

**Addendum No. 3 to IFB #26-49**



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Department of Procurement and Contracting Services**

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To: All Parties on Record with the City of Somerville as Holding IFB #26-49 FY26 Veterans Cemetery & City Monuments Preservation Project

From: Felisa Gárate, Senior Procurement Manager

Date: 3/10/2026

Re: Questions and Answers  
Extension of Bid Submission Deadline

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### Extension of Bid Submission Deadline

The City of Somerville is extending the bid submission deadline to: **Thursday, March 12th, 2026, at 2:30PM**

#	Question	Answer
1.	It is our understanding that the cemetery is phase 1 and does not include the other monuments listed in the Daedalus report. Does the scope include all monuments in the report or throughout the cemetery?	Phase 1 includes only the Veterans Memorial Cemetery as defined in the IFB and the Daedalus Preservation Assessment. The scope does not include the additional City monuments listed elsewhere in the Daedalus report. Only the cemetery monuments identified in the Phase 1 scope are included in this contract.
2.	What are the work hours? Is there storage space? Are we able to use equipment on the asphalt?	Work hours are 8am-5pm. You would be allowed to use equipment on the asphalt; however, any damage incurred would be the vendors responsibility to repair at their own expense and time. No storage space can be allocated by the City of Somerville.
3.	The current condition of the fence is out of alignment. Is it to be priced to bring it back into alignment or is the current alignment to remain?	The fence should be priced to remain in its current alignment. The scope includes conservation treatment, stabilization, and re-anchoring where needed, but realignment of the entire fence line is not included.
4.	There is mention of having us restore the landscaping grading. What would you like us to do? Loam and seed, weed, etc.	Cultivate and grade as needed. Address any weeds by pulling/spraying and adding a 50/50 composted loam, with a perenial rye/kentucky bluegrass blend seed mix and add a starter fertilizer. The selected vendor will be maintaining this grass until establishment/sign off. If any irrigation damage is incurred during construction the vendor will repair at their expense to City of Somerville approval.
5.	Is the Veteran's cemetery phase #1? Are there more phases to come?	Yes. The Veterans Memorial Cemetery is Phase 1 of a multi-phase preservation effort. Future phases may address additional City monuments identified in the Daedalus report, subject to funding and approval.
6.	Are we fixing chips in the Vietnam Memorial? If so, what material should we use?	Yes, chips in the Vietnam Memorial are included. Repairs should use a color-matched granite patching compound appropriate for exterior memorial conservation, following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

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7.	For the WW2 cracked Marine Corp badge repair, are we able to install a dutchman style replacement of the badge or would you like to discuss this scope further?	A dutchman style repair may be proposed for review. Final treatment method will be approved by Veterans' Services prior to execution.
8.	There is a note regarding raising the markers to grade level. This will make them vulnerable to being damaged by the lawn mower. How would you like us to proceed?	<p>Markers should be reset flush with grade, consistent with the Daedalus recommendations.</p> <p>DPW Grounds will coordinate mowing practices to avoid damage. Grounds will walk site with selected vendor to review mowing practices. If flush with grade these would not be hit by Grounds mowers. Grounds will walk site pre and post construction to address any concerns and remediations.</p>
9.	<p>We have received our quote for the bronze restoration. The method that our subcontractor would like to use is the following:</p> <p><i>“The process I use is sandblasting with glass beads #60, mixed with walnut shells at 40 psi to remove all corrosion on plaque down to the raw bronze. (Just so you know, you can blast the back of your hand with this material, and it will not cut or burn your skin.) This process is not consistent with the recommendation cited. Although this is the process I have used for 30 years, and have not had any issues, contrary to criticisms by other bronze professionals. The brown patina is added, then the raised areas lightly sanded, to expose the lettering, and then three to five coats of Incredlac is applied.”</i></p> <p>This is not the recommended method in the provided report. Is it okay to use the method above? This is the only way that he completes his work.</p>	<p>All bronze conservation work must follow the methods and recommendations outlined in the IFB, the 2025 Daedalus Preservation Conditions Assessment, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Restoration.</p> <p>Abrasive cleaning methods, including sandblasting with glass beads or walnut shells, are not standard conservation practice for bronze markers and are not acceptable under the specified restoration approach. Contractors may submit alternative methods as a formal substitution request with supporting conservation documentation; however, abrasive blasting methods will not be approved.</p>
10.	What size are the markers?	24" x 12"