: Maintenance of Traffic (8%) and is this item capped at 8% of contract value?

A48: The 8% was the value used to estimate the construction cost. This pay item is not capped at 8% and should reflect the contractor's cost for MOT items not covered by other pay items.

Q49: Please confirm the purpose of Pay Item 104-14: Prevention, Control & Abatement of erosion and water pollution (1%) and is this item capped at 1% of contract value.

A49: Pay Item has been removed.

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Q50: Pay Item 701-18-201 has a description of: PROFILED THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD, WHITE, SOLID, 6". Basis of estimate for 701-18-201 suggest it should be a yellow line. Please confirm color and description of pay item 701-18-201.

A50: Description for Pay Item 701-18-201 should be PROFILED THERMOPLASTIC, STANDARD, YELLOW, SOLID, 6"

Q51: North Utility Plans reference Geotechnical Report No. PSR-2552-19/GCM. Can copy of all Geotechnical Reports be provided, including the referenced report?

A51: Yes, see Addendum 2, they've been added to FTP site.

Q52: North Utility Plans, Plan Sheet U-8 shows a new Hydrant being added at the end of a new 12" DIP extension. Please note Fire Hydrant Assembly needs to have an inlet of 6". Therefore, you need a reducer before you can install the Hydrant Assembly, or should this line be a 6" line?

A52: Reducer required.

Q53: North Utility Plans, Plan Sheet U-10 shows proposed 12" DIP connecting to existing line at approx. STA 1288+30 on the right-hand side. Please confirm what type of connection is expected, does this require a wet tap? Or is there an existing valve close by that can be closed so the connection can be made? It is also not entirely clear if any of that existing WM line needs to be demolished to install the new pipe run and connection. Please confirm what type of connection is expected at this location and the demolition of the existing watermain we are connecting to.

A53: The contractor is to verify the size of the existing watermain and connect to end. A 12-inch gate valve is to be installed at the connection.

Q54: What pay item should account for any Traffic Control and MOT needed for the scope of work related to the Utility Plans (North, South and Old Utility Plans)?

A54: Contractor to include any Traffic Control or MOT needed for the utility work in the bid items for maintenance of traffic based on his sequence of work.

Q55: Can KMZ files related to this project be provided?

A55: Yes, see Addendum 2, they've been added to FTP site.

Q56: Old Lake Alfred Utility Plans includes wet taps to the existing 12" WM that we will remove. If we are handling North, Old and South Utility Plans at the same time, there is no need for these wet taps in between the plan sets, since there will be a wet tap at the start in the North and another at the South. Please confirm there is no need for these wet taps.

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A56: The three sets of plans are for the watermain and there will be no need for any additional wet taps if they are all built under the same construction effort dependent on the sequence of work.

Q57: There is a discrepancy in the size of the WM services. North Utility Plans call out 2-inch WM services in the utility plans. The detail W-4 in Plan Sheet U-25 shows all WM services to be 1.5 inches. Please confirm what size the single and double WM services should be.

A57: The call out in the north set of plans is correct. The double service detail W-4 is to be used when a service is call out on the plans.

Q58: Is this a certified payroll project?

A58: No.

Q59: Are there any Special insurance requirements beyond what is list in the documents? Such as Railroad, etc.

A59: No, please see Bid Package Insurance requirements.

Q60: Will the county consider providing bid items for the Lake Alfred utility portion of the project instead of a lump sum item?

A60: The Utility plans are to be bid as lump sum.