



Date:	<b>February 20, 2026</b>
Subject:	<b>Questions Asked &amp; Answered.</b>
Solicitation:	<b>IFB 6100065371</b>
Due Date/Time:	<b>March 3, 2026/01:30PM EST</b>
Addendum Number:	<b>3</b>

To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation "Addendum" as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals), including but not limited to questions and answers, which are considered a material part of the solicitation.

**Please see the following update:** Addendum 3 does the following: Questions asked and answered.

**Are you looking just to paint over the graffiti, or do you want to make the area uniform?**

The department is looking for the graffiti to be covered, as close to the color as possible. At the discretion of the Department Representative on site, guidance will be provided.

**Will traffic be diverted i.e.; will a lane be closed and traffic direct into other lanes?**

Painting will not take place over live traffic. PennDOT will be providing the necessary traffic control.

**How many crews can vendors have active at one time?**

A maximum of two crews can be active at one time.

**What steps are required to becoming a PennDOT Certified Drone Operator? Who would I contact regarding this?**

PennDOT conducts monthly certification classes. Each session is open to FAA Part 107 Certified Pilots and is approximately an hour long. During this time, we review FAA regulations that are pertinent to PennDOT and instruct pilots on PennDOT UAS policies and Publication 832. - Contact Brian Walter: 717-395-9196

**Are we able to submit a bid prior to the due date?**

All bidders must submit their bids electronically through the Commonwealth's electronic system (SRM) via the PA Supplier Portal: [www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us](http://www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us). Bids can be uploaded any time prior to the bid closing date and time, which can be found on the Solicitation.

**Is there a way to review the information in the eMarketplace?**

All required information can be found on eMarketplace under Solicitation# 6100065371. All required attachments are located under "Related Solicitation Files".

**Do we supply our own water supply?**

If water is required for the operation, yes.

**Runoff: Does the city/state require you to capture the runoff?**

If the water is contaminated with paint, yes it cannot drain into the storm sewer system.

**Mobilization: Deployment of flight crew, safety perimeter setup, and FAA airspace authorization. Should this be calculated in the square footage? Mobilization differs from site to site.**

Those tasks are incidental to the square feet payment.

**Product Type: "100% Acrylic Elastomeric Masonry Coating." Are your paint suggestions in this category?**

Needs to be Bulletin 15 approved product and section 1045 is where you would pull your product

**Methodology Confirmation (Abatement vs. Restoration): "The scope references 'graffiti removal,' but standard industry practice for porous concrete infrastructure is often encapsulation (painting over) rather than abrasive removal, which can damage the substrate. Can you confirm if encapsulation via color-matched masonry coating is the preferred method for the bridge/overpass surfaces?"**

This would depend on the condition of the current coating. If the current coating is in good condition with no significant signs of cracking, flacking or other forms of deterioration then encapsulation with a color matching would be appropriate. However, if the current coating is not in good condition and is showing signs of deterioration then before you can coat it you would need to remove the damaged coating before applying the new one anyway.

**Material Specifications (QPL): "Does the agency require the coating product to be selected from a specific *Qualified Products List (QPL)* or adhere to a specific *Fed-Std-595 color code*? If not, do you prefer a breathable elastomeric coating to prevent moisture entrapment in the bridge concrete?"**

Needs to be a bulletin 15 approved product and section 1045 is where you would pull your product from. When using a bulletin 15 section 1045 system Moisture Vapor Transmission is one of the performance properties required to pass to be listed. When coating concrete we require a system that allows for moisture transmission out of the concrete.

**Signage Treatment (Critical Distinction): "Regarding the signage component: Standard abatement coatings cannot be applied to retro-reflective sign faces without violating MUTCD standards. Can you confirm that the scope for signage is strictly *solvent cleaning/restoration* rather than painting? If so, is there a specific solvency limit for the cleaning agents?"**

You cannot paint over retro-reflective signs so your choice would be cleaning. As far as solvency limits that would be a question for the sign sheeting manufacturer as to their recommended cleaning method or solvent. Below is a clip from a Bulletin 15 approved 3M reflective sheeting TDS on graffiti removal

### **11.5 Graffiti Removal**

When graffiti must be removed from a reflective sign, restoration may be attempted. The type of graffiti marking material (type of paint, ink, etc.) and duration of exposure both influence how likely removal is to result in sign damage. When attempting to remove graffiti, the following escalation of cleaner strength is recommended:

- 1 Soap and water
- 2 Isopropyl alcohol
- 3 3M™ Industrial Cleaner Citrus Base
- 4 Mineral spirits
- 5 Commercially available graffiti removers

Each of the above-listed solvents has the potential to permanently damage sheeting surfaces if exposure time is too long. When attempting to remove graffiti from a sign using a solvent, it is strongly recommended that the solvent be tested on a small and inconspicuous portion of the sign, using a cloth moistened with the cleaning agent, to assess the potential for sheeting or process color damage before applying the cleaner to the entire sign.

**NOTE:** Some cleaners do not affect daytime appearance but do cause loss of retroreflectivity. View cleaned areas with a light source after cleaning to ensure that retroreflectivity has not been affected.

**All purpose-specific graffiti removers have significant potential to damage reflective sheetings.** The use of 3M™ Premium Protective Overlay Series 1160i Film facilitates graffiti removal properties. However, overexposure to graffiti removers can also damage Series 1160i overlay. See [3M Product Bulletin 1160i](#) for details and recommendations.

It may be possible to remove the graffiti before continued rubbing damages the sheeting or removes the process color. However, continued or repeated cleaning with these solvents will result in loss of reflectivity, removal of screened color, and reduced durability.

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous Addendum(s), remain as originally written.

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