

VENDORS QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS
REPLACE STREET LIGHTS, TUSKEGEE AL
RFQ: 36C247-18-Q-0191 2237: 619-18-2-5243-0104
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Note: CORRECTION OR ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS RESPONSES NO. 4 AND NO. 17

4. Can you please verify the existing voltage system? Is the existing panel board that feeds the site lights a 480/227volt panel?

Yes, the pole lights are 480 Volts coming at the poles. **The correct response is 480 Volts.**

17. I'm touching bases with you in regard to the street light replacement solicitations. Is there any way you could provide me with a description or picture of the street light pole? The reason I'm asking is to ensure I have the right connection, because its makes a difference if it's a round or square street light pole.

- a. **SQUARE.** A cut sheet for an SB-150W is included with the amendment. The other answer is provided above regarding information for existing light fixtures

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. Are these going on a round pole or square pole?
 - a. The poles are square.
2. If we could get a few pics of the poles and existing lights it would negate the need for a site visit. A close up of the light and mounting system would be outstanding.
 - a. *Photos of the existing light fixtures and poles are included with this response.*
3. Will the VA require the contractor to perform a lighting design to demonstrate the average maintained illumination and uniformity per VA Lighting Design Manual for the following:
Section 3.1 Roadways
Section 3.2 Open Parking Areas
 - a. No
4. What color Temperature is required for the fixtures, is it 4000K per VA Lighting Design guide, chapter 3: Exterior Lighting Guidelines

- a. 4000K
- 5. Is the Color Rendering required to be minimum of 85 per VA Lighting Design Guide?
(Most outdoor LED fixtures are 70CRI)
 - a. Yes
- 6. Are photo cells required for every fixture per VA Lighting Design Guide?
 - a. No
- 7. Does the VA have .dwg electronic files to provide for any lighting design to perform lighting design if required?
 - a. No
- 8. Is there an electrical one-line drawing available to shown and confirm the fixtures are 480V?
 - a. No
- 9. How are the lighting fixtures currently controlled? Is there a time clock? Are there photocells?
 - a. Combination of timer and photocell
- 10. The VA providing its own bucket truck and operator will present potential liability to the Government and is also against internal safety requirements, are we able to provide our own buckets trucks/lifts?
 - a. Yes.
- 11. Will you please confirm if the project Buy American Act FAR 52.225-1 or Buy American Act – Trade Act Agreement FAR 52.225-3?
 - a. Amendment 00002 removed FAR 52.225-3 and inserted FAR 52.225-1. The Buy American Act applies to this solicitation.
- 12. The bucket lift describe in the solicitation is it a JLG lift, Will we be able to provide a JLG lift to allow multiple personal to work at a time, or are we required to use the one provide?
 - a. Provide additional equipment as needed to meet the schedule.
- 13. The POP is 30 days after order. Most of these lights are custom made after order with a lead time of 6-12 weeks.
 - a. POP is extended to 90 days.

14. The SOW requires a 5 year warranty. If a light fails the OEM typically will send a replacement. If the VA is expecting free removal and installation, this will significantly increase cost.
- a. Light replacement only.
15. Providing representative pictures of existing poles, lights and hardware will bring down the price.
- a. Included.
16. Are they looking for a retrofit bulb or do they want a module installed in the fixture?
- a. Entire fixture.
17. They refer to a “Exact Brand on page 6 of the RFQ but do not call out any model numbers and manufacturer’s. Can you please provide the model or part number of the requested item?
- a. There no specific model or part
18. The color temperature needed 4000k/5000k
- a. 4000K
19. Are they bypassing the power supply or wanting a bulb that just screws directly into the socket and is powered by the power supply?
- a. The requirement is for a new 480V fixture. The existing transformer/power supply shall be bypassed and disposed of.
20. We need to address the confusion about retrofit /versus new fixtures--- Does the answer for Question # 15 contradict the answer to Question # 18? The answer to #15 says a drop-in retrofit is acceptable then the answer to #18 says an entire fixture is required.
- a. The requirement is for a new 480V fixture. The existing transformer/power supply shall be bypassed and disposed of. The previous indication of a retrofit was referring to a new fixture for the existing light pole. Retrofitting an LED bulb into the existing fixture is not acceptable.

The transformer/power supply will be bypassed and disposed of. Any previous statements about a retrofit simply was referring to a new fixture on our existing poles See previous responses.

Note: All responses to questions submitted have been addressed in the various amendments to this solicitation, please contact Margaret.Yeaton@va.gov if you have any further questions or concerns or feel the responses do not adequately address your questions or concerns.



