

03.13.2025—RFB 25-13 The Grid Distribution Pole Replacement 03.13.2025 1pm, Pre-bid, Minutes / Q&A

- Introductions were given.
- Dates listed in RFB were reviewed.
- FAQs discussed
- General Information reviewed.
- High level scope of work was discussed to include limits of construction.

(Approximately 20 minutes)

**General Information:**

- Guying and service transfers are not broken out separately and should be included in the framing/assembly costs. GUC will not accept any change orders for guying, anchors, and service transfers.
- Contractor must be released by GUC before crews are pulled off for storm, etc. Project materials shall be secured and must remain on GUC's system. Grounds must be removed, and system shall be left in safe & fully operational condition. The contractor shall not leave GUC system with temporary rigging, or jumpers when leaving for storm.
- Pole tags shall be transferred from existing poles to replacements. If the tag is damaged or missing, GUC can issue new tags. If new tag is installed, the contractor shall notify Doug Boone.

**FAQs:**

- Q: Is there a hard start date?
  - A: Bid communicates start no later than date of **April 14, 2025**.
  - Completion date is **August 29, 2025**. (if not possible, please present alternate date)
- Q: Who is responsible for providing flagging?
  - Awarded bidder is responsible for providing their own flagging for traffic control and include in their labor bid.

- Q: Can most of the work be isolated and de-energized?
  - A: Most all overhead (OH) work can be switched, however bidders should plan to perform work energized in the event we cannot switch; some of the underground (UG) neighborhoods cannot be backfed and will be coordinated on case-by-case basis. Contractor will be responsible to assist with switching and must have load break mechanicals.
  
- Q: Is there a lay down yard or areas where material can be staged?
  - A: All material will be available for pickup at GUC Ops center. Laying material at jobsite is acceptable so long as it is not more than a week's worth of work.
  
- Q: How are removals to be bid?
  - A: GUC does not break out distribution removals by units within the bid document. Contractor should include removal costs in their bid total. Contractor is expected to transfer communications for in-line pole; if all transfers can be made, awarded bidder is expected to pull the pole. If joint use transfer(s) cannot be performed, contractor will top the pole and ownership of pole is transferred to last joint user.
  
- Q: Are there road restrictions: clarification on flagging?
  - A: Contractor is responsible for full traffic control. There currently aren't any known DOT restrictions for times at which traffic control can occur. Should DOT impose any restrictions, please communicate with Doug Boone. No engineering support will be provided on weekends or holidays without prior approval.
  
- Q: Where do bidders bring/dispose of removed materials?
  - A: Removed materials can be brought to GUC Ops Center. Bidder is responsible for disposing of all non-salvageable material. Poles brought back to GUC Op Center need to be sawed to lengths no greater than 45 feet.
  
- Q: How will awarded bidder access GUC Op Center Yard?
  - A: GUC will provide badges to awarded bidder.
  
- Q: How will material be kitted or needed to be picked up?
  - A: For larger material orders, GUC will require a week or two notice. Material can be picked up Monday through Friday, 0700-1630.
  
- Q: Will contractors be responsible for reclamation?
  - A: Contractor is responsible for repair of damages to customer yards and public right of ways.

- Q: How will after hour outages be coordinated/communicated?
  - A: Awarded bidder will need to coordinate with engineering to work with customer around after-hours outages.
  
- Q: What is the 1 Shot process?
  - A: The selected contractor will be provided contact information for GUC dispatchers to request 1-shot.
  
- Q: Is weekend work allowed?
  - A: Weekend work is allowed and should be coordinated through the engineer in charge. Engineering and Construction support will not be available on the weekend. 1-shot request will be limited on the weekend and all work/1-shot will have to be approved by GUC engineering prior to weekend work.

**Additional Q&A:**

- Q: There are some poles that have had concrete poured around them (sidewalks). Is the contractor responsible for replacement of concrete after pole replacement?
  - A: Contractor shall backfill all concrete cuts with ABC stone. Backfill shall be tamped and flush with adjacent concrete. Contractor shall notify the engineer in charge with the location of the cut and when it is ready to be repaired.
  
- Q: What about poles that have already been changed?
  - A: Bid on every pole on the project so everyone will have the same quantity. The cost for poles that have already been replaced will be removed from the final bid price during construction.
  
- Q: Some poles will have to be put back in the same hole. Will new anchors need to be installed?
  - A: Yes. These poles will get new guy anchors.
  
- Q: Will there be any areas where there is excessive water in the ground? Soil conditions?
  - A: No, it is unlikely that there will be any areas with excessive ground water where the poles are to be set. General soil conditions are sandy.
  
- Q: Is the completion date firm?
  - A: The bidder can propose an alternate completion date for GUC to review. It is critical however that construction begin on the start date, April 14, 2025.

- Q: Can the contractor get a new transformer bank to install on the new pole to shorten outage duration?
  - A: Transfer the existing transformer if possible but new banks can be installed to reduce the duration of outage. The existing xfmr banks will then be brought to GUC Operations Center for inspection/service. Also, if any pedestals/cabinets can be installed to expedite transfers, please include pricing in the bid.
  
- Q: Is there any early completion bonus?
  - A: No.
  
- Q: When is the bid due?
  - A: 2pm March 25, 2025
  
- Q: How will jobs be kitted?
  - A: GUC Engineering Assistants will make work orders to break up the project sections into smaller segments. This may be done by street or quadrant. The contractor will receive materials work on the areas specified in the work orders.
  
- Q: Will the contractor be expected to pull new overhead triplex?
  - A: Bidders should provide a unit cost per foot. See Part 4a in Addendum to bid. This unit price will be used to determine cost adjustments in the event contractor has to replace secondary wire. The contractor will communicate with GUC and provide the total footage to be replaced with triplex. Cost adjustment for replacement of open secondary wire will be accepted at the completion of the project.