



Issue Date: March 18, 2024

Subject: Revised Request for Proposals (RFP) for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) – Water and Electric Meters for the City of Gastonia and Two Rivers Utilities Service Area - Addendum 1.

The following answers are provided to questions received since the release date of 3/11/24 through 3/18/24. The City will continue to try to issue weekly addenda with answers to questions received to be responsive to Vendors and to best accommodate the condensed timeline.

1. Would Gastonia please extend the due date? Three weeks is a short time frame to prepare a response or even revise a previous one. This is especially true for acquiring an up-to-date propagation study from a meter manufacturer.
 - a. Yes. The deadline to submit proposals has been extended two weeks to:
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 4:00 pm EDT

RFP documents #1 and #2 have been updated in the file share to reflect this change.
2. For the proposal due date and time, should it indicate 4:00pm EDT instead of EST?
 - a. Yes, since Daylight Savings Time has passed, the proposals are due at 4:00 pm EDT on April 16, 2024.
3. Since many of the AMI providers for water and electric DO NOT manufacture their own water meter, will the City accept a proposal for encoded water meters only from a distributor?
 - a. The City is seeking a comprehensive solution that includes water meters, electric meters and a single AMI network that supports both water and electric services. The City is open to a water or electric meter manufacturer working with a third-party AMI solution. Any limitations to interoperability, such as receiving extended alarms or over-the-air updates, should be clearly specified.