

**Northwest Sewer Extension
City of Hickory**

ADDENDUM NO. 1

August 25, 2026



8/25/2026

Freese and Nichols, Inc
North Carolina Registered Firm C-3916

BID DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
TO: Prospective Bidders and Other Plan Holders

The following additions, deletions, modifications, or clarifications shall be made to the appropriate sections of the plans and specifications and shall become a part of the Contract Documents. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided on the Bid form.

BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:

A1-1 Remove Appendix B – SRF Requirements in its entirety.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

None

DRAWINGS:

None

CONTRACTOR'S QUESTIONS:

Question	Response
Q1: Will there be any allowance for rock excavation due to site conditions?	A1: All excavation is to remain unclassified.
Q2: Will contractors be able to get access to site from 9 th Ave side and use area for laydown?	A2: Property is owned by Hickory with Duke easement across. Contractor would be responsible for replacing curb and sidewalk impacted. E/SC permit will have to be modified. Assuming no jurisdictional impacts, access this direction would be acceptable pending permit approval from NCDEQ.

Question	Response
Q3: Are there any domestic purchasing requirements?	A3: No BABA requirements.
Q4: Is there and Engineers estimate?	A4: Yes, \$4.3 M
Q5: Would the access road behind the maintenance building need to be built up for use during construction?	A5: City currently only drives pickup trucks with trailers on the gravel drive. If dump trucks and other heavy equipment were to use access, contractor would be responsible for temporary means to meet E/SC requirements and for returning the access drive to existing conditions or better.
Q6: Will special considerations be made for long lead times on pumps and generators?	A6: Time frame for project may be adjusted if needed to allow additional lead time, to be discussed with low-bidder.
Q7: Can pavement restoration on 14 th Ave be done all at once instead of at the end of each day, as long as safe conditions are made with ABC or other stone?	A7: Yes, at least one lane of road must remain passable by 18-wheeler traffic throughout construction. Temporary roadway (ABC) must be suitable for heavy traffic. Contractor to remove and replace one full lane of asphalt roadway.
Q8: Who is doing the inspection?	A8: City will have inspectors on site, and FNI will have part time inspector.
Q9: What requirements would there be if blasting is needed?	A9: Blasting would require applicable permits/coordination with the local fire department and an approved blasting plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes and Sign In Sheet

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

ATTACHMENT 1

PRE-BID MEETING MINUTES AND SIGN IN SHEET

MEETING MINUTES



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Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes

Hickory NW Sewer Extension

City of Hickory

August 18, 2026

**Location: Winkler Park Activity Building,
2500 Clemet Blvd NW, Hickory, NC 28601**

Bids Opening: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM

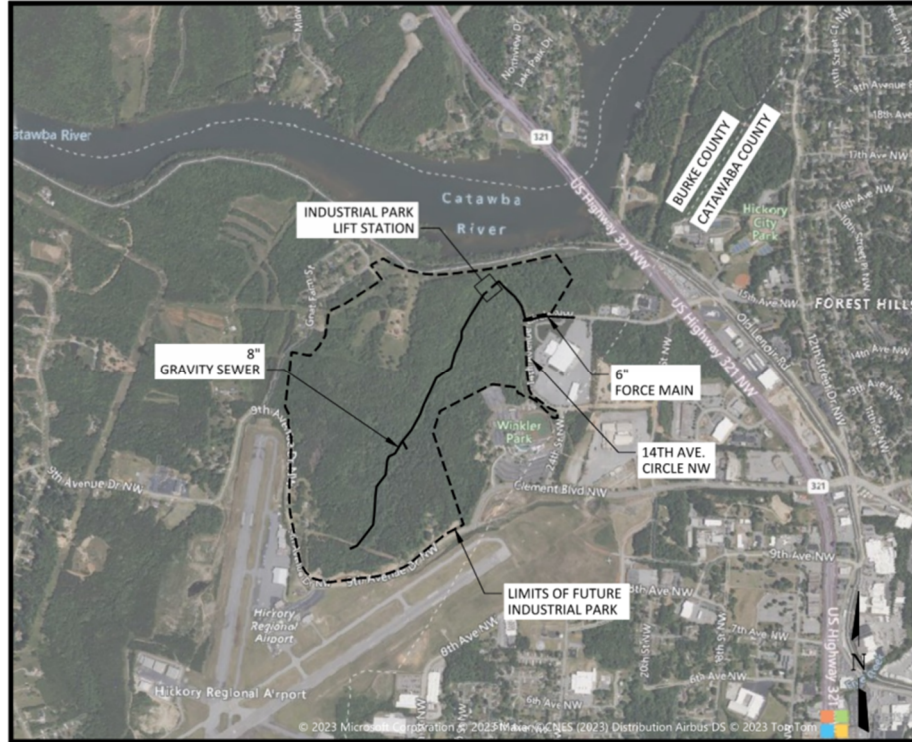
Bid Opening Location: City Hall, 76 N. Center St, Hickory, NC 28601

1. Introduction of Team Members

- a. Owner – City of Hickory
 - i. Will Hamblin, PE – Public Utilities Director (whamblin@hickorync.gov)
 - ii. Caleb Bynum, PE – Assistant Public Utilities Director (cbynum@hickorync.gov)
 - iii. Will McCarrick, PE – Public Utilities Project Manager
(wmccarrick@hickorync.gov)
- b. Engineer – Freese and Nichols
 - i. Sam Beavans, PE – Project Manager (sam.beavans@freese.com)
 - ii. Robert Krantz, PE – Project Engineer (robert.krantz@freese.com)
- c. Bidders and Others Attending
 - i. Introductions - **See Sign-In Sheet for Attendees**

