May 15, 2026

Re: **2026 Elevator Jack Replacement for O.D. Heck Campus – Building 10 in Schenectady County - IFB CD 052726**

Questions and Answers:

Below is a compilation of the questions received for this bid. Questions that were repeated, or of a recurring nature, were consolidated.

1. **Would OPWDD accept alternative solutions to crystalline capillary waterproofing or flexible cementitious coating for pit waterproofing, such as Soilgrout or PURinject?**

   Answer: OPWDD will accept any waterproofing method that provides equal or better performance than the method specified in the scope of work.

2. **If other alternatives are accepted, how should their additional costs be addressed in the bid?**

   Answer: The cost of the solution the Bidder proposes to use would be included in the "Parts/Material Cost (B)" section of the Cost Proposal Form. On page 21, Cost Proposal Form. It states, "The Total Cost for Building 10 Elevator Jack Replacement is to include the cost of furnishing all said services, travel time, mileage, materials, equipment, supplies, labor, and all other ancillary costs associated in completing the work as outlined in the Scope of Work.

   OPWDD reserves the right to request a detailed cost proposal breakdown from the apparent low bidder. This could include information including, but not limited to estimated amount of labor hours, job titles and hourly rates, parts/material itemized breakdown and mark up percentage, etc."

   Note: Any alterations to the cost proposal form could result in your bid being disqualified.

3. **Are there any requirements needed to use sub-contractors?**

   Answer: The Contractor needs to notify OPWDD of any Subcontracting. When filling out the Cost Proposal Form, the Total Cost for Building 10 Elevator Jack Replacement needs to include ALL costs, including subcontractor's costs.

   > See Page 5, 11. Subcontracting: No Subcontracting of services is allowed with this IFB without written permission of OPWDD. For further information, please see section 14 J.
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   > Page 11, 14J. Prime Contractor's Responsibility: "In the event the selected Bidder's proposal includes services provided by another firm, it shall be mandatory for the selected Bidder to assume full responsibility for the delivery for such items offered in the proposal. In any event, OPWDD will contract only with a Bidder, not the Bidder's financing institution or subcontractors. OPWDD

reserves the right to review and approve all potential subcontractors. For subcontracts valued at $100,000 and over, the subcontractors must demonstrate financial integrity and stability. In these instances, the subcontractor must complete and execute a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire. OPWDD shall consider the selected Bidder to be the sole responsible contact with regard to all provisions of the contract resulting from this IFB."

4. **If the contractor runs into an issue, such as the well hole collapses during the removal of the current hydraulic jack. Will there be additional time to complete the project while addressing the issue at hand? Can an additional cost be added as an option on the bid to address an issue like this?**

   Answer: See page 18 – Qualifications & Scope of Work – "Work is to be completed within 160 days of contract approval. Any delay in the ability to complete services within 160 days due to weather, lead times, or for any other reason, must be communicated to and agreed upon by OPWDD and the Contractor". In the event of a scenario such as this one, OPWDD would grant additional time to complete services.

   But an additional cost for unforeseen issues may not be added to the cost proposal. Any additional costs that fall outside of the scope of work would need to be paid separately and off contract. OPWDD reserves the right to select an alternate vendor for any work that falls outside of this scope.

Thank you very much for your interest in this procurement.

Respectfully,

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