

**WHATCOM COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
PUBLIC EV CHARGING STATIONS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ADDENDUM #1**

1. Can a Non-Union electrical shop bid this project as a General?? The Contract between WCLS and the General, looks to need a union signature? We are a member of the approved Dept. of L&I CITC, who provides us our apprentices for our projects, though we are a non-union shop.
  - An updated and signed PLA will be added via addendum soon. Please note that the updated PLA has some significant changes that will affect the contractors' bids. The general contractor must sign a letter of assent to the PLA as will all sub contractors. Non-Union electrical shops may bid on this project as a general contractor. The PLA does not obligate an employer or any other contractor/sub-contractor from signing a union agreement, nor does it obligate any worker from becoming a union employee or paying dues. The contractor does agree to deduct union dues or dues equivalent for any worker who voluntarily authorizes such deductions to the Union or Council. The contractor is not signatory to the PLA however the contractor must sign a letter of assent agreeing to the stipulations of the PLA. Contractors shall make contributions in the amounts designated in the appropriate prevailing wage determination for fringe benefit contributions to each of the applicable Schedule A Funds and will make all worker-authorized deductions in the amounts designated. Such contributions shall be made in compliance with the applicable prevailing wage determination and shall be due and payable on the due date contained in the applicable Schedule A. Payment of cash in lieu of contributions shall not be permitted.
  - Please note: the updated PLA stipulates that the contractor may designate three (3) Journey level core workers (employees of non-union shops) to be used in conjunction with union workers dispatched from a union hall on an alternating basis. The core workers of the contractor/subcontractor must be requested by name from the union hall by the contractor and dispatched by the hall. The PLA states that journey level core workers must have the following qualifications:
    1. Possess any license required by State or Federal law for the project work to be performed.
    2. Have worked a total of at least one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours in the construction craft over the last two (2) year period from the date of dispatch to the Covered Project.



3. Are bollards required in this project? None were in the design drawings.
  - No, relocation of wheel stops as shown in the Engineer's drawings shall be sufficient to protect the EV Charging stations.
4. Will the contractor be repairing any striping in the project.
  - The contractor will be responsible for repairing any striping in the project.
5. I do not see a bid form.
  - Bid form has been attached to the updated RFP.
6. Are we supposed to put the bid on our letterhead, along with exhibit A and B?
  - Please use the bid form in the updated RFP.
7. Also, it says the bid opening will be by TEAMS, at 5 pm? Will you send us a link?
  - We're extending the RFP due date to April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Bid Opening will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. A Microsoft Teams meeting link will be emailed to all bidders.