

**QUESTIONS & RESPONSES #03**  
**CONTRACT NUMBER: 071908**  
**RFP/RFQ TITLE: Thorne Road Off Dock Container Yard**  
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**QUESTIONS DUE DATE: Thursday, October 9, 2025, @ 2:00 PM (PDT)**  
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15	The DJC specifies the bid date as 10/15/2025 at 2:00 PM and the Thorne Rd Off Dock spec book specifies it as 10/16/2025 at 2:00 PM. Which is the correct bid date?	2 : 00 P.M. on October 16, 2025 in the Manual & website is the correct date.	Q-003176
1	. Can you tell me where to find the railroad work?	The rail work is located on plan sheets C2.01, C2.08, C3.10, C3.11, WO-06 and WO-13. All specifications and details are included on these sheets. All materials must meet Buy America requirements as noted in Section 00 11 13 Special Conditions.	Email
2	Are there CAD files available? Vendor wants the grading and the level afterwards.	Yes-If you would like a copy of the CAD files for grading on this project, please fill out Disclaimer Form attached to Notification 01 and email to <a href="mailto:procurement@portoftacoma.com">procurement@portoftacoma.com</a>	Q-003157
3	Please provide locations for the 8" and 12" Bollards. They are not shown on the site plans.	The 12 inch bollards are at each fire hydrant on site. The 8 inch bollards are at the entry gate.	Q-003175
4	The 10'-0" traffic barrier called out in the plans are very uncommon in this area. Would the Port consider a 12'-6" barrier instead that are currently available?	This is an acceptable substitution	Q-003173
5	Section 01 50 00 - Temporary Facilities and Controls This section refers to contractor providing 6' high construction fence around the construction site. Does contractor have to provide temporary construction fencing around the construction site?	Contractor is to provide 6ft high fence as stated in Section 01 50 00.	Q-003172
6	Section 01 50 00 - Temporary Facilities and Controls This section refers to temporary field offices and yards. Are field offices for the Port required on this project?	If Contractor chooses to provide a field office then it is to meet the requirements of Section 01 50 00 1.07.	Q-003171
7	The bid item for clearing is 2 acres, however the plans show nearly 8.0 acres. Please clarify.	Clearing is counted for the wooded area. The gravel areas are not counted	Q-003170
8	Please indicate where the HDPE is to be installed.	Several pipes on sheet 4.01 are HDPE in differing sizes, HDPE liner is in the biofiltrations sheet C5.21	Q-003166
9	The soils report is calling for a minimum 2' import fill over the entire site. There is not a bid item for any import fill. Please provide clarification if this fill is going to be required. If so, please provide bid item and specification for the import material.	The imported fill is to replace unsuitable materials in the wetland area. This is incorporated in earthworks quantity.	Q-003163
10	All questions pertain to trackwork. Reference drawing C3.10--Two track sizes are called out in this drawing (115RE head hardened and 136RE), which is required for installation?	115RE	Q-003161
11	All questions pertain to trackwork. What is the total length of track that will be replaced? Drawings do not call out the length of the railroad crossing. Acknowledge 15ft beyond crossing will be replaced.	290 TF	Q-003161
12	All questions pertain to trackwork. Drawing C3.10 calls out drilling for the rail section but note 1 calls for rail to be welded. Which method of joint is preferred?	Track shall be welded without bolted connections within construction limits. Connection to existing rail shall be bolted.	Q-003161
13	All questions pertain to trackwork. How far should the asphalt approaches on either side of the crossing be removed and replaced?	The existing crossing is not being replaced. Please respond with the location you are referencing.	Q-003161
14	The Details for the Bollards C@.13 Detail 2 and 3 are missing from the plan sheets.	Details for 8" and 12" Bollards are on sheet C4.06 details 1 and 3 respectively.	Q-003159
16	Bid Item numbers 15 and 40 are both PAVEMENT MARKINGS - 1 LS. Please advise.	Pavement markings deleted from project scope per Addendum 01	Q-003178
17	Please provide details (i.e. dimensions, thickness, reinforcement, etc) for concrete pad under guard shelter.	Guard shelter foundation to be constructed as specified by the fabricator	Q-003180
18	The paving details on C3.11 calls for a 3" Min. ACP Surface Course of HMA Cl. 3/4" PG 58V-22 material and a 7" Min. HMA Cl. 1" PG 58V-22 material base course. This paving section has failed to hold up on past projects at the Port. It is recommended that the paving section be all HMA Cl. 1/2" PG 58V-22 material. This material will last much longer than the specified paving section and is currently being used as the material of choice on most of the projects around the port of Tacoma.	Paving section is being updated Addendum 01	Q-003186
19	Please clarify the required height for the wood utility poles. Sheet E60 and E62 specify 95ft Class 2 poles, whereas Sheet S1.01 indicates 104ft poles.	The Poles are to be 95ft class 2	Q-003210
20	Regarding Sheet E70, the specified loading for Vault TPUPV1 is 125KIP. We would like to inquire whether this requirement is mandatory, or if a standard vault that adheres to TPU standards would be considered an acceptable alternative.	Vault must be rated for 125KIP and meet TPU standards.	Q-003211
