

TAS 26-20A / D215099

Rehabilitation/Replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Clifton Springs Service Area at I-90, Milepost 337.10 Eastbound in Ontario County

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

June 8, 2026 (Revised to provide the mentioned attached photos)

- Q1. Are there access hatches or doors above the upper and lower wet wells?
- A1. There is access to the wet wells from the side hatch. Refer to attached photos.
- Q2. Regarding Drawing M-11 and the existing stone filter media, are there any concerns or specific procedures for disposal of this stone media?
- A2. The existing trickling filter media is stone. Since it is coated in biofilm that has been exposed to raw sewage, it should be treated as a biohazard and handled and disposed of at an authorized facility. See Addendum 1 for further instruction.
- Q3. Regarding Drawing C-1, Asset I.D. #13, please provide as-built drawings and/or details of the construction of the sludge holding tank to be demolished. We cannot accurately bid this item if we do not know how it is constructed?
- A3. There are no record drawings available for the Clifton Springs sludge holding tank. See attachment 2 available record drawings for the facility.
- Q4. Regarding Drawing M-10 and the Clarifier Elevation Detail, please provide size, spacing, embedment of dowel bars for the new concrete curb.
- A4. Dowels shall be #4 rebar at 12-inch spacing and 4-inch embedment.
- Q5. Regarding Specification Section 01 52 00-4, 1.07.B, iv. The Contractor shall haul and dispose of raw sewage from the facility to an approved off-site facility as needed, minimum weekly. Contractor shall be reimbursed for all work necessary to haul and dispose of the sewage at the price per gallon bid. The number of gallons removed shall be measured at the approved facility. The volume of the tank utilized to remove the liquid shall be recorded. Tanks shall be verified empty prior to filling. The amount paid shall equal the actual metered number of gallons removed.
- A5. Per Bid Item 627.0002 25, Existing Conditions, the expected maximum volume is 2,400,000 gallons. See sheet GN-3 for average and maximum flows.
- Q6. Regarding Drawing C-1, Asset I.D. #17, our site visit indicated there are 5 each valves per clarifier. Drawing C-1 only shows 4 each. Please confirm how many total valve replacements are to be included in the bid.
- A6. Replace 5 valves per clarifier.
- Q7. Regarding Drawing M-18, Pump Room Plan, please provide a specification and details of construction for the proposed basement exhaust fan.
- A7. Refer to forthcoming Amendment 2. A Control Building basement exhaust fan will be added to Item 627.0023 25, HVAC and Specification Section 23 34 16, Centrifugal Exhaust Fans.
- Q8. Regarding Specifications Section 01 10 00, Section 1.2.A, this specification section states the project will be constructed under a General Construction Contract AND an Electrical Contract. Please confirm the electrical is part of the General Construction Contract.
- A8. The electrical is part of the general construction contract. Refer to forthcoming Amendment 2.

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- Q9. From our Insurance agent: I need the rest of the information regarding the builder's risk. Are they requiring flood &/or earthquake?, Etc. She (the insurance agent) is referencing the (Thruway Addendum to the Standard Specifications (TA)) revisions to the standard specs paragraph 18 107-06 part 4. Can you clarify?

This is according to the **Revisions to the Addendum (TA) to the Standard Specifications document available from the Thruway website here:

<https://www.thruway.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/2024-02-22-revisions.pdf>, and specifically entry Number 18 as shown on page 3 of 5:

4. Builder's Risk Insurance. The word "building" was removed from the first sentence and immediately before "... construction."

- A9. Builders' Risk Insurance coverage is required for All construction projects covering all risk in completed value form. This includes earthquake and fire. For reference, see the NYSTA (TA) Addendum to the NYS Standard Specifications Section 107-06 INSURANCE, B. Coverages, 4., as shown on Page 23 of 51 and also available from the Thruway website here:
<https://www.thruway.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/2024-02-22-ta-24.pdf>.

Removing "building" from other/previous requirement versions (of the TA) was to state that Builders Risk applies to ALL construction contracts.

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- Q10. What are the liquidated damages on the contract. Can't seem to find that anywhere in bid documents.
- A10. Please refer to the TAS 26-20A project proposal and specifically page 14. The Thruway Authority conforms to the New York State Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications (Standard Specifications) as modified by the New York State Thruway Addendum to the Standard Specifications (TA). The TA is available from our website here:
<https://www.thruway.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/2024-02-22-ta-24.pdf>. The TA modifies Section 108 – Prosecution and Progress of the Standard Specifications beginning on page 26 of 51, and Liquidated Damages are specifically mentioned on page 30 of 51.
- Q11. Section 01 10 00 1.2 says the contract has electrical and general contract. Does not appear to be broken that way based on the bid form. Is this a one contract bid?
- A11. Section 01 10 00, Summary, will be updated in forthcoming Amendment #2. Generally, yes, this project will be constructed under a contract with a General Contractor. Refer to page 314 of the project proposal for specific Agreement (contract) language.
- Q12. Bid Item 0045 Electronic Safety and Security. Who's contract is that under?
- A12. All bid items as shown on proposal pages 353 and 354 are to be as a singular prime contract bid under a general contractor.

