

April 9, 2025

**Subject: ITB #2552-B Utility Locating  
Addendum #3**

Gentlemen/Ladies:

Below, please find clarification for the above referenced **ITB**. You will need to consider this information when preparing your quote.

- 1. The bid form says the contractor will receive tickets directly from 811 for tickets but on page 15 it says that normal GA 811 tickets will be performed internally by Fayette personnel. Is this bid primarily for the large project portion?**

Currently the volume of regular GA 811 tickets is such that FCWS staff are able to respond prior to deadlines. However, should request volumes dramatically increase or a change in staffing occur FCWS may need to rely on the third-party contractor to fill any gaps. FCWS would review incoming ticket requests and assign tickets to the contractor.

- 2. Realistically, with Fayette personnel taking control of the Normal 811 tickets per page 15, how many 811 tickets are projected to be requested of the contractor outside of Large Projects?**

Currently unknown.

- 3. How will the contractor be implemented into the 811 system if the Normal 811 tickets will be primarily covered by Fayette personnel?**

Normal 811 tickets would be assigned. This contract is primarily for Large Project locating needs. Secondarily for regular GA 811 tickets in the event of current volume or staffing changes.

- 4. On the bottom of page 14, it states that Emergency tickets shall be charged the same price as regular locates. Why is there a separate price column for Emergency tickets if the price is required to be the same?**

Please disregard the statement on page 14. You should enter your price for normal GA 811 tickets on the pricing sheet.

- 5. My business has been certified by the SBA as a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). Are there any special considerations for that certification in the bid process?**

No.

6. **In the event that there is a place during large projects where a street has mains on both sides of the street, can we request in the bid that those footages are counted consecutively, instead of concurrent footage? For example, if a street is 1000ft long and there is main on both sides, can we request in the bid that it be counted as 2000ft for billing? The contractor would have to fully locate 2000 feet of infrastructure, so the service provided would be accurately billed in that manner. The roads are very busy and create the situation for the locator to do one side of the street first and then come back to the other side separately to maintain safety for the contractor. Additionally, many times those mains on either sides of the street will be feeding different subdivisions and even have different sizes/materials.**

Footage applies to each individual water main.

7. **Can you provide a detailed annual breakdown of ticket volumes by month for the past three years?**

See attached spreadsheet for Locate Statistics 2024.

8. **On average, how many large project tickets are issued per month?**

2024 – average 2 per month. Projected footage for Fayette County fiscal year (July 2025 – June 2026) 517,839 (estimate for AT&T fiber optic)

9. **When is the expected contract award date? Will the city allow a six-week grace period post-award for startup and operational transition?**

Contract will be awarded once approved by county representatives but will begin July 1, 2025. FCWS would prefer the winning bidder be able to start on the contract start date.

10. **Regarding Page 13, Paragraph 8, which states, “The Fayette County Water System will provide the UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR with access to water infrastructure maps (hard copy, PDF, GIS) on hand”—how will hard copy files be delivered? Will they be provided via email, scanned PDFs, or another method?**

Available hard copies would be available at 444 Dividend Dr. Peachtree City, GA. PDFs can be provided by email.

11. **Will a designated City representative be available for after-hours emergencies when facilities cannot be located?**

Yes. A county representative will be available.

12. **Is there an established process for screening and prioritizing locate tickets?**

Yes. All large project tickets would be assigned. Regular 811 tickets may be assigned in the case of heavy volume.

13. **Are the requested locating services currently managed in-house, or are they outsourced to a third-party contractor?**

All locates are managed in-house. Large project tickets are assigned to the current third-



party contractor.

- 14. Under Additional Information, Paragraph 2, it is stated: "Normal GA811 locates will be performed internally by Fayette County Water System personnel; however, should it become necessary, the UTILITY LOCATE CONTRACTOR will be requested to perform locates on normal GA811 tickets." Does this indicate that the contractor's services will be required only on an as-needed basis? If so, what criteria determine when contractor assistance is needed?**

Yes. Volume of ticket requests.

- 15. What percentage of the water system's infrastructure is considered locatable versus unlocatable?**

90% of infrastructure is locatable, the remaining percentage are mostly locatable but could present additional challenges.

- 16. What percentage of emergency locate requests occur outside of regular business hours?**

A very small percentage of emergency locate requests have fallen outside of normal business hours.

- 17. What was the documented damage percentage for utility locates in 2024?**

2 at-fault damages on Large Projects; 5 at-fault damages on regular 811 locates.

- 18. What format are the digital maps in (For example: AutoCAD, PDF, GIS, KMZ)?**

PDF and GIS.

- 19. What is the breakdown percentage of the Water mains located in the road (under the hardtop) versus on the edge of the road or back yards? (Reason for this question is to determine amount of clear tickets)**

< 5% under paving. < 5% on utility easements.

- 20. Do the prints include measurements for mains and services?**

Most mains and services are sized.

- 21. Are the Water services on the utility maps?**

Not all service locations are noted on utility maps.

- 22. Will we be responsible to mark the Water services from meter pit or curb-stop box to the main and all mains?**

Yes.

- 23. What is the composition makeup of the Water utility mains and services (For example: Plastic, HDPE, Iron, Transite, etc.)?**

Approximately 50% of water mains are PVC. The remaining are cast iron, ductile iron, some transite. Water services are primarily copper tubing with less than 2% made of plastic material.

**24. Is there any plastic or non-locatable Water mains or services? If so, please describe how these are now being marked with accuracy?**

See answer to question #15. Multiple methods of locating may need to be employed.

**25. How often is GPR being used?**

As needed.

**26. Are the Water services on the prints?**

See answer to question #21.

**27. Can we limit liability?**

More information needed.

**28. Will exceptions be accepted to this bid?**

Please use the "Exceptions to Specifications" form to state any exceptions. The County will determine if exceptions are acceptable.

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Note: If this addendum is not returned to the Fayette County Purchasing Department or if it is returned not signed, responding individuals, companies or other organizations will still be responsible for the requirements of this addendum and the specifications or changes herein.

**The opening time and date are 3:00p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025.** Bids must be received by the Purchasing Department at the address above, Suite 204, at or before the opening date and time.

The deadline for inquiries has passed, so the Purchasing Department will not be able to accept any additional questions after this time.

If you have questions, please contact Colette Cobb, Contract Administrator at (770) 305-5115, fax (770) 719-5544 or email at [ccobb@fayettecountyga.gov](mailto:ccobb@fayettecountyga.gov).

Sincerely,



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