



PAT-024.331 -PATH - Replacement of Fire Main and Associated Components at MacMillan Bloedel Building

QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS

Bid Due Date -9/30/26

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1	Please confirm that NYC Electrical License and NYC Fire Suppression License are acceptable to perform electrical/FA and Fire Suppression scope	For Contractors and Subcontractors, refer to requirements of the Contract booklet clause 99. LAWS AND ORDINANCES (pg. 122). For entities performing the Work, refer to the requirements of the Contract Drawings and Technical Specifications for that Work. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing G001, APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS.
2	For the fire suppression scope (dry pipe valve assemblies, sprinkler head replacement, fire main), please confirm whether the installing entity must hold a New Jersey DCA Division of Fire Safety Fire Protection Equipment Contractor business permit, or whether the Port Authority's self-permitting status governs.	For Contractors and Subcontractors, refer to requirements of the Contract booklet clause 99. LAWS AND ORDINANCES (pg. 122). For entities performing the Work, refer to the requirements of the Contract Drawings and Technical Specifications for that Work. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing G001, APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS.
3	Please identify any minimum percentage of the Work the Contractor is required to perform with its own forces under this contract.	Contractor can subcontract none to all of the Work. Refer to Contract booklet clause 52. ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCONTRACTS.
4	The only insurance requirement being requested is that we maintain an auto policy. They are requiring the broadest coverage for "Any Auto," which we currently have in place. However, they are requesting a \$2 million auto liability limit, while our auto policy carries a \$1 million limit. We also maintain a \$10 million umbrella policy that sits over the auto policy and increases the overall available liability limit. You would need to confirm whether the Port Authority will accept the umbrella coverage as satisfying their \$2 million limit requirement.	Yes- The limits provided for Automobile Liability Insurance may be met with any combination of primary, excess or umbrella insurance on a 'follow form' basis.
5	The qualifications say contractor shall have min of 3 years of underground experience. We have completed projects that included underground connections, etc.; however, we plan to use a subcontractor with extensive experience in doing the underground, will that be acceptable?	The bidder itself (not a subcontractor) must meet the specific bidder qualifications. Or the bidder, prior to award, may form a joint venture to fully satisfy the bidder requirements. Refer to clause 4. QUALIFICATION INFORMATION (page 5) and clause 2. PREREQUISITES (page 2).

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6	Please provide soils borings and chemical analysis report. Is the existing soil hazardous/contaminated? How do we deal with it? Can we use it for the back fill? If not, where do we stockpile on site, until it's appropriate disposal method is devised. What do we do with open excavation? Can it be backfilled with borrowed fill?	Refer to Drawing N001 Lead-Containing Paint Notes. Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Soil Disposal Notes 1-3. Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Clean Fill Note 1. Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Deed Notice Area Notes 1, 5 and 6). Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Notes 9-10. Refer to Contract Drawing CS001. Refer to Contract booklet, Specification Section 312323.
7	Please provide difference between Construction Staging 1,2,4 & 5 with respect to allowable time/dates/duration/sequencing?	Refer to Contract booklet clause 114. HOURS OF WORK AND CONSTRUCTION STAGING. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing CS001.
8	Who is responsible to relocate interior building content in the way of construction? Would the full building be available for construction?	PATH staff will relocate building content in the way of construction. The full building is not available for construction. The building is an active facility. Sequencing is to be coordinated with and approved by the engineer so as to not interfere with facility operations. Refer to Contract Drawings FP008 through FP013, Note 1.
9	Please advise on any abatement work or lead paint removal work involved.	Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Dewatering Discharge Note 3 and Note 6. Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Lead-Containing Paint Notes.
10	Is the paintings scope limited to new work only? Appendix B is too general, please provide list of specific items to be painted.	The painting scope is not limited to new work only and includes both new work and for example the painting of existing interior CMU wall surfaces within the enclosures as detailed in the Painting Schedule on sheet A002 and the Finish Schedule on sheet A016. Refer to Contract Drawings A007 through A017 for specific locations, items, and surfaces to be painted. Bid as shown.
11	Is noise consultant (NC) required for this project? Is NC's full-time presence required during construction? Please provide a list of approved NC firms who have worked with PA before.	Refer to Contract booklet clause 115. NOISE CONTROL AND ABATEMENT.
12	For special Permits to NJPDES or JCMUA may require testing/consultant. Their costs and fees cannot be determined or available without applying. Please consider an allowance for this unknown.	Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Soil Disposal Notes 1-3. Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Clean Fill Note 1. Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Deed Notice Area Notes 1, 5 and 6). Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Notes 9-10. Refer to Contract Drawing CS001. Refer to Contract booklet, Specification Section 312323. Refer to Contract Drawing N001 Dewatering Discharge Note 3 and Note 6.
13	Besides general liability insurance, are we responsible for any special insurance like Builders risk, Pollution, Professional liability etc.?	Refer to Contract booklet clause 66. INSURANCE PROCURED BY CONTRACTOR (page 81).
14	Are we responsible to manage traffic with a police officer in and out of the PA property?	Refer to Contract Booklet clause 80. CONSTRUCTION SITE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS (page 92) for requirements related to entering and exiting the construction site.
15	Is fire watch required? Or building has 24/7 presence. Who is responsible for it?	Will be addressed by addendum. Revised 9/18/26 - Was addressed by Addendum No. 2, dated September 17, 2026. Refer to Contract Drawing G001, Note 26.

