

Questions & Answers - 2

Solicitation

JW-0000000138-RFP_F - Public Library Exterior Upgrades Project

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Tompkins County

No	Question/Answer	Question Date
Q3	<p>Question: RFI #2– Alternate No. 2 – Solar Panel Removal Clarification</p> <p>Does Tompkins County have a preferred or designated contractor for this work, possibly the company that originally installed the solar panels? If so, could you please provide their contact information so we can reach out for pricing? If not, please confirm whether we may use a qualified subcontractor of our choosing.</p> <p>Additionally, could you please clarify the following:</p> <p>Is the intent to permanently remove and dispose of the solar panels, or will they need to be stored and reinstalled at a later date?</p> <p>What electrical disconnection or reconnection work is required as part of this alternate?</p> <p>Are the mounting racks, supports, wiring, and associated equipment also to be removed, or just the solar panels?</p> <p>Will any roof repairs or restoration be required following removal?</p> <p>Are there any existing drawings, specifications, or equipment information available that identify the number and type of solar panels currently installed?</p> <p>We appreciate your clarification, as this information will help us accurately price the alternate.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Answer: Please see attached documents uploaded to answer question 3.</p> <p>Attachments: Q3 Response.pdf, Q3 - 38x43 - Solar Module Instance (1).jpeg, Q3 - Library cmu paver photos.pdf, Q3 Glass Removal Photos.pdf, Q3 - Library Photovoltaic System Manual _ Drawings - Rev.1.pdf</p>	10/19/2026
Q6	<p>Question: traffic/pedestrian management and controls</p> <p>Are there any details and requirements for traffic/pedestrian management that are part of the bid documents? I am looking for a plan with appropriate details for any possible diversions, closures, and barriers during construction. Will the bus stop on Green St. impact decision making, is a temporary relocation possible? Are there any limits/preferences on pedestrian walk detours? Is project phasing required per elevation to limit disturbance?</p> <p>Answer: Refer to Specification section 01 50 00 Temporary Facilities and Controls, specifically section 3.5 and Addendum 3. Bidders should assume the Bus stop on Green Street must remain in its current place and in use during the project duration.</p>	10/21/2026

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Q8	<p>Question: RFI #6– Extent of EIFS Work</p> <p>Good afternoon, please clarify the extent of EIFS work associated with Plan Key Note 6 on drawing AA051. Is patching, cleaning, preparation, and recoating limited to the areas indicated by the keynote, or does the work include all exterior EIFS wall surfaces?</p> <p>EIFS wall strips are present on the east side of the library and appear they may require cleaning. Please confirm whether those strips are included. If the work is limited to specific areas, please identify all EIFS surfaces included in the scope. Thank you.</p> <p>Answer: The Extent of EIFS Work is explained with Elevation Key Note 1 on Drawing AA191 and keyed-in on Drawing AA200 at all EIFS areas. This is also referenced on Plan Key Note 6 on Drawing AA051 and Roof Key Note 8 on Drawing AA190. The EIFS work is covered in specification Section 07 24 19 – Water-Drainage Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) including Warranty Period (Restored System Warranty) Minimum 10 years from date of Substantial Completion.</p>	10/21/2026
Q9	<p>Question: Extent of EIFS Work</p> <p>To clarify my previous RFI regarding the extent of EIFS work, please confirm whether exterior light fixtures need to be disconnected and reconnected to complete the EIFS work, including patching, cleaning, preparation, and recoating.</p> <p>If fixture disconnection is required, please identify the affected fixtures and confirm whether this applies to all EIFS work areas or only specific locations. Thank you.</p> <p>Answer: AMEND Elevation Key Note 23 as follows: “AT EXISTING LIGHT FIXTURES MOUNTED ON EIFS, DISCONNECT, REMOVE, PROTECT, STORE, RECONNECT AND REINSTALL EXISTING LIGHT FIXTURES TO EXISTING SUPPORT BACK BOXES. ALL EXISTING ELECTRICAL DEVICES (CAMERA, LIGHT FIXTURE, FIRE-ALARM, ETC.) MOUNTED ON BRICK MASONRY ARE TO REMAIN AND BE PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE AND CONTACT WITH WATER AND CHEMICALS, TYPICAL - ALL LOCATIONS MAY NOT BE SHOWN, VERIFY IN FIELD.” The lighted TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY sign lettering mounted on EIFS should remain per Elevation Keyed Note 4, due to complications associated with removal.</p>	10/21/2026
Q10	<p>Question: Clarification of AWCI Specifications</p> <p>Upon review of the project specifications, we are requesting clarification on Section 07 24 19, regarding 1.8A, the AWCI International listing requirement for contractors performing Class PB EIFS installation.</p> <p>Please clarify the intent of the specification requiring the installer to be listed in the AWCI International database. Is this requirement referring to an AWCI EIFSmart Contractor, an AWCI Mechanic/Industry Professional, or simply a member listed within the AWCI database?</p> <p>Answer: The specified requirement for the EIFS Installer to be AWCI Class PB (Polymer-Based EIFS) certified, insures the Installer is qualified to install Class PB (Polymer-Based) EIFS. Specified installer qualifications also require the EIFS installer to have successfully completed a minimum of three comparable projects.</p>	10/22/2026

