

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

MW 2027 PW1

For

Public Works Services and Materials

Addenda #5

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

On behalf of the Metro West Regional Services Consortium

Representing the following municipalities:

Ashland, Hopkinton, Millis, Natick, Needham, Sherborn, Southborough, and Wellesley

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Amended language or text will be shown in red.

1. MW 2027 PW1 – Bid Opening Zoom Information:

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC, Line 7) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bid Opening - MW 2027 PW1

Time: Oct 8, 2026 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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2. Vendor Question:

Clarification on the “Fiber Mulch” spec, I can’t locate in the documents but can find M6.04.04 Wood Fiber Mulch in the State spec book?

Answer: For questions on line items without a detailed description please refer to page 3 of the MW 2027 PW1_IFB Specifications form where it notes the following passage under the “General Specifications” section:

Unless otherwise noted in these specifications, all materials and work under any resulting contract or contracts shall be in conformance with the latest Editions of:

MassDOT Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges Supplemental Specifications, and Standard Special Provisions.

3. Vendor Question:

There are no bidders on both Washed Sand (E) and Winter (L), looking at the spec provided, it does not allow for a washed manufactured sand, natural coarse bank sand only.

Answer: Sections E and G of the MW 2027 PW1_IFB Specifications documents will cover the specifications for Washed and Winter sand. See also MassDOT standard specifications M2.01.7 for fine aggregates.

4. Vendor Question:

In the Bid Total boxes, there are some in red (as needed) and some in black (as needed), in red are we to put the “unit price” in the red box? There is no quantities to total.

Answer: On page 17 of “MW 2027 PW1_IFB Instructions for Bidders – Final” the following is stated:

c. Unit prices preceded by “@” indicate a bid that will serve as the price for work Towns need to do at a later date, but have not indicated quantities at this time. DO NOT EXTEND these calculations. They will not calculate into the award amount, but may be used to determine the reasonableness of a bid.

Pricing for any line item with “as needed” in the price column can bid assigned a price, but there are currently no estimates available from the consortium and will not be added to total for award. For the red “total” cells, only add the line items pricing from line items that have an estimated quantity assigned to it. These line items will be calculated for the total during bid award.