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16	Inspections: Who provides building inspections? PA or town?	Refer to Contract Booklet clause 88. INSPECTIONS AND REJECTIONS (page 105) and clause 105. FINAL INSPECTION (page 124).
17	Sprinkler Head Elevation: Please provide section thru the building in each Direction to show the high/elevation of existing sprinkler heads.	Will be addressed by addendum. Revised 9/18/26 - Was addressed by Addendum No. 2 dated September 17, 2026. Refer to Contract Drawings FP014 and FP015 for references of floor level elevations within the Riser Diagram. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing G001, General Note 1 and Contract Drawing FP001, Fire
18	Dewatering: What is the water table at the site? Please clarify dewatering scope (Drawing N001). Is the water contaminated? Does it require DEP permit, filtration system, operator, water testing? Please provide a design.	Will be addressed by addendum. Revised 9/18/26 - Was addressed by Addendum No. 2, dated September 17, 2026. Refer to Contract Drawing N001, Dewatering Discharge Notes 3, 4, 6a and 6b. In addition, refer to Available Documents and Available Drawings.
19	Quality control: Who is responsible for the third-party testing for concrete, soil, rebar etc.?	Refer to the requirements of the Technical Specifications for that Work. Bid as shown.
20	During the site visit this condition (not part of current scope) was observed: existing sidewalks/steps are in a completely deteriorating condition. See link below for the current condition. They need replacement as is. With us trenching and excavating right next to it, they will be destroyed. Also advise on what to do with the current devices currently installed in the path of excavation.	Refer to Contract Drawing C003 for removal plan. Bid as shown.
21	Drawing CS001: Drawing is not clear with respect to available interior work for each stage. Please provide a phasing plan to show interior area available to the contractor for each construction stage (1 to 5). Also provide lapse time between each stage (without any work) to allow the PA staff to maneuver existing inventory and be ready for the next stage.	Refer to Contract Drawing FP007, Fire Protection E1, E2, and E3 Dry Pipe Sprinkler Alarm Valve Risers for the staging sequence of work.
22	AOB is missing from the Contract Booklet. Please advise if it was intentionally left out; otherwise, please provide.	Refer to Contract booklet clause 2. PAPERS ACCOMPANYING BIDS, paragraph C. Also refer to Notice to Bidders dated August 27, 2026, which includes the Analysis of Bid.
23	Please confirm the need for a fire watch during fire protection work.	Was addressed by Addendum No. 2, dated September 17, 2026. Refer to Contract Drawing G001, Note 26.
24	When was the existing sprinkler system pressurized last? Who is responsible for any leaks from existing rusted pipes??	Refer to Contract Booklet, Specification 211314, Part 3, Section 3.02.K and N. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing G001, General Notes 25. N.
25	Fire Pump / New Fire Service Feed Will a fire pump be installed upstream of the new fire protection feed serving 120 Academy? NFSC strongly recommends confirming that the proposed water supply will provide adequate pressure and flow to meet the required sprinkler system hydraulic demand and allow the eight (8) existing dry sprinkler systems to achieve the required full-flow trip-test performance.	Bid as shown.
26	Hydrostatic Testing of Existing Piping Will this project hydrostatically test the existing sprinkler piping above the existing dry valves within the building to verify its integrity? Multiple sections of the existing sprinkler piping have failed in the past, and the integrity of the existing piping should be considered before the systems are placed back into service.	Refer to Contract Drawing FP001, Fire Protection Notes 23, 24, and 29. In addition, refer to Contract Booklet, Specification 211314, Part 3, Section 3.02.

