

CONTRACT 26016

Building and Site Improvements at 6741 Downing Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

Bidder's Request for Information Responses #5

July 21, 2026

Inquiry #1

Given the response regarding the AISC certification and the second half of the response regarding special inspections being conducted. Will the owner employ a special inspector if that is the route that is taken?

Reply #1

Yes, Kern County will be employing a third party special inspector.

Inquiry #2

Some of the drain inlets are showing one size, and the pipe callout is showing different (i.e. 12" vs. 24"). Can you confirm the sizes?

Reply #2

All drain inlets and pipe sizes are reflected accurately on the grading plans.

Inquiry #3

The site plans show what appears to be a manhole on Downing just north of the proposed catch basin. The street plans (ST 02) do not show this. Is this a misprint?

Reply #3

Street plans have been revised to show this manhole. Sheet ST02A shall be included in an addendum.

Inquiry #4

According to the design elevations, it appears the catch basin invert (395 on Street plan ST 02) is lower than the drain inlet just to the south (395.75). The profile for the storm drain in the ROW indicates outflow to the south. This would result in reverse flow for this section. Can you confirm the design elevations?

Reply #4

This shall be corrected on sheet ST02A under an addendum.

Inquiry #5

In the County's formal Reply #6 to Inquiry #6, the County directed contractors to Section 2-1.44 of the specifications. The final paragraph of that section states:

"Consistent with Section 5-1.13A, except for a building-construction non-federal-aid contract, the Contractor must perform work equaling at least 30 percent of the value of the original total bid with its own employees and with equipment it owns or rents, with or without operators."

Our company is preparing a bid for this project, which we understand to be classified as a building-construction non-federal-aid contract. Your response to Inquiry #6 did not explicitly state whether the exception applies to this specific project, nor did it confirm if the 30% requirement is waived.

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION:

To avoid any misinterpretation and to ensure our bid is fully compliant, we respectfully request that the County provide a direct, unambiguous answer to the following question:

For this specific project (a building-construction non-federal-aid contract), is the Contractor required to perform at least 30% of the work with its own employees and equipment, as described in Section 2-1.44?

REQUESTED RESPONSE FORMAT:

To eliminate any ambiguity, we kindly ask that the County respond with one of the following two statements:

YES – The 30% minimum self-performance requirement DOES apply to this project.

NO – The 30% minimum self-performance requirement DOES NOT apply to this project (the exception applies).

IMPACT IF NOT CLARIFIED:

Without a definitive answer, our bid submission may be subject to potential disqualification or non-responsiveness due to uncertainty regarding the County's interpretation of the self-performance clause.

Reply #5

This is a building-construction non-federal-aid project. Accordingly, the 30% minimum self-performance requirement DOES NOT apply to this project.

Inquiry #6

Are the items indicated as "BY OWNER" on sheet A100 - SITE PLAN to be installed/mounted by the contractor?

Reply #6

Items deemed as "BY OTHERS" shall be included in the contractor's scope of work. The only item listed as "by others" that shall NOT be part of the contractor's scope of work shall be the prefabricated parking shade structures. This information shall be reflected on sheet A100B under an addendum.

Inquiry #7

Are the items stated as "BY OTHERS" in the key notes to be provided by the contractor? (e.g. speed bumpers, eyewash stations, traffic arms)

Reply #7

Items deemed as "BY OTHERS" shall be included in the contractor's scope of work. The only item listed as "by others" that shall NOT be part of the contractor's scope of work shall be the prefabricated parking shade structures. This information shall be reflected on sheet A100B under an addendum.

Inquiry #8

Are the pallet racks provided by the contractor or the owner?

Reply #8

Pallet racks shall be provided by the contractor. This information shall be added to sheet A211B and A212B under an addendum.