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Q11	<p>Question: Low Roof Beam Connections</p> <p>References: 12/AA191, 13/AA191; Specification 05 12 00</p> <p>The drawings call for standard single-angle and double-angle shear connections at the new W14×22 beams but do not fully define the attachment requirements.</p> <p>Please confirm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the shear angles are to be welded, bolted, or both. 2. Required weld sizes or bolt sizes, quantities, and connection configuration. 3. Whether engineered connection design is required from the Structural Steel subcontractor or will be provided by the Engineer of Record. <p>Answer: Per specification section 05 12 00, 1.4, A, 2, b, 1, all simple shear connections are to be selected by the fabricator from ANSI/AISC 360 tables. Refer to attached AA01B for beam end reactions.</p> <p>Attachments: Q11 - AA01B - Beam Connection Schedule.pdf</p>	10/23/2026
Q12	<p>Question: Existing Roof Bridging</p> <p>Reference: 10/AA191 — Low Roof Framing Plan</p> <p>The framing plan requires removal and reinstallation of existing bridging were affected by the new W14 beams.</p> <p>Please confirm whether this work is assigned to the Structural Steel subcontractor or another trade.</p> <p>If assigned to Structural Steel, please clarify whether replacement of damaged or unsuitable existing bridging is included.</p> <p>Answer: This is a single Prime contract, identification of what work is assigned to what subs is the responsibility of the prime contractor. Bridging is to be removed and reinstalled. Replacement of discovered damaged or unsuitable existing bridging is not included in base bid.</p>	10/23/2026
Q13	<p>Question: Existing Canopy Posts and Temporary Shoring</p> <p>References: S4/AA051; Specifications 01 50 00 and 05 12 00</p> <p>Structural Keynote S4 requires existing canopy posts to be detached from their footings, temporarily supported, and reattached after site work.</p> <p>Please confirm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the complete detachment and reattachment operation is assigned to the Sitework contractor or the Structural Steel subcontractor. 2. Which contractor is responsible for engineering, furnishing, installing, maintaining, and removing temporary canopy shoring. 3. If post reattachment is assigned to Structural Steel, the required stainless-steel anchor type, diameter, length, embedment, quantity, and base-plate configuration. <p>Since no new post fabrication is identified, please confirm whether this entire operation is intended to remain within the General Contractor's sitework scope.</p> <p>Answer: This is a single Prime contract, identification of what work is assigned to 02 41 19 subs is the responsibility of the prime contractor. Shoring is the responsibility of the contractor. Refer to attached spec 02 41 19 Selective Demolition. For base plate attachment, match existing size and configuration, verify in field. Base plates are not anticipated to be replaced. Refer to note S4 on AA051</p> <p>Attachments: Q13 - 02 41 19-Selective Demolition -Issued by addendum.pdf</p>	10/23/2026

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Q14	<p>Question: Existing Handrail Rebuilding Requirements</p> <p>References: AC100 Demolition Keynote 19; AC120 Site Layout Keynote 18; Specification 05 52 13</p> <p>The demolition plan calls for removal of existing handrails, while Site Keynote 18 requires rebuilding existing side-mounted and wall-mounted handrails.</p> <p>Please clarify whether the intent is to reuse and modify existing railings or furnish and install completely new stainless-steel railing assemblies.</p> <p>If new fabrication is required, please confirm the extent of each railing type.</p> <p>For preliminary estimating, we have identified approximately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wall-mounted handrail: 27'-4" •Side-mounted handrail: 39'-2" <p>Both lengths are field-verification allowances.</p> <p>Answer: Provide new per the drawings and spec.</p>	10/23/2026
Q15	<p>Question: Handrail Configuration and Fabrication</p> <p>References: 21/AC500; Specification 05 52 13 §§2.2, 2.3, 2.6 and 3.5</p> <p>Detail 21 shows a 1-1/2" OD stainless handrail supported by a bracket similar to Julius Blum Model 275. The specification identifies other basis-of-design bracket products.</p> <p>Please confirm whether the following proposed fabricated arrangement is acceptable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.ASTM 316L stainless 1-1/4" Schedule 40 pipe (1.660" actual OD) in lieu of 1-1/2" OD tubing. 2.Handrail height of 36" above the finished walking surface. 3.Wall-mounted brackets fabricated from 1/4" × 3" diameter stainless plates with bent 1/2" diameter stainless round-bar arms, welded to the railing. 4.Side-mounted railing consisting of a single top rail with vertical pipe posts and 1/4" × 4" high × 6" wide two-hole mounting plates. 5.Wall-bracket and side-mounted post spacing not exceeding 6'-0". <p>Please also identify the intended supporting substrate for the side-mounted post plates and provide any required connection or loading criteria not shown.</p> <p>Answer: Spacing of posts and handrail brackets to match existing locations. Similar products will be reviewed during the submittal process. Verify all substrates in field.</p>	10/23/2026
Q16	<p>Question: Stainless Handrail Anchors</p> <p>References: 21/AC500; Specification 05 52 13 §§2.4 and 3.5</p> <p>Detail 21 calls for 3/8" diameter stainless-steel epoxy anchors, while the railing specification also describes mechanical anchorage for applicable substrates.</p> <p>Please confirm whether 3/8" diameter × 3" long stainless-steel expansion anchors are acceptable for both wall-mounted brackets and side-mounted post plates, subject to verification of substrate, embedment, edge distances, and design loads.</p> <p>If not acceptable, please provide the required anchor type, length, minimum embedment, and attachment requirements for each condition.</p> <p>Answer: Utilize existing anchorage configuration and locations, providing minimum 6inch embedment. Verify in field.</p>	10/23/2026