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University Link Light Rail Project U220
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RFI No.	Date Received	Addendum No. & Issued Date (If applicable)	Reference	Contractor's Questions	ST Response
1.			General	Could you please tell me if the subject project will have construction inspection services (QC) provided by the contractor, or will a separate contract be awarded for same? Will any quality assurance inspection (QA) be independently performed? Also, which firm is performing the project design?	The Contractor shall provide QC construction inspection services per 01 45 00 and all relevant technical specifications. Sound Transit will provide all QA construction inspection services. The U220 design was performed by a joint venture, Northlink Transit Partners.
2.			Contract Time	We couldnt locate the required time to conclude the contract, or Is the Contractors to submit their own Schedule?	See specification 01 12 16.
3.			Liquidated Damages	Volume 1 of 8 Section 00200 clause 10.02 and also Section 00300 clause SC-10.02 do not specify the amount of the Liquidated Damages, please clarify.	See specification 01 12 16.
4.			General	For the TBM tunnel, will Sound Transit be using conventional tunneling or is this micro-tunneling associated with the project.	There is no anticipated micro-tunneling on U220. Tunneling methods are specified in Specification 31 71 19 and 31 71 23
5.			Specifications	Please verify if there are any new elevators or vertical transportation systems in the project.	No, unless the Contractor elects to install any elevators or other vertical transportation systems for their use during construction.

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6.			Specifications	Does this project require construction inspection as a subconsultant?	Comply with Specification 01 45 00 and all technical specifications.
7.			Addendum 1: DBE and Small Business goals	The way this reads there is a 7.4% DBE goal and a 6% Small business goal of which 3% must include DBE. These goals are condition of award. Effectively the DBE goal is 10.4%, correct?	<p>No. The overall 7.4 % DBE goal is for the entire U-Link projects not just Contract U220. The U220 SBE/DBE Contract goals are: 6% Small Business Enterprise (SBE) of which ½ (i.e. 3%) should be Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs).</p> <p>The U220 3% DBE goal is a subset of (i.e. is included in) the U220 6% SBE goal. Achievement of these goals is not a pre-condition of contract award. A Bidder's best-effort to achieve these goals is a requirement and pre-condition of award.</p> <p>Bidders are encouraged to forward questions of this issue via the Ebidsystem.</p>