Inquiry #9

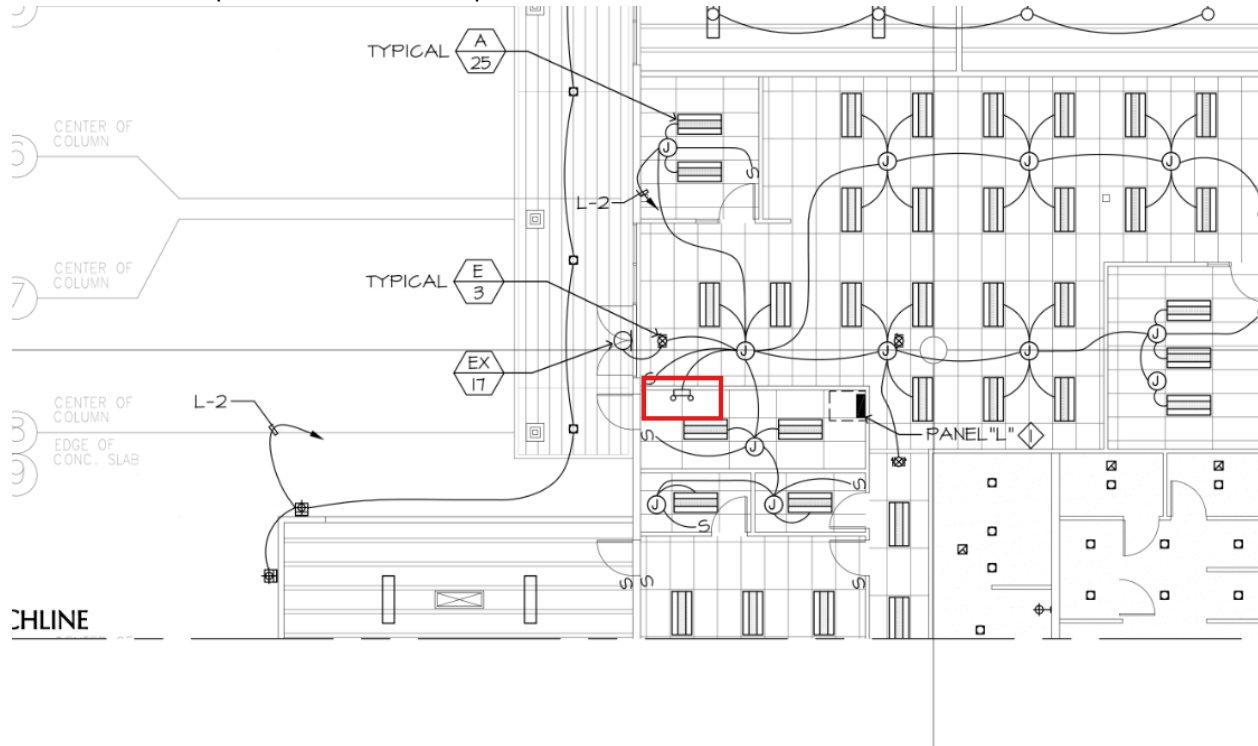
Per Sheet E311, who is responsible for providing & installing the 2-Ceiling fans?

Reply #9

Contractor is responsible for providing and installing ceiling fans. This information shall be added to sheet A311A under an addendum.

Inquiry #10

Per sheet E311 in the Electrical room, there is an Em fixture that has no label and is not on the fixture schedule. Please provide manufacture part number. See attached Photo



Reply #10

EM light fixture in Electrical 119 shall be 'Isolite' "BUG6WH" or approved equal. This information shall be added to sheet E002A under an addendum.

Inquiry #11

Please provide locations where PG&E, AT&T, and Spectrum conduits are to be terminated by Downing Avenue.

Reply #11

PG&E plans are being coordinated by the county and shall be made available after the project has been awarded. All other utility company coordination shall be part of the contractor's scope of work per General Notes #15 and #16.

Inquiry #12

Please provide conduit size for data drops in walls and underground Per sheets E211 & E212.

Reply #12

All data drops shall be 1" conduits. This information shall be added to sheets E211A & E212A under an addendum.

Inquiry #13

Please provide manufacturer & part numbers for the EV chargers per sheet E100.

Reply #13

EV chargers shall be 'ChargePoint' "CT4000" Level 2 commercial charging stations or approved equal. This information shall be added to site keynotes #3, #4, and #47 on sheet A100B under an addendum.

Inquiry #14

Please provide more information on Note 5 on sheet E211.

Reply #14

Door that exits Electrical 119 shall have hardware set #1 per the provided door hardware schedule on sheet A214A.

