

**COUNTY OF DELAWARE**  
**ADDENDUM # 1**  
**COUNTYWIDE NETWORK OF FLOOD/STREAM GAUGES INSTALLATION (eDPL-092826)**

The County of Delaware advertised on the County of Delaware's website/PennBid and in the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily Times newspapers the Invitation to Bid for: COUNTYWIDE NETWORK OF FLOOD/STREAM GAUGES INSTALLATION (eDPL-092826) on Wednesday, July 24, 2026. Submissions are to be received via PennBid on Monday, August 31, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.

**\*\*\*BID QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS AND ANSWERS\*\*\***

**Question #1:** The RFP states that the "contractor will be responsible for finding the optimal location for placement and installation" of the sensors.

Is the County requesting that the contractor provide hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) engineering services to determine the appropriate sensor locations, or will County staff identify the general locations based on historical flooding, known problem areas, and other available data, with the contractor then responsible for determining the optimal installation point within each County-designated location?

Please clarify the County's expectations regarding how sensor locations are to be identified and the level of engineering or site analysis expected of the contractor.

**Answer:** Appendix A provides general locational guidelines for gauge installations. County staff will collaborate with the contractor to develop an installation approach for the gauges. No H&H services are needed.

**Question #2:** Does the county want the flood sensor surveyed at the installation location to calculate against MSL?

**Answer:** No survey at the installation location is necessary.

The following are questions that I received after the deadline has passed via email. As such, we are under no obligation to answer them, but I wanted to keep you informed.

**Question #1:** Does the County already use software to ingest and manage monitoring data? If so, what software is currently used? Is the county looking for alternative software and if so, what are the requirements?

**Answer:** The County will be utilizing already purchased AWARE software (that is related to the purchased gauges).

**Question #2:** The RFP's use of the terms "vendor" and "contractor" are unclear. On page 4 in the Introduction to the RFP, the first two sentences appear to refer to Respondents to this RFP as both "vendors" (in the first sentence) and as "contractor" in the second sentence, although Section 2. Administrative Conditions and Requirements on page 5 specifies that bidders for this siting and installation project will be "hereinafter referred to as "Respondent" or "Contractor.""

Given these instances, to whom does the term "vendor" refer in the first sentence of both Section 2.20.2 and 2.20.3 of the RFP, where "vendor" is used in the same sentence as "Contractor?" as follows:

- 1.20.2 System Operation: *If **vendor's** proposal requires the use of AI functionality, the **Contractor's** solution must:* (etc)., and
- 1.20.3 Certification and Audit rights: *If the awarded **vendor's** submitted proposal involved the use of AI, **Contractor** shall provide, upon request:* (etc). (notice in particular the use of past tense, "submitted" and "involved," in describing the vendor's apparently previous activities).

Please clarify the requirements of Sections 2.20 and 2.21 in the RFP with respect to the scope of work. Specifically:

In these sentences, does “vendor” refer to AWARE Monitoring Systems, from whom the County has already purchased the AWARE gauges to be installed? This is the interpretation that seems most likely, but if it is correct, has the County already made the determination that AWARE Monitoring System’s “awarded” “submitted proposal” involved the use of AI functionality with respect to the software (described in their materials, including as Appendix B) provided as the default destination for the AWARE gage data reports? Or does the County expect the (awarded) installation Contractor to *make this determination as part of the Scope of Work*?

If the County has already made the determination that the software product available with the purchase of the AWARE gages violates the County’s requirements with regard to AI, then presumably the (awarded) installation Contractor will be tasked with re-configuring the AWARE gages to report to an alternative software product. If so, per Question 1, is it software that the County already possesses, or should the (responding) Contractor’s proposal include the provision of software that can be certified as required by Section 2.20.3? If a software solution is part of the scope of work for this installation project, will the County and/or AWARE be able to provide specifications for the data format and communication methods that are supported by the gages that are to be installed?

**Answer:** The County has purchased both the gauge units and has software/dashboard support for their operation. The awardee for this RFP will not have any responsibility related to software and/or AI. This project is solely for the physical installation of the flood gauge units. Any usage of AI in evaluation of the locations or for installing the flood gauge units must be disclosed.