Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Lovington, New Mexico

NM-23

IFB: 2026-05b

“BABA Compliant Non-Wood Poles”

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INVITATION TO BID FOR PROJECT MATERIAL

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Issue Date: October 29, 2026

Overview

Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LCEC) whose main office is in Lovington, New Mexico, is inviting sealed proposals from qualified material suppliers to provide material items necessary to complete the project described within this document.

The scope of this solicitation is for materials only. No installation, construction, or labor services are included under this Invitation for Bids unless otherwise specifically stated herein.

LCEC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive minor irregularities, and/or cancel this Invitation for Bids in its entirety.

Sealed Bid Process

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions herein, will be received at the office of Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Lovington, New Mexico, until **Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. MT.** Bids will remain sealed until opened by a designated LCEC bid evaluation committee. Prior to opening any bid, each committee member shall execute a Sealed Bid Acknowledgement and Conflict of Interest certification. The committee will verify and document that all bids remained sealed and unopened until the committee convened for the official bid opening. Following such verification, bids will be opened and evaluated in accordance with the requirements and evaluation criteria contained in this solicitation.

Late Proposals will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated. The Bidder is solely responsible for ensuring that its Proposal is submitted sufficiently in advance to allow for timely delivery and receipt by LCEC. Delays associated with mail, courier services, electronic transmission, or other delivery methods do not extend the submission deadline.

Proposals shall remain valid for a period of **thirty (30) days** from the submission deadline.

Faxed or emailed bids will NOT be accepted.
Do not email a copy of your proposal.

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Material bids must be received by Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., MT at:

Robert Capps/Nathan Camp, Purchasing Department

Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

1300 West Ave D,

Lovington, NM 88260

Questions

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing to: RFP@lcecnet.com no later than: **Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. MT.**

Responses to questions will be posted in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document available on LCEC's website as they are answered. Bidders are responsible for reviewing the FAQ and any formal addenda prior to submitting their bids.

Addendum:

If substantial modifications are made to this solicitation beyond clarification in the "FAQ" document, an addendum will be issued. An Addendum Acknowledgement Form will be included with each addendum.

In the case of an addendum, Bidders are required to:

- Review all Addenda issued.
- Sign the Addendum Acknowledgement Form that will be provided with the addendum.
- Include the signed acknowledgement with their proposal submission.

Addenda issued become part of the solicitation and shall be incorporated into the bidder's proposal. Failure to acknowledge receipt of all addenda may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

The Cooperative reserves the right to issue written addenda to this solicitation at any time. All addenda will be distributed to all known prospective bidders.

Selection Rights:

Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals.
- Waive informalities or irregularities in proposals received.
- Request clarification or additional information from any bidder.
- Negotiate with one or more bidders.

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- Award the contract to the bidder deemed most responsive and responsible, and in the best interest of the Cooperative.

Special Note on prior Invitation for Bid "2026-05"

This IFB solicitation is a revised version of IFB-2026-05, which was cancelled due to receiving no qualified bids. Bidders are advised to review updated requirements, especially those related to BABA qualifications.

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Scope

Materials

The project generally consists of furnishing and delivering the following materials:

372 - 65'/1 non-wood transmission poles (see specifications in Section C).

The engineered steel pole drawing provided in Appendix C serves as the reference design for LCEC's required specifications. No specific brand or manufacturer is required or preferred.

Bidders may propose steel, ductile iron, or other engineered non-wood materials, provided the proposed poles conform to LCEC's required dimensions and configuration and meet or exceed the specified structural, loading, and performance requirements.

Material composition and material-specific manufacturing methods may differ based on the proposed material; however, such differences shall not alter LCEC's required finished-pole design and performance specifications.

Bidders proposing alternative non-wood materials must identify the proposed material and provide manufacturer specifications and supporting technical documentation demonstrating compliance with these requirements.Technical specifications are available in Appendix C.