Inquiry #15

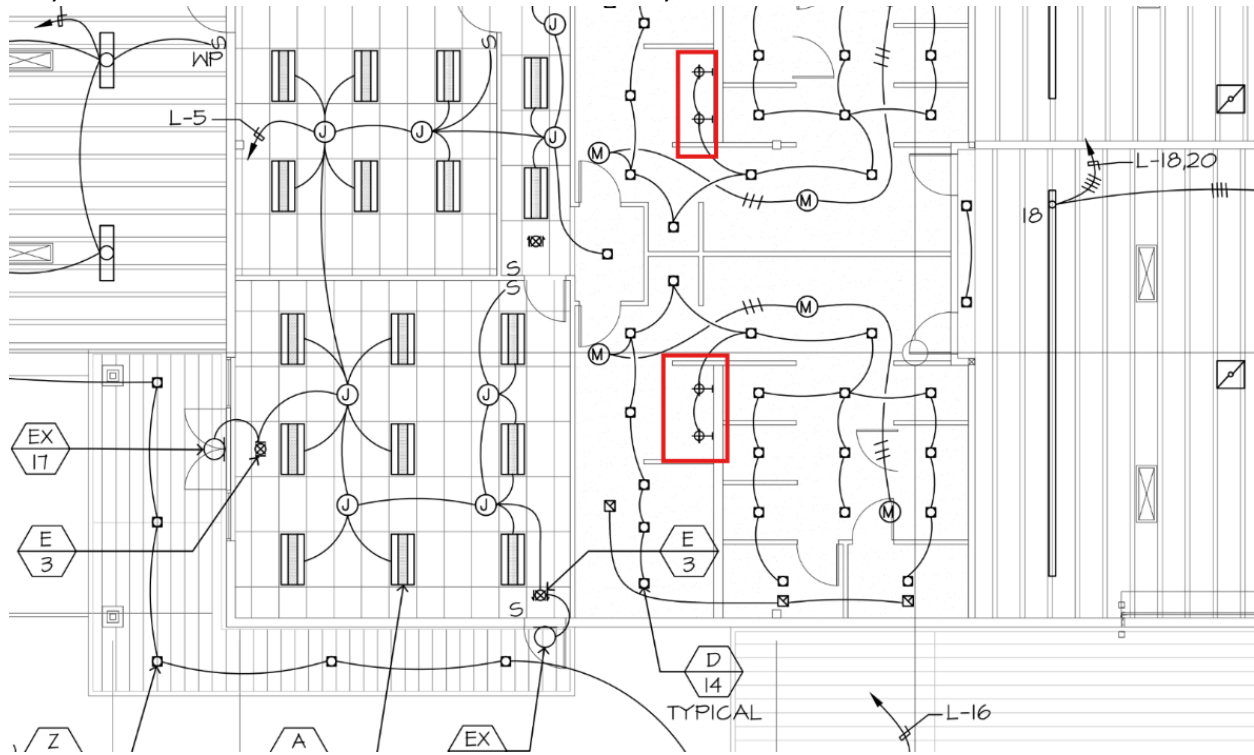
Is it acceptable to use different gear manufacturers other than squareD? (e.g. Eaton / Siemens).

Reply #15

Yes, alternative gear manufacturers are acceptable if they meet UL listing requirements and are equivalent to the specified gear manufacturer.

Inquiry #16

Per sheet E312, restrooms 116 & 112: Please provide fixture type for the 4 fixtures in the attached photo they are not shown on the fixture schedule nor are they labeled. See attached Photo.



Reply #16

These light fixtures shall be 'Lithonia' "FMVCSLS 24IN MVOLT 30K35K40K 90CRI BN M6" or approved equal. This information shall be added to sheet E002A under an addendum.

Inquiry #17

Please provide a lighting control diagram and switch types.

Reply #17

No lighting control diagram. There is no lighting control panel. Switch types are listed as quiet toggle type on sheet E001.

Inquiry #18

Sheet C5 site utility plan is showing more pole lights than what is shown on sheet E101. Which plan has the correct amount of light poles?

Reply #18

Please follow sheet E101 for light pole quantities and locations. Sheet E102 has a photometric plan based on the quantities and locations shown on sheet E101. The number of pole lights shall be corrected on sheets C2A and A100B under an addendum.

Inquiry #19

1-line is showing the conduit for PV coming from MSB. Sheet E210 is showing it coming from panel G. Which one is correct?

Reply #19

PV system should be connected to MSB. Contractor to coordinate with PV system designer. This information shall be added to sheet E210A under an addendum.

