

TAS 26-28A / D215118

Rehabilitation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Port Byron Service Area at I-90, Milepost 310.10 Eastbound in Cayuga County

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

September 29, 2026

- Q1. Presently the specifications only name Aqua Equip Technologies as the acceptable supplier of the trickling filter components. We would like to be named as an approved supplier for this project. We would also like to point out Section 1.04A Quality Assurance "Manufacturer shall have minimum 10 years experience supplying trickling filter media systems for municipal wastewater treatment facilities" – in fact, the named supplier, Aqua Equip Technologies, does not.
- A1. Specification Section 46 53 24 – Trickling Filter Media and Distribution System specifies details of the required product in Part 2. "Approved Equal" products will be considered if they meet the requirements of this specification section. The procedure for accepting approved equal product will be done in accordance with Specification Section 01 33 00.

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- Q2. On Drawing Number GN-2, Wastewater Disposal- Note 4 says: CONSTRUCTION/HAULING SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE WINTER MONTHS OF DECEMBER-MARCH DURING WHICH INFLUENT FLOWS TO THE WWTP WILL BE LOWER. Proposal gives completion date of December 31, 2027. There is no way construction/hauling can be done dec 2026- march 2027.
- A2. Note 4 on GN-2 will be deleted in a forthcoming Amendment.
- Q3. Regarding Drawing Numbers M-10, E-3 and E-4, and Specification Section 43 20 00 wastewater pumps - Paragraph 2.2 is for the two Penn Valley (Primary and Secondary) Sludge pumps in the Control Building. Par 2.2.F states 2 HP for 3" pumps, and 3 HP for 4" pumps. The piping drawings are not clear about either pump reducing to 3", but electrical drawing E-4 shows SP1 as 3HP, and SP2 as 2HP - is that the intent? Par 2.2.G states only that a soft start motor starter is to be provided, but drawing E-3, Notes 1 & 2 state "Sludge Pumps Will Be Integrated with New Pumps and Controlled By New Duplex Panel". Only 1 panel is shown on the first floor. Is the intent to have 1 pump vendor supplied panel per E-3, Note 3, control all 4 pumps even though they are different pump manufacturers?
- A3. Both sludge pumps shall be 3 HP, 4" pumps, 57 gpm at 25-ft TDH. The sludge pumps and trickling filter pumps shall be operated on separate panels provided by the individual pump vendors.

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- Q4. Specification section 46 43 11-2.1.R. discusses the "Bottom Rails" for the Rectangular Clarifier Equipment, and states they are to be mounted directly to the concrete floor. Drawing M-16 shows a dotted line in the tank bottom in both the existing and new views of the tank - we assume these dotted lines represent the bottom rails. Is it known if there are existing bottom rails, and if they are embedded or bolted to the floor? Bolted rails can be removed, but if there are embedded rails, do they have to be removed, or can they be re-used if in good condition?
- A4. The existing construction and configuration of the bottom rails are unknown. The Contractor shall include in the Base Bid all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to remove the existing bolted bottom rails. If upon draining the tank, it is found that the existing bottom rails are embedded, the rails may remain in place, provided they do not interfere with the installation, operation, or maintenance of the proposed equipment. If removal of bolted rails is not required, the Contractor shall provide a credit to the Owner for the associated removal work included in the Base Bid.

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- Q5. Will there be considerations for accepting equipment other than the named manufacturer's equipment in Specification Section 46 43 11, Part 2 Product: Chain-and-Flight Clarifier Equipment?
- A5. Equipment other than the named manufacturer's equipment as identified in Specification Section 46 43 11, PART 2 PRODUCTS 2.1 CHAIN-AND-FLIGHT EQUIPMENT A. Manufacturers, as shown in Proposal Page 311, may be considered, provided it meets the requirements for an approved equal as specified in the Proposal Book. In this regard, the successful bidder shall submit complete technical documentation demonstrating compliance with all applicable specifications and performance requirements for review and approval as an equal substitute equipment. Procedures are provided in Specification Section 01 33 00, Submittals Procedures, beginning on page 29 of the Proposal Book.