

Amendment #1 to Elephant Butte Irrigation District ITB 2024-03 High Flow Pumps

Response to questions received during Pre-Bid meeting held March 6, 2024.

Question 1: *Does the material of the basket (stainless steel or galvanized steel) matter?*

Answer 1: The material of the basket strainer is not specified, but a material appropriate to the application is required. Further, galvanized or stainless steel would both be acceptable, but not limited to these if there are other appropriate materials.

Question 2: *Is there a preference for lubrication type (water lube, oil lube)?*

Answer 2: There is found to be conflicting specifications due to mention of “water or oil lubricated” within the preamble Project Scope of Work. To clarify, water lubricated may be proposed within a bid as a suitable alternative to oil lubrication, but the design and lubrication type must be indicated in by the designer/manufacturer as suitable to the application noting that the water being pumped is river water with suspended solids/sediment.

Question 3: *Is there a preference for an impeller or a propeller?*

Answer 3: Although “Impellers” and “bowls” are mentioned within the specifications, either type is acceptable as long as the pump is suitable to the application and all other requirements are met including the flow rate and limited submergence.

Question 4: *For the State Health insurance specifications, must a business with 8 employees but less than \$250,000 in aggregate annual state contracts have in place health insurance for its employees during the term of this contract?*

Answer 4: Per paragraph A of the New Mexico Employees Health Coverage section, the contractor does not have to provide health insurance for its employees in this particular circumstance. However, to ensure full compliance, see <https://www.bewellnm.com/> for more information.