Inquiry #20

Is a fire alarm needed in the building or parking garage? If so, please provide plans & Specs.

Reply #20

Fire alarm system is required in both buildings. This is listed as a deferred submittal on sheet T100 for both buildings. Fire sprinkler plans for the warehouse building have been included. Fire sprinkler plans for the garage shall be a deferred submittal coordinated by the contractor. This information shall be added to sheet T100A under an addendum.

Inquiry #21

Please confirm the mechanical contractor is providing all equipment & control devices for exhaust fans.

Reply #21

Yes, mechanical contractor shall provide all equipment and control devices for exhaust fans per Sequence of Operation General Note #2 on sheet M100.

Inquiry #22

The lighting control drawings are not complete. The symbol schedule shows use of normal single gang switches. Is a new lighting or control drawing coming out. Also, is MC Cable ok for use on this project.

Reply #22

Lighting plan shows switches and dimmers. No lighting control diagram was provided since no lighting control panel was provided. Switch types are listed as quiet toggle type on sheet E001. MC cabling is okay for lighting circuits ONLY. All other circuits must be in conduit. This information will be added on sheet E001A under an addendum.

Inquiry #23

Several pages of the architectural plans such as A600 refer to a finish schedule but there does not appear to be one provided. Please provide a finish schedule as sheet A810 is just the finish plan and does not show a schedule of all of the finishes.

Reply #23

Finish schedules were previously provided on sheets A811 and A812. Updated finish schedules will be provided on sheets A811B and A812B in an upcoming addendum.

Inquiry #24

Please provide an installation detail or clarify the required depth for Item Crushed Gravel K-02 shown on Sheet LC.01.

Reply #24

Crushed gravel is to be installed per Detail F/LD.01, which calls for a depth of 4".

Inquiry #25

Please provide the manufacturer and model number for Bike Rack R-11 shown on Sheet LC.01.

Reply #25

The callout for the bike rack is shown on sheet LC.01 as a reference, and says refer to architect, who provided the site hardscape layout and site furnishings. Bike racks shall be 30"-36" "U" shaped "Welle Series" by 'Palmer Group' or approved equal. Racks shall be embedded in concrete per manufacturer's requirements. Bike rack information shall be added to sheet A100B and detail 28/AD2A.

Inquiry #26

Please clarify whether the Decomposed Granite K-01 shown on Sheet LC.01 is stabilized or non-stabilized.

Reply #26

Decomposed Granite is to be non-stabilized. This information will be added to sheet LC.01A under an addendum.

Inquiry #27

Referring to Section 32 9300, Part 3.5(E), backfill is specified as 5 parts native soil and 1 part organic amendment. However, the Soil Amendment Notes on Sheet LP.00 indicate 6 parts on-site soil and 4 parts nitrolized shavings. Please clarify the required plant backfill ratio.

Reply #27

Section 3.5(A)(7)(e) refers to the Setting of Larger Plants & is specifically referring to the backfilling of the planting pit of larger plants. Section 3.5(A)(10) refers to the landscape mulch to be provided in the general planter areas. There is no conflict with these specifications. Mulch in planter areas designated to receive mulch, is to be bark mulch, 3-inches in depth.

Inquiry #28

Referring to Planting Note #9 on Sheet LP.00, mulch is specified as bark mulch installed at a depth of 3 inches. However, Section 32 9300 specifies chipped mulch, and Part 3.5 specifies mulch installed at a depth of 2 inches in planter areas and areas not exceeding 30% slope. Please clarify the required mulch type and installation depth.

Reply #28

Mulch in planter areas designated to receive mulch, is to be bark mulch, 3-inches in depth.

Inquiry #29

On Sheet LI.01, the controller symbol is shown within the warehouse with a note stating that the precise location shall be coordinated with the Owner prior to construction. Please clarify whether the controller will be installed indoors or outdoors near the planting area.

Reply #29

The irrigation controller (Hunter I2C-2400-SS) is to be a stainless-steel wall mounted cabinet, located on the exterior of the building. Precise location of the wall mounted controller cabinet is to be determined by the owner or the owner's authorized representative. This information shall be added to sheet LI.01A under an addendum.

