

**Questions and Answers 2 :**

Q1. In order to make a more thorough structural engineering analysis of the existing concrete bases, which may be subject to overturning based on low-probability high wind loads, may we please have more information about the concrete base support conditions and depth information?

A1. The existing concrete bases are constructed as per the previously provided "USI Drawing for 'E-50 Temporary Pole Base'". No additional information is available.

Q2. As part of the equipment's lightning protection, ground rods may need to be driven into the soil, potentially up to eight feet. Are there existing ground rods at the bases? If not, can/will the NRC confirm the locations of any underground services? Will it be acceptable for the winning bidder to install these ground rods? Will the rods need to be removed at the end of contract or can they be left in place?

A2. The contractor shall determine the requirements for lightning protection. The contractor is responsible for the location of underground services, if required. It is acceptable to install these rods. If installed, they may be left in place at the end of the contract.

Q3. Amendment 1 indicates that "NRC anticipates that the work will begin on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 [...]". Does this mean that the equipment shall be installed and collecting data by this date, or that installation of the equipment on NRC's campus grounds will start on this date?

A3. NRC anticipates or estimates that the work will begin on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. NRC would prefer to have the system up and running by May 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 but these dates are estimates only. These dates are not mandatory.

Q4. In relation to the question above, can the NRC provide a contract award date?

A4. Estimated Contract award date is approximately 2 to 3 weeks after the tender closes.