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- Q13. Bid Item 0035 HVAC, assume its part of the General Contract. Please confirm.
- A13. Yes, bid item 627.0023 25, Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning along with the other bid items as shown in the Schedule of Items are a part of the (general) contract.
- Q14. Bid Item 0040 Electrical, assume this is a separate contract, please confirm.
- A14. No, bid item 627.0026 25, Electrical will not be a separate contract. Also refer to the response (A11) to Question 11 (Q11) above.

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- Q15. Is there concern for building biology in the new trickle filter once start up of new is complete to maintain permitted discharge levels per NYPDES or will we be able to discharge as normal plant operation before biology is achieved? Specification Section 01 52 00, 1.02.A states: "The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operates under a New York Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NYPDES) permit from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC). Flow and processes of the WWTP must be maintained at all times during construction. If, as a result of disruptions due to the Contractor's operations, the WWTP fails to meet permit requirements, the Contractor shall be liable for all fines or other expenses incurred. Except as noted otherwise, sewage flow and plant processes cannot be restricted or limited during the period of construction without permission of the Engineer and the Licensed Plant Operator."
- A15. A trickling filter will typically take 6-12 weeks to acclimate depending on the water and outside temperature. Start-up procedure and initial operations shall be coordinated with trickling filter media manufacturer to ensure there are no violations to the permit during this time. This may require increased recirculation rates, use of the equalization tank, and/or waste hauling.

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- Q16. Regarding Special Specification 07 41 13, Aluminum Metal Roof Panels, we are looking over the information provided and one of the drawings show three (3) louvers, as per sheet M-16, but sheet M-16 does not give the louvers' sizes. Additionally, we are requesting that Ultraflote Inc. be included in the contract documents as an approved manufacturer, in section 07 41 13.
- A16. Louvers shall accommodate a total airflow of 2,500 cfm to meet the airflow requirement of the exhaust fan as described in Part 2.2 of Specification Section 23 34 16, Centrifugal Exhaust Fans of forthcoming Addendum 2. Quantity and sizing shall be coordinated between roof and louver manufacturers to ensure adequate airflow and pressure drop does not exceed 0.2 wg. Regarding 07 41 13, Aluminum Metal Roof Panels, please note this specification will be reissued as Specification Section 05 30 00 in a forthcoming Addendum 2. According to Section 2.4.F of this forthcoming Specification 05 30 00, Aluminum Metal Roof Panels, an approved equal may be submitted.

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- Q17. Per Note #1 on Sheet E-2, a control panel is required for the referenced system. However, the contract documents do not clearly identify the party responsible for furnishing and providing this control panel. Please clarify whether the control panel shall be provided by the Electrical Contractor, Equipment Supplier, Manufacturer/Vendor, or another trade. Additionally, please confirm the scope of responsibility for furnishing, installation. Furthermore, Note #1 on Sheet E-2 references Sheet E-5 for additional information. However, Sheet E-5 is not included in the drawing set available to us. Kindly provide the referenced Sheet E-5 and clarify any requirements associated with this control panel that may be indicated on that sheet.
- A17. On (Drawing Number) sheet E-2, in Electrical Keynotes 1, delete the last sentence and reference to (Drawing Number) sheet E-5. Drawing Number E-5 does not exist in the plan set. The control panel is to be provided by comminutor manufacturer per Specification Section 46 24 33, Open Channel Grinders, Part 2.3, Motor Controller (1 Motor). It is to be installed by the Contractor. Per Addendum 2, Entry 2, there is only 1 General Contract.
- Q18. Elevation plans/details are not shown in the contract documents. Kindly provide the relevant elevation sheet(s) for this project to allow proper coordination and installation.
- A18. Elevations are provided on the civil and mechanical drawings. Specific work items including new equipment will be further coordinated by the General Contractor as field coordination work is performed during the project construction phase.
- Q19. Sheet E-3, Note #1 indicates that the sludge pump shall be connected to a duplex control panel. However, it is unclear whether the sludge pump is intended to be connected to the same duplex panel serving the trickling filter pump, or if a separate duplex panel is required for the sludge pump. Please clarify whether the sludge pump shall utilize the existing duplex panel associated with the trickling filter pump or if a dedicated duplex panel is to be provided. If a separate duplex panel is required, please provide the panel location and any associated requirements.
- A19. On (Drawing Number) sheet E-3, in the last sentence of Note 1, delete "... and new duplex (control) panel". The new sludge pumps shall be controlled by existing controls on the first floor.

Attachment 01



Photo 1: exterior wet well hatch



Photo 2: inside exterior wet well hatch