Inquiry #30

According to the General Irrigation Notes on Sheet LI.00, all irrigation piping beneath paved areas shall be installed within a Schedule 40 sleeve having a diameter twice that of the carrier pipe. However, the Irrigation Sleeve Size Chart does not consistently follow this requirement. Please clarify whether sleeve sizing shall be per the General Notes or the Sleeve Size Chart.

Reply #30

Irrigation sleeving is to be installed per the Irrigation Sleeve Size Chart located on sheets LI.00 & LI.01. This information shall be updated on sheet LI.00A under an addendum.

Inquiry #31

Referring to Detail F/LD.01, a 6-inch round valve box is shown for the gate valve. However, Specification 32 84 00, Part 2, Section O requires a 10-inch x 10-1/4-inch round valve box (Model 910-12B) for all gate valves. Please clarify the required valve box size.

Reply #31

Irrigation gate valves are to be installed per the specification, in a 10-inch x 10-1/4-inch round valve box (Model 910-12B). Detail F/LD.01 shall be updated under an addendum.

Inquiry #32

Referring to Section 32 84 00, Part 2.1(L), connections between the irrigation controller and electrical control valves shall be made with direct-burial copper wire. However, Detail I on Sheet LD.02 indicates wire bundle conduit throughout. Please clarify whether control wires installed within planting areas are required to be installed in conduit or may be direct buried.

Reply #32

Irrigation control wire is to be installed per the specification. The Master Valve and common wires shall be installed within 1-1/2 inch schedule 40 PVC conduit along with flow sensor cable.

Inquiry #33

Referring to Specification 32 84 00, Part 3.04(G), all irrigation lines shall maintain a minimum clearance of 6 inches from each other and from lines of other trades. However, Detail J/LD.02 indicates a minimum clearance of 4 inches. Please clarify the required pipe clearance.

Reply #33

Irrigation line clearance to be maintained at 6", per the specifications. Detail J/LD.02 shall be updated under an addendum.

Inquiry #34

Part 3.04(C) of Section 32 84 00 requires sand bedding extending 6 inches below the pipe and 3 inches above the pipe for piping located under pavement. However, Detail J on Sheet LD.02 requires sand backfill throughout the entire trench. Please clarify the required sand bedding and backfill requirements.

Reply #34

Irrigation trenching and backfill under paving is to be installed per the specification 32 8400, Part 3.4(C). Trenches located under areas where paving, asphaltic concrete, or concrete will be installed, shall be backfilled with sand (a layer six inches [6"] below the pipe and three inches [3"] above the pipe) and compacted in layers to 95% compaction, using manual or mechanical tamping device. Detail J/LD.02 shall be updated under an addendum.

Inquiry #35

Please provide the order of precedence for the bidding and contract documents in the event of discrepancies between plans, specifications, details, notes, and schedules.

Reply #35

Refer to Section 5-1.02, Contract Components, of the Caltrans Standard Specifications.

Inquiry #36

Detail A/C4 shows a CMU or Concrete wall to be shown. Detail 11/S3.2 shows a concrete wall and not a CMU wall. Please confirm this wall is to be constructed per 11/S3.2

Reply #36

Yes, this wall will be constructed per detail 11/S3.2. Detail A/C4 shall be updated under an addendum.

Inquiry #37

Section 5-1.24 of Construction Surveys states that the Owner will be having a survey crew onsite. Please confirm all survey work is provided by the owner and is excluded from our GMP pricing.

Reply #37

Yes, all survey work is provided by the owner.

Inquiry #38

Section 2-1.44 states "except for building construction non-federal aid contract, the Contractor must perform work equalling at least 30 percent of value of the original total bid." Is this applicable to this project due to funding requirements?

Reply #38

This is a building-construction non-federal-aid project. Accordingly, the 30% minimum self-performance requirement DOES NOT apply to this project.

Inquiry #39

Is fire Alarm Needed in the building?

Reply #39

Fire alarm system is required in the building. This is listed as a deferred submittal on sheet T100 for the buildings. Fire sprinkler plans for the warehouse building have been included.

Inquiry #40

Is the Fire Alarm needed for the parking garage, if so please provide plans & Specs.

Reply #40

Fire alarm system is required in the parking garage. This is listed as a deferred submittal on sheet T100 for the parking garage. Fire sprinkler plans for the garage shall be a deferred submittal coordinated by the contractor. This information shall be added to sheet T100A under an addendum.