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27	Hydraulic Calculations and Shop Drawings Are new or revised sprinkler hydraulic calculations and fire sprinkler shop drawings required as part of this project? If so, please clarify the required scope and whether they must be submitted to and approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) prior to commencement of the work.	Refer to Contract Drawing FP001, Fire Protection Notes 4 and 32.
28	Dry-System Full-Flow Trip Testing Will full-flow trip testing of all eight (8) dry sprinkler systems be required upon project completion? If required, please confirm the applicable acceptance criteria and whether the AHJ must witness the tests.	Refer to Contract Drawing FP001, Fire Protection Notes 20.
29	200 PSI Hydrostatic Testing Will a 200 PSI hydrostatic test be required for any new, modified, or existing portions of the sprinkler systems as part of this project? Please clarify which portions of the systems, if any, will be subject to hydrostatic acceptance testing.	Refer to Contract Drawing F001, Fire Protection Notes 23 and 29.
30	Existing Sprinkler Piping Beyond the Dry-System Risers Does the project include any replacement, modification, or re-pitching of the existing sprinkler piping downstream of the eight (8) dry-system risers, or is the scope limited to the risers, valves, and incoming fire protection water supply?	Bid as shown.
31	Drum Drips / Auxiliary Low-Point Drains Does the project include installing, relocating, replacing, or removing drum drips/auxiliary low-point drains on the eight (8) dry sprinkler systems? If so, please identify the extent of this work and whether the existing dry-system piping will be evaluated for proper drainage and pitch as part of the project.	Bid as shown.
32	With regards to the main and branch piping already existing in as shown on FP 008/009, is this piping being removed and replaced or is the scope strictly the removal and replacement of fire sprinkler heads?	Bid as shown.
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33	Please specify Pipe stub out invert elevation and pit dimensions (LxWxD) shown on S002.	Refer to Contract Drawing S002, Note 2 and 6. Pit dimensions are as required for performance of work. They may vary for each valve room. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing C006.
34	Refer to dwg sheet S002: o Please provide the assumed bottom of footing elevation. Any excavation beyond that should be performed at net cost. o Please provide the assumed slab thickness. Any concrete slab demo or reconstruction beyond that should be performed at net cost.	Contract Drawing S002 will be updated to show approximate footing elevations and assumed concrete slab thickness. Will be addressed by addendum. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing S002, Detail A for assumed concrete slab thickness. Revised 9/24/2026 - Was addressed by Addendum No. 3, dated September 24, 2026. In addition, refer to Contract Drawing S002, Detail A for assumed concrete slab thickness.

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35	Please confirm if the building has AC/ heat.	Refer to Contract Drawing FP006, FP007, and FP007 Note 1 for space heating requirements within each valve enclosure. The office space area of the building have existing air conditioning and heating systems. The warehouse area of the building does not have any existing air conditioning or heating systems within it. In addition, refer to Contract Booklet, Division 01, Section 109 Temporary Utility Services for temporary heating requirements for the work.
36	Please advise if the loading docks at the northeast corner of the building can be shut down (at least partially) to allow the trenching and pipe installation to proceed.	Refer to Contract Drawing CS001. Contractor shall "MAINTAIN ACCESS TO ROLLUP DOOR DURING CONSTRUCTION." Contractor to coordinate with the Engineer so construction activities may proceed in coordination with Facility operations.
37	Please provide the sole source agreements to AFA and Pyro Signal for the fire alarm and monitoring company work	Refer to Notice to Bidders dated August 27, 2026.
38	Please confirm the scope of the pipe removal vs abandonment on C003. The notation for pipe removal depicted on C001 is used for the majority of the pipe. See below. However, a keynote calling for the pipe to be filled with flowable fill points to the same segments.	Refer to Contract Drawing C003. Only the portions of the existing pipe that conflict with the proposed new pipe are to be removed. All remaining portions of the existing pipe shall be abandoned in place and filled with flowable fill. Bid as shown.
39	Also, the plan does not show pipe diameter but in the AOB there are separate line items for the removal of 8" and 6".	Refer to Contract Drawing C001. The legend does not differentiate between 8" and 6" DIP. Bid as shown.
40	Please confirm that the existing sprinkler piping branches are to remain in place.	Refer to Contract Drawings FP004, FP005, FP008, and FP009 for all existing sprinkler piping removal. Refer to Contract Drawings FP006, FP007, FP011, and FP012 for all sprinkler piping installation.
41	Could you please confirm that the sprinkler heads to be replaced in place and that the existing branch piping for the heads is existing to remain.	Refer to Contract Drawings FP008 through FP013 for all sprinkler heads to be replaced in place. Refer to Contract Drawings FP004 through FP009, FP011, and FP012 for all existing sprinkler piping removal and installation.