

UTILITIES COMMISSION
City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida
200 Canal Street
P.O. Box 100
New Smyrna Beach, Fl. 32170-010

February 28, 2019

RE: BID 5-19 FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTION AND FLOW TESTING (ZONE 1)
ADDENDUM **No. 3**

To prospective vendors:

The Utilities Commission is issuing the following addendum. **As such it becomes an integral part of the proposal and must be acknowledged by the return of this signed form, with your proposal form, acknowledging receipt of the addendum.**

In Addendum No 2 the question below was asked and answered. Upon further legal review the Utilities Commission initial response has been changed. Please see official response below the question in red.

- 1) Please confirm that a Florida Fire Protection Contractor's License I, II or V will be required to perform the inspection on the fire hydrants per Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, a Florida Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor is a contractor whose services are limited to the construction, installation, and repair, on public or private property, whether accomplished through open excavations or through other means, including, but not limited to, directional drilling, auger boring, jacking and boring, trenchless technologies, wet and dry taps, grouting, and slip lining, of main sanitary sewer collection systems, main water distribution systems, storm sewer collection systems, and the continuation of utility lines from the main systems to a point of termination up to and including the meter location for the individual occupancy, sewer collection systems at property line on residential or single-occupancy commercial properties, or on multi-occupancy properties at manhole or wye lateral extended to an invert elevation as engineered to accommodate future building sewers, water distribution systems, or storm sewer collection systems at storm sewer structures. However, an underground utility and excavation contractor may install empty underground conduits in rights-of-way, easements, platted rights-of-way in new site development, and sleeves for parking lot crossings no smaller than 2 inches in diameter if each conduit system installed is designed by a licensed professional engineer or an authorized employee of a municipality, county, or public utility and the installation of such conduit does not include installation of any conductor wiring or connection to an energized electrical system.

A Florida Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor may not install piping that is an integral part of a fire protection system as defined in s. 633.021 beginning at the point where the piping is used exclusively for such system. "(24) "Point-of-service" means the point at which the underground piping for a fire protection system as defined in this section using water as the extinguishing agent becomes used exclusively for the fire protection system." For this type of installation, a Florida Fire Protection Contractor V License is required instead. At the point of the

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underground hydrant isolation valve, the water distribution system becomes exclusively used for fire protection.

Section 633.102 states, "(11) "Fire protection system" means a system individually designed to protect the interior or exterior of a specific building or buildings, structure, or other special hazard from fire. Such systems include, but are not limited to, water sprinkler systems, water spray systems, foam-water sprinkler systems, foam-water spray systems, carbon dioxide systems, foam extinguishing systems, dry chemical systems, and Halon and other chemical systems used for fire protection use. Such systems also include any overhead and underground fire mains, fire hydrants and hydrant mains, standpipes and hoses connected to sprinkler systems, sprinkler tank heaters, air lines, thermal systems used in connection with fire sprinkler systems, and tanks and pumps connected to fire sprinkler systems."

NOTE (From the State Fire Marshal Construction Services Guide): "A utility contractor, licensed pursuant to Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, is prohibited from engaging in the layout, fabrication, inspection, installation, alteration, or repair of any fire protection piping."

Absent an express statute or rule that expressly limits those who can perform inspections on fire hydrants to Florida fire protection contractor's license holder, we cannot confirm that such a licensing limitation exists under Florida law.

Furthermore, to allow contractors adequate time to respond to this new information the bid opening has been changed to Tuesday March 12th at 2:30 PM

A Copy of This Signed Form Must Accompany Your Bid Response

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Addenda No. 3:

Company: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____