



The City of **WORCESTER**

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To All Proposers:

Subject: **RFP #: 8282-W5, Engineering Services – Watershed Plans / DSR-ARPA**

ADDENDUM NO. 2

To Whom It May Concern:

With reference to our proposal request relative to the above subject, please refer to the changes/modifications/clarifications to the original proposal request.

- **PLEASE SEE BELOW QUESTIONS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES FROM CITY**

Is the schedule in the RFP flexible? Would a December 2026 delivery date for the final watershed plans and Weasel Brook preliminary designs be acceptable?

Answer: The schedule in the RFP is flexible. It is anticipated in the proposed project schedule that some tasks may be completed concurrently with other tasks. City understands and presumes the Contractor may propose a different schedule based on its understanding of the work scope. Due to the requirements of the funding source of this contract, all work must be completed no later than December 2026. In light of this, City expects final deliverables for the watershed plans to be submitted by September 2026 to allow for contingencies. The Weasel Brook final preliminary designs should be submitted by December 2025.

Can you confirm that the maps in the RFP are accurate for the watersheds you wish to have assessed? For example, the Holden Reservoir system is shown on the map on page 32 of the RFP document but is not mentioned in the text on page 14 under the Tatnuck Brook watershed description.

Answer: The maps in the RFP are accurate for the area of assessment for identifying sources of impairments. Lake loading modeling, water quality goals, and non-point source management measures will focus on waterbodies located within the City of Worcester limits, excluding the Holden Reservoir system. Water quality data collected for the Holden Reservoir system may be analyzed to provide additional data insights about conditions at the waterbodies located within city limits.

To what extent does the City expect that all impairments are addressed in the WMPs?

Answer: Phosphorus, bacteria, and dissolved oxygen should be addressed in each watershed as water quality goals. Pollutant load reductions needed to achieve water quality goals and management measures should focus on Total Phosphorus (TP) and bacteria. Other listed impairments are not required to be addressed as improvements in TP are likely to contribute towards other impairments. Other impairments may be addressed where assessment of required impairments is synergistic.

Will the submitted QAPP need to be reviewed by EPA (who usually requests 60-day review periods) or just the City of Worcester and MassDEP?

Answer: The QAPP will not need to be reviewed by EPA.

Proposers are requested to acknowledge and/or include this addendum with submission.
All other terms, conditions and specifications remain unchanged.

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