2. Review of Project Scope

- a. Construction of a 0.36 MGD duplex wastewater lift station to serve the currently undeveloped Hickory Innovation District.
 - i. **The pump station is sized for the future industrial flows anticipated within the sewer basin. Initial flows will be zero.**
- b. Construction of approximately 3,940 linear feet of 8-inch PVC gravity sewer and manholes extending from the lift station location south through the future innovation district including a 91 linear foot aerial crossing.
 - i. **Future industries will make their own connections to the outfall for sewer service. Alignment generally follows stream, impacts have all been permitted and any changes would require re-permitting.**
 - ii. **Topography on site is something to take note of.**
- c. Construction of approximately 1,370 linear feet of 6-inch HDPE force main extending from the lift station location east to 14th Ave Circle NW, discharging to existing gravity sewer.
- d. All supervision, labor, materials, equipment, tools, incidentals, and related items required for construction of the project as shown in the plans and included in the specifications.
 - i. **Contractor will be responsible for construction permit fees.**
 1. **Anticipating needing building permit and electrical permit.**
- e. Substantial/Final Completion: 360/390 days



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4. Allowances

- a. Allowance 1 – Soil and Concrete Testing Allowance: \$20,000
 - i. Third party testing firm, no requirements on specific companies only that they are licensed and qualified. They will contract directly with the Contractor.
- b. Allowance 2 – Construction Permit Fees: \$10,000
 - i. Necessary permits are anticipated to be building and electrical permit.

5. Bidding Document Review

- a. Instructions to Bidders – Section 00 21 13
 - i. Bids held for up to 120 days
 - 1. 120 days to allow time for DWI to review and approve.
- b. Bid Form – Section 00 42 23
 - i. Page 1 – Include Bidder's name at top of sheet.
 - ii. Page 2 – Acknowledge each addendum in space provided.
 - iii. Page 4 – Fill in bid amounts in Paragraph A and Total Base Bid amount in Paragraph C in figures.
 - 1. Item 2: Lump sum bid price for all work inside the limits of the lift station fence.
 - 2. Items 3-12: Linear work and associated components.
 - 3. Paragraph B - allowances.
 - 4. Paragraph C – Total Base Bid
 - iv. Restrained joint pipe is included for aerial crossing.
 - v. The force main discharge manhole is separate line item due to special coating requirements.
- c. Attach executed Bid bond
- d. Execute Non-Collusive Affidavit
- e. Execute E-Verify Affidavit
- f. Execute Iran Divestment Act Certification

- g. Statement of Qualifications – Section 00 45 16: For apparent low bidder within 5 days after bid
- h. SRF Requirements – pending confirmation from DWI
 - i. Good Faith Effort (all bidders)
 - ii. Table A: Prime Contractor and list of selected subcontractors Davis Bacon Wages (all bidders)
 - iii. Table B: Subcontract Solicitation List (low bidder only)
 - iv. This project is funded through SRF via direct appropriations.
 - v. Based on recent legislative changes in NC, HUB requirements will be removed via first addendum.

6. Permits (Appendix A)

- a. NCDEQ Sewer Extension Permit
- b. NCDEQ Erosion/Sediment Control Permit
 - i. Any changes to project impact areas will require additional permitting.
- c. 404/401
 - i. Project (temporary) impacts to jurisdictional streams which triggered the permit.
 - ii. Site is within a protected water supply area, draining to Lake Hickory.
 - iii. Modifications to impacts will require re-permitting.

7. Addenda

- a. Comments and questions from the meeting today, as well as other questions submitted to the Engineer will be addressed by addendum, if appropriate.
- b. Addenda may be issued to clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Documents as deemed advisable by Owner or Engineer.
- c. All questions must be submitted at least 10 days prior to bid opening due to DWI required review/approval of addenda.

8. General and Site Requirements

- a. Regular working hours 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, M – F, except Holidays. Requests to work outside these hours must be submitted to the Owner for approval in writing at least 7 days in advance
- b. Site access discussion
 - i. Main construction access is intended to be from 14th Ave Circle NW.
 - ii. Secondary access is existing gravel drive near baseball stadium, which has a gate. Gate access will be coordinated between contractor and Hickory. Hickory owns and operates a pump station in close proximity to the gate.
 - iii. The baseball stadium has fireworks on Friday nights which could affect access due to closed roads, but this should not be an issue during normal working hours.
- c. Temporary staging and laydown area
 - i. Shown on plans.
- d. Plan flip through
 - i. Topography on site is an item to consider.
 - ii. Limiting creek impacts as shown on plans given permitting implications.
 - iii. Note that there are some steeper slopes between manholes.
 - 1. Used drop manholes address slope and depth where feasible.
 - iv. Sheet GS-3: The stub-out is for sewer service on proposed parcel.
 - v. Concrete encasement was used at creek crossings to prevent scoring from reaching pipe under creek.

- vi. Geotech report is in Appendix C of bid package.
- vii. Sheet FM-2 shows the discharge manhole with the existing 8" downstream sewer main.
- viii. Lift Station will have SCADA, included in plans and specifications and covered under base bid, no separate allowance.

9. Project Schedule / Contract Time

- a. Bid Opening – September 15, 2026 (Bids held for up to 120 days)
- b. Contract Award – January 2027
- c. Notice to Proceed – January 2027
- d. Substantial Completion – 360 calendar days after NTP
- e. Final Completion – 390 calendar days after NTP
- f. Liquidated Damages - \$500 per day for Substantial Completion and Final Completion

10. Questions and Responses

- a. Refer to Questions and Responses in Addendum 1.

MEETING SIGN IN SHEET



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PROJECT NAME: Hickory NW Sewer Extension

PROJECT NUMBER: HR21856

MEETING PURPOSE: Pre-Bid Meeting (Non-mandatory)

DATE: 8/18/2026

FACILITATOR: Sam Beavans

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