



Solicitation Addendum Form

Solicitation Number: 26-12-09	Title: Ultrasonic Type Meters
Issuing Officer: Derleda Abrom	Solicitation Type: Invitation to Bid
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Addendum Number: One	Date: 7/2/2026

Note: In the event of a conflict between previously released information and the information contained herein, the latter shall control.

Please let us know of any questions.

Cordially,

Derleda Abrom

Item A: Changes to Bid Documents or Specifications

Currently Reads: Sealed bid packages for **Ultrasonic Type Meters** will be received in the Purchasing Department of Central Alabama Water, located at 3600 First Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35222, until 10:00a.m., Thursday, July 9, 2026,

Shall Read: **Sealed bid packages for Ultrasonic Type Meters** will be received in the Purchasing Department of Central Alabama Water, located at 3600 First Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35222, **until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2026,** **Please see the revised Bid.**

Item B: Questions and Answers

1. Question- Could you please provide the estimated start date of the project?

Answer: **Per Chief Sloan, Chief Reliability Officer, "As soon as the meters get here."**

2. Question- How would CAW like to see deviations/exceptions presented?

Answer: **Per Chief Sloan, "No preference."**

3. Question – With questions due by 6/30/2026, when does CAW anticipate providing answers to questions?

Answer: **By the end of the day, July 2, 2026.**

4. Question – What CIS vendor does CAW use currently? Are there any plans to change?

Answer: **Per Chief Sloan, SAP. Yes, soon.”**

5. Question - Regarding integrations, does CAW simply want billing reads or would CAW like the full AMI reads and Events loaded into Temetra?

Answer: **Per Chief Sloan, “The full boat. Smart meter alarms and all.”**

6. Question – Can CAW please clarify if Temetra typically uses (and what CAW prefers):

- a. Manual upload of billing read files (export/import type)
- b. File based automated integration over SFTP
- c. API with the HES

Answer: **Per David Nelms, Advanced Infrastructure Superintendent, Manual upload of billing read files (export/import type) and API with HES is preferred. File-based automated integration over SFTP, “we don’t think that it's ready yet,” according to Superintendent David Nelms.**

7. Question - During the pre-bid meeting, the meter location data was requested in order for proposers to run a Propagation Study or Cellular Coverage Analysis. When will CAW be providing this information?

Answer: **Please see the attached file of possible addresses, provided by Chief Sloan.**

8. Question: Based upon the specifications on page 2 paragraph 9, is CAW requiring bidders to supply Itron radios to integrate into existing Temetra software or is the utility looking for encoded options to connect to utility supplied radio transmitters.

Answer: **Either are fine. We can buy Itron radios that will integrate with vendor supplied meters, or the vendor can provide their own radios with a head-end system that then uses an API to communicate to Temetra. It is the vendor's responsibility to determine if Itron radios work with vendor's meter and ensure all relevant data will be transferred.**

9. Question: If CAW is requesting or considering either cellular or RF fixed network designs will this meter bid need to include cost for a complete network build out?

Answer: **Yes. Theses meter will be installed across 5 counties. I understand that puts a much larger burden on vendors who do not offer cellular, or do not have an existing RF network in our service area.**

10. Question: Page 3 paragraph one refers to a breakdown of monthly charges. Depending upon the decision for encoded meter submission or RF this will vary or be potentially non-applicable. How would the city like bidders to translate annual software fees into monthly charges? Should it be based on the 4000 meters for this bid or the system total over 10 years to show a more accurate life cycle cost?

Answer: Per Chief Sloan, "Assuming we are discussing a RF system, it's typical to have an annual software fee rather than a monthly connection fee. Bids will be evaluated on a 10 year cost basis, so the annual fee is fine. It will be multiplied by 10 years and compared to vendors who supply monthly fees multiplied by 360 months and number of connections."

11. If a bidder would like to supply a meter only option to work with existing/future endpoints, will that be considered a responsive and complete bid? ex: a meter with another manufacturer's endpoint/software.

Answer: Per Chief Sloan, "That would be considered responsive and responsible. However, if you are using another manufacturer's endpoint, you will either need to have an agreement with that manufacturer to sell CAW those endpoints at an agreed-upon price or procure them to sell directly to us. We will also accept one manufacturer's meter, another endpoint, and a future replacement once a full AMI buildout is developed."

12. Question: Please confirm whether submission of a Bid Bond is mandatory for Bid No. 26-12-09 (Ultrasonic Type Meters). The solicitation includes a Bid Bond form; however, we could not locate language stating that a Bid Bond must be submitted with the bid or that failure to provide one will render a bid non-responsive. Please advise.

Answer: Yes, a bid bond is required, either by Surety or by Cashier's check. Please place it inside the sealed envelope that came with your bid.

My contact information is below if you have any more concerns or questions.

Thanks,

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A signed acknowledgment of this addendum (this page) should be attached to your solicitation response.

Supplier's Name

Signature

Printed Name and Title

