

DEVELOPERS
“BID PROCEDURE FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATION FOR
VALPARAISO CITY UTILITIES”

For information on material selection and installation procedures, please refer to Valparaiso City Utilities Construction Specifications.

For cost quoting, the Valparaiso City Utilities understands that any development may ask numerous Contractors for quotes on all facets of their project.

Contractor mobilization represents a major expense; therefore, if a Developer can mobilize only one (1) Contractor to do all of the underground work they can generally see a cost savings.

The Utility understands this and encourages the Developer to get costs of the water main installation from as many Contractors as they are comfortable with.

After a selection of the top one or two Contractors is made, the Developer needs to relay their choice to the Utilities Distribution Manager for approval.

In most cases, the Contractor will be approved, providing that they can show verifiable references of ductile-iron pipe installation, proper proof of insurance, equipment list, and manpower availability, as well as be prepared to guarantee their work for a period of one (1) year after acceptance.

Upon acceptance of the Contractor by both parties, the Contractor shall provide the Utility with their quote to complete the job. At that time, the Utility will add the appropriate costs for fees, inspections, and meters to the quote, and present the quote and a contract to the Developer.

Once the Developer returns the signed contract to the Utility, the Developer – if in good credit standing – is expected to also pay an up-front cost of one-half of the total project cost, with the remaining one-half to be paid at the completion of installation.

With this in place, the Utility will then enter into a contract with the Contractor of choice and said Contractor will be working for, and paid by, the Utility.

Questions or concerns can be directed to the Utilities’ Distribution Manager.