Delivery

The successful bidder shall first manufacture and invoice all awarded materials, then securely store them at the vendor's and/or manufacturer's facility until LCEC requests delivery which will be in multiple shipments from time of award for a period of up to two years.

Final locations will be specified at a later date.

Ownership:

Upon payment of invoice, the materials shall become the sole property of LCEC. During storage, the materials shall be clearly identified as LCEC property and maintained with reasonable care consistent with standard industry storage practices.

Procurement:

The selected vendor shall be responsible for the procurement and delivery of all materials identified in this solicitation unless otherwise directed by the Cooperative.

All materials shall be:

- New and unused
- Suitable for utility-grade as per RUS specifications
- Deliveries must be made by self-unloader trucks
- Bid prices shall be stated FOB destination to the location specified

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Qualifications

Build America, Buy America (BABA)

All materials and equipment must comply with Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements, or their bid will be deemed non-responsive.

- **Bidders must provide a BABA compliance certification on the manufacturer's official letterhead, signed by an authorized representative, specifically identifying each item being bid (including part/model number and item description) and confirming compliance with applicable BABA requirements.**
- **Certifications must be unconditional and not time-limited. Letters containing conditions, expiration limitations, or statements requiring future verification or reconfirmation of compliance at the time of purchase will not be accepted.**
- **Certifications must apply to the specific items offered under this IFB. Manufacturers are not required to certify compliance for future purchases unrelated to this IFB. Documentation must be submitted with the proposal and maintained for audit purposes.**
- **Most materials not meeting BABA requirements will be rejected.**

Other

This purchase is based on funds from a Department of Energy grant award. Bidders must be eligible to participate and must not be currently suspended or debarred. Bidders should review the draft terms and conditions for the award to anticipate compliance requirements.

Terms and Conditions

The Draft Proposed Construction and Services Agreement, including its exhibits, is available at https://lcecnet.com/sites/default/files/PpdConstServAgrmt.pdf and incorporated into this IFB. The successful Bidder will be required to execute an agreement substantially in the form attached.

By submitting a Bid, the Bidder acknowledges that it has reviewed and agrees to comply with the Proposed Agreement. Any requested exception must be clearly identified in the Bid. LCEC is not required to accept or negotiate any exception, and a material exception may cause the Bid to be rejected as nonresponsive.

The successful Bidder's legal name, final Contract Price, effective date, signature information, awarded Component or Components, and other award-specific administrative information will be completed following award. This procurement shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The successful bidder must comply with all applicable requirements including but not limited to:

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- Equal Opportunity Employment
- Debarment and Suspension Certification
- Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment
- Build America / Buy American requirements
- Grant-specific conditions and certifications

The successful bidder agrees to execute the final contract and provide all required insurance certificates, bonds, and documentation within **30 calendar days** of receiving the Notice of Award.

Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to execute the contract or submit required documentation within the specified timeframe, LCEC reserves the right to:

1. Cancel the award and award the contract to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
2. May deem the non-compliant vendor non-responsible for future procurement solicitations for a period of up to 1 year.

Evaluation

Award will be made to the qualified bidder with the lowest proposed price meeting the specifications and requirements of this solicitation.

LCEC may consider:

- Price
- Build America, Buy America (BABA) compliance
- Compliance with specifications
- Vendor qualifications
- Prior performance
- Product equivalency

Submission Instructions

Bidders should submit:

- Appendix A, Bid Form (enclosed)
- Appendix B, Signed Non-Collusion Affidavit (enclosed)
- Product Datasheets/Specifications
- Authorized Reseller Documentation (if applicable)
- BABA Compliance Documentation

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Sealed bids must be clearly marked: **"SEALED BID – IFB: 2026-05b "BABA Compliant Non-Wood Poles"**

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1300 West Ave D,

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Bids may be submitted by:

- Hand delivery
- Courier service
- Certified mail

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Do not email a copy of your proposal.

