



**City of Portsmouth
Department of Public Works**

ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

**BID# 40-24
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH NH
CHEMICAL BID**

The addendum forms part of the original document marked: BID# 40-24, Annual Chemical Bid, Portsmouth NH. Acknowledge this addendum within your proposal. Failure to do so may subject bidder to disqualification.

The following questions have been asked and answered as follows:

Question 1: Would we be immediately disqualified if we submitted a Powdered Activated Carbon product that was not HydroDarco B?

Answer 1: This year's bid specifically requests HydroDarco B PAC; however, technical specifications for other manufacturers can be emailed to Al Pratt (anpratt@cityofportsmouth.com) for consideration in future annual chemical bids.

Question 2: Is the city currently using both potassium and sodium permanganate?

Answer 2: The City is currently using sodium permanganate only; however, potassium permanganate may be needed thus is included in this bid.

Question 3: The specification for potassium permanganate states "shall be manufactured by CAIROX or equivalent.."

- a) How will you determine what an equivalent product is?
- b) Is import material pre-approved?
- c) If the bid from a supplier that will be supplying CAIROX is close to the low bidder, will you award to the bidder supplying CAIROX?

Answer 3a: For a product to be considered "equivalent", testing would need to be performed at the wastewater facilities under the direction of the Chief Plant Operators (CPOs). Performance would be evaluated by CPOs for the determination whether it is an "equivalent" product. Please contact Peter Conroy (paconroy@cityofportsmouth.com) to request testing. Scheduling of testing and acceptance of test results is solely at the discretion of the City of Portsmouth Wastewater CPOs.

3b: Imported materials will be considered if performance and chemical composition are "equivalent" to domestic approved products.

3c: The lowest responsible bidder of CAIROX or a demonstrated "equivalent" will be awarded.

Question 4: The specification for sodium permanganate states “shall be manufactured by CARUS or equivalent...”

- a) How will you determine what an equivalent product is?
- b) Is import material pre-approved?
- c) If the bid from a supplier that will be supplying Carus is close to the low bidder, will you award to the bidder supplying Carus?

Answer 4: All answers to Question 3 also pertain to Question 4.

Question 5: Can you provide the bid prices from last year's bids?

Answer 5: Yes, bid prices from last year's bids are posted on the City's website.

<https://files.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/bids/34-23bidtab.pdf>