21	Please provide specification and model for the reefer wash equipment enclosure shown on Sheet C2.09. There is currently not enough information to bid this enclosure.	The enclosure is a standard 40ft shipping container	Q-003219

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22	S1.01 80' Light Pole Foundation Detail: I have bid and been awarded POT projects using this detail in the past and it is not constructable as drawn. - oversized augered shaft with CMP creates voids around the CMP that cannot be filled or compacted - CSTC cannot be placed, compacted and tested at the bottom of the hole Would the port consider updating the detail to indicate a drilled shaft with steel sleeve to remain in place and wood pole setting on undisturbed earth?	Contractor may propose and alternate installation for approval during submittals	Q-003232
23	Please clarify if the Port is requiring contractors to carry insurance coverage for Technology Professional Liability Errors and Omissions. If so, clarify coverage limits.	Addendum 02-removes this clause from SECTION 00 73 16 - Insurance Requirements	Q-003233
24	01 20 00 - Item #6 references measurement and payment by the TN. The bid schedule references measurement and payment by the CY. Please clarify.	Measurement and payment is for 17,500 Ton. Revised bid form will be included in Addendum 02.	Q-003234
25	Will the contractor be required to carry USL&H insurance?	No	Q-003235
26	Please clarify the contract duration.	Section 00 52 00 – Agreement Form i. Contract Time: Begins at execution of Contract. Substantial Completion of the entire Work not later than 310 days from contract execution.	Q-003236
27	Please clarify if 40-hour HAZWOPER is required for the crew. If so, what scopes of work will require 40-hour HAZWOPER training?	Refer to Section 01 35 29 - Health, Safety, and Emergency Response Procedures for guidance on HAZWOPER requirements.	Q-003237
28	Please clarify the existing asphalt depth(s).	Existing pavement depth is unknown. Assume 3 inch thick	Q-003238
29	Please indicate the size of the bollards shown on Sheet E30. Please provide detail for removable bollards shown on Sheet E30.	Removable bollard shall be 8 inch dia per added detail on sheet C4.06. Revised sheet C4.06 will be included in Addendum 02. Also note that electrical enclosure bollard details are revised.	Q-003241
30	On plan sheet E30 (86 or 105), it appears steel bollards with channel railing are detailed along the perimeter of the substation layout. Removable bollards are also detailed at each end of the layout. Please provide details indicating the bollard size & length. Also please provide details for the removable bollards, as there is no detail provided on sheet C4.06.	See response to question #29.	Q-003242
31	Specification section 33 11 00 - water filtration systems, provides details and instruction of what is required for the self-contained, manual wash and water treatment system. Could the port recommend or provide potential manufactures/suppliers of the assembled system?	Specification is performative. Bidder shall submit qualified products	Q-003243
32	Regarding the Quonset Hut enclosure: Please confirm if one end of the enclosure is enclosed or both ends are open. If one end is enclosed, are the 2 high containers also installed at the enclosed end? Also, please confirm if containers are to be painted per the paint specification 09 90 00 - Painting and Coatings.	Rear end of enclosure to be closed. Quonset Hut supplier to determine if containers are needed to close rear. Port has no preference. Containers to be painted the same color per industry standard for shipping containers. Painting does not have to meet Section 09 90 00 - Painting and Coatings.	Q-003244
33	Note 1 on sheet C3.10 states "Rail within and extending 15 feet beyond crossing shall be replaced with 136RE Rail with no joints." The existing rail on Thorne Road is 115RE. The connection between the 115RE and 136RE will be less than 15 feet from the pedestrian crossing. Does this joint need to be welded, or is a bolted connection with compromise joint bars allowable?	All trackwork shall be 115RE rail. The terminal ends of new rail shall be bolted. Not joints shall be installed within the crossing itself	Q-003245
34	Drawing C2.08 states "All track outages are subject to the approval of Tacoma Rail" What are the anticipated outage durations that Tacoma Rail will allow for this work? Along with the railroad work, there are also utilities to be installed which will require additional time. Since there are two tracks in this area, can one track be taken out of service for a long duration and then	Track outage lengths are to be determined by the Contractor in coordination with Tacoma Rail. It is understood that there will be a multiple day outage	Q-003246
35	Due to multiple LS bid items can the bid submission date be extended? Preferably by 2-weeks.	Addendum 02 will extend Bid date to October 24, 2025 @ 2:00 PM	Q-003248
36	What color should the Contractor supplied containers be painted?	Contractor to supply a standard color selection at time of submittal. Port will select from standard colors.	Q-003248
37	Bid item number 13 is for Course Aggregate Base. The specifications do not show a gradation for Course Aggregate Base. What material is supposed to be used for this bid item?	Part 2, Coarse aggregate shall conform to WSDOT Standard Specification Section 9-03.8, as modified: Coarse Aggregate Angularity (AASHTO T 335) 90% with 2 or more fractured faces	Q-003249