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Appendix A: Bid Form

(THE FOLLOWING BID FORMAT IS TO BE FOLLOWED IN PROVIDING YOUR BID ON YOUR COMPANY LETTERHEAD AND MUST INCLUDE YOUR LEGAL NAME AND ADDRESS)

Date:

Re: IFB: 2026-05b "BABA Compliant Non-Wood Poles"

BIDDER INFORMATION

Legal Company Name:

DBA (if applicable):

Address:

Primary Contact Name, Title, Phone, Email:

UEI Number (if applicable):

SAM.gov Registered: **YES / NO** (CIRCLE ONE)

The Bidder certifies that neither it nor any of its principals are currently debarred, suspended, or excluded from receiving federal contracts or other public sector awards, as listed in the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) or any other relevant databases. **YES/NO** (CIRCLE ONE)

Our business is a small business, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, or veteran-owned businesses: **YES / NO** (CIRCLE ONE)

If yes, please specify:

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PRICING SUMMARY

We propose to furnish and deliver all the materials in accordance with the Specifications, the General Conditions and the Invitation to Bid. We agree to furnish material listed below following receipt of notification to proceed for the sum of:

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
65'/1 non-wood transmission poles	$	372	$
Shipping/Handling/Delivery	$		$
Warranty (if applicable)	$		$
Taxes (if applicable)	$		$
		TOTAL:	

DELIVERY INFORMATION

Estimated Lead Time After Purchase Order:

The successful bidder shall first manufacture and invoice all awarded materials, then securely store them at the vendor's and/or manufacturer's facility until LCEC requests delivery which will be in multiple shipments from time of award for a period of up to two years.

Final locations will be specified at a later date.

The bidder will accommodate storage and partial deliveries. YES / NO (CIRCLE ONE)

Additional comments (optional):

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE

The Bidder shall provide manufacturer datasheets, specification sheets, or equivalent documentation sufficient to demonstrate compliance with solicitation requirements.

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Provide details on how proposed solution(s) will be compatible with specifications of existing infrastructure detailed above. If more room is needed, you may attach an additional sheet.

Explanation:

Datasheets Included: **YES / NO** (CIRCLE ONE)

Authorized Reseller/Distributor Documentation Included (if applicable): **YES / NO** (CIRCLE ONE)

BABA CERTIFICATION COMPLIANCE

The Bidder shall provide a letter demonstrating BABA compliance. **The compliance assertion must not be conditional or terminal**. Bidder is not responsible for committing to all future business being BABA-compliant but must provide certification for the scope of the current purchase.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS CHECKLIST

The Bidder acknowledges inclusion of the following:

[ ] Bid Form (Appendix A)
[ ] Product Datasheets/Specifications
[ ] Authorized Reseller Documentation (if applicable)
[ ] Non-Collusion Affidavit (Appendix B)
[ ] BABA Compliance Documentation
[ ] All Signed Amendments (if applicable)

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SIGNATURE

The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein is true and correct and that the Bidder agrees to furnish the materials described in accordance with the solicitation requirements. By signing below, the undersigned certifies they are authorized to bind the Bidder.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix B: NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

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STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____ ("Affiant"), who being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1. Affiant is the authorized representative of:

Company Name: _____

2. Affiant is fully informed regarding the preparation and contents of the attached bid submitted in response to the solicitation identified above.
3. The bid has been arrived at independently and without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder, competitor, or potential competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
4. Neither the Affiant nor the Bidder has directly or indirectly:
   - fixed or attempted to fix prices;
   - coordinated pricing or terms;
   - divided markets or customers;
   - or otherwise engaged in any conduct intended to restrain competition.
5. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other individual or entity to refrain from submitting a bid.
6. The bid submitted is made in good faith and has not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder to any other bidder or competitor prior to the official bid opening, except as otherwise required by law.
7. The Bidder certifies that neither the company nor its principals are presently suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in federally funded transactions.
8. The undersigned understands that any false statement contained herein may result in disqualification of the bid, termination of contract, suspension or debarment, and/or other remedies available under applicable law.

