Date: December 18, 2025
To: All Vendors
Subject: Addendum #2

REFERENCE: **P013-26 ArcGIS ESRI Utility Network Migration**

This Addendum forms part of the contract and clarifies, corrects or modifies original RFP document.

Question 1: Can BPUB provide examples or a summary of known data quality issues in the current geometric network to help refine the level of effort for the Data Assessment?

Answer 1: Yes, BPUB can compile a list of known data quality issues in the current geometric network and provide to the awarded vendor.

Question 2: Does BPUB expect full elimination of ArcFM, or is a hybrid model—with selected ArcFM capabilities retained—acceptable following UN migration?

Answer 2: BPUB does not expect it but would like to explore the possibility. A decision will made based on the results of data assessment and process review phase of the project.

Question 3: Beyond the integrations listed in the RFP, are there any custom scripts, batch jobs, or legacy processes that vendors should anticipate evaluating during the Organization Audit?

Answer 3: BPUB does not have any additional custom scripts, batch jobs, or legacy processes that would require a large amount of effort to reconfigure.

Question 4: Should vendors assume strict adherence to ESRI's default Utility Network data model, or is customization anticipated to support BPUB-specific workflows?

Answer 4: No, BPUB will be relying on the vendor to recommend the UN data model that is the best fit to support BPUB specific workflows.

Question 5: What is the expected weekly availability of BPUB SMEs for workshops, validation activities, and data remediation support?

Answer 5: BPUB GIS SMEs will be fully available during workshops, validation, and data remediation support. We have multiple SMEs per utility area so there should be no issue with availability.

Question 6: Will BPUB perform manual data cleanup tasks identified during the Data Assessment, or should vendors propose both automated and manual data remediation services?

Answer 6: BPUB would prefer if vendor provides pricing for both automated and manual data remediation services. Depending on the cost, BPUB may take on manual data cleanup tasks to save costs.

Question 7: Does BPUB prefer or require synchronization between the geometric network and Utility Network databases during the migration period, or is a non-parallel cutover acceptable?

Answer 7: BPUB will not require synchronization but would like to refrain from having to maintain two separate databases until go-live. If this can be accomplished through non-parallel cutover that is acceptable.

Question 8: How many environments (e.g., Development, Test, Production) will BPUB make available to the vendor, and what level of access will be granted?

Answer 8: BPUB currently has a production and development environment. We can also have multiple databases stood up for Test or Development.

Question 9: The RFP notes that BPUB has a "Small Utility EA." Should vendors assume that all required ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Enterprise, and Utility Network licensing is already covered under the EA?

Answer 9: Yes, BPUB has already spoken with our ESRI account manager and they are aware of our plan to migrate to UN. We have already factored in required licensing for UN.

Question 10: Will the Utility Network Enterprise Geodatabase remain on Oracle, or is BPUB considering a migration to SQL Server or PostgreSQL?

Answer 10: BPUB would be open to exploring the use of SQL server or PostgreSQL, dependent on cost, however, would need to have that discussion along with our IT group since Oracle is what most of our organization uses.

Question 11: Should the Roadmap deliverable include multiple sequencing options (e.g., electric-first vs. wastewater-first), or should vendors provide a single recommended sequencing approach?

Answer 11: BPUB would like to see the vendor's single recommended approach.

Question 12: Does BPUB prefer training to be delivered in person, virtually, or through self-paced recorded modules?

Answer 12: BPUB would prefer that training be delivered virtually or through self-paced recorded modules.

Question 13: Are there preferred BPUB templates or formats for deliverables such as architecture diagrams, data assessment reports, and migration strategy documents?

Answer 13: BPUB does not have a preferred template for deliverables submitted by vendor.

Question 14: What is BPUB's preferred cadence for project status reporting—weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly?

Answer 14: BPUB would prefer to have bi-weekly updates.

Question 15: Does BPUB maintain KPIs or predefined success criteria for assessing Utility Network migration progress and phase completion?

Answer 15: BPUB does not have predefined success criteria or KPIs. We are open to suggestions from the vendor. Tracking on previous projects was done by project milestones defined on the scope of work.

Question 16: For finalist presentations, does BPUB expect a live demonstration of prior Utility Network implementations, or will slide-based presentations be acceptable?

Answer 16: BPUB does not expect a live demonstration, slide-based presentations and testimonials will suffice.

Question 17: How will BPUB evaluate "competitive price"? Will the evaluation prioritize lowest cost, best value, or alignment to the detailed scope of work?

Answer 17: BPUB will evaluate proposals based on alignment to scope of work, "competitiveness" will be evaluated based on how efficiently vendor can complete the work outlined in the proposal.

Question 18: Should add-on services be presented as optional line items with fixed pricing, or as rate-card-based optional services?

Answer 18: BPUB would be interested in seeing line items with fixed pricing.

Question 19: Will BPUB accept evidence of insurability at proposal submission, with full insurance certificates provided at contract award?

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Question 20: The RFP states services "shall be performed in Brownsville, Texas." Is remote delivery permissible for any portions of the work?

Answer 20: BPUB prefers that all services be performed remotely.

Question 21: To support compliance with Exhibit D, will BPUB provide data classification details (e.g., PII, operational security data) describing the sensitivity levels of datasets involved?

Answer 21: BPUB can provide data classification details. We do have PII in our meter layers and the location and details of our electric infrastructure are generally considered sensitive data.

Question 22: Can BPUB clarify whether project planning may begin immediately after Board approval, or if additional approvals are required before work may commence?

Answer 22: After Board of Directors approval, BPUB Legal Department will work on the contract. The process may take 2-3 months after Board approval.

Question 23: Can the minimum requirements be meet through the candidate or through a subcontractor?

Answer 23: Subcontractors are permitted at your discretion, but must be vetted by you under your responsibility.

The signature of the company agent, for the acknowledgement of this addendum, shall be required. **Complete information below and return via e-mail to: dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com.**

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