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BIDDER INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Authorized Representative Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____**, 20**__.

Notary Public Signature: _____

Printed Name of Notary: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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Appendix C: Specifications

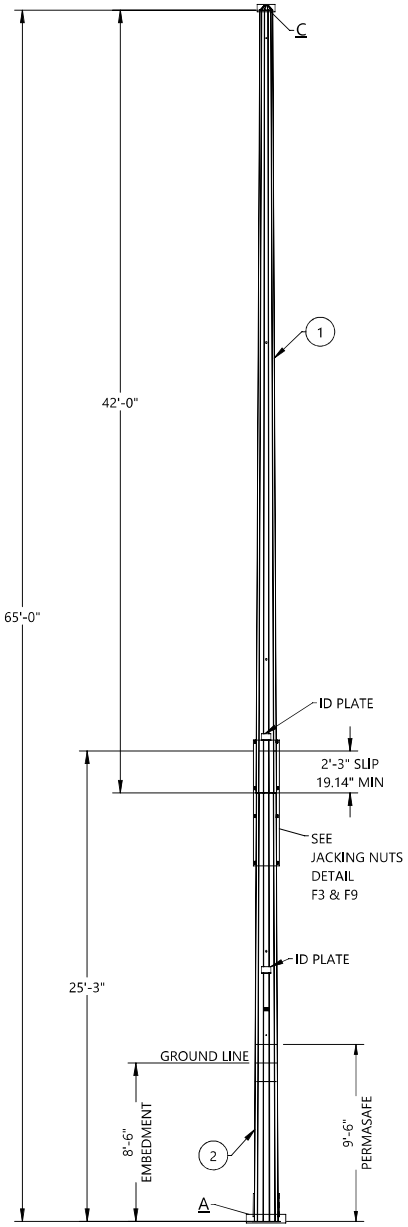
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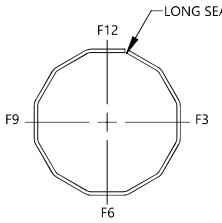
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2		1	SECTION, 1'- 3 3/8" X 1'-0 7/16" X 3/16" X 25'-3"	A871 GR65	742.94	742.94
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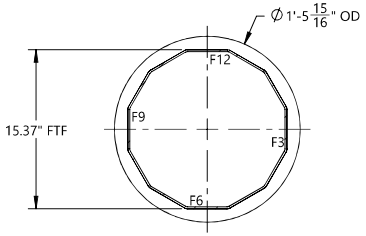
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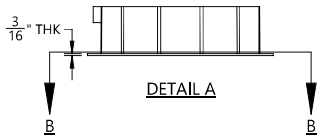
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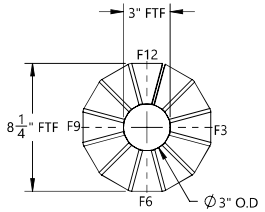
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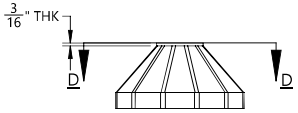
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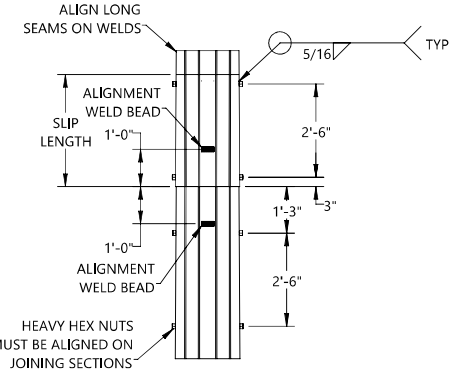
DETAIL A



SECTION D-D



DETAIL C



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2. FINISH: WEATHERING STEEL
3. SHAFTS MEASURED FLAT-TO-FLAT, UNLESS ROUND.
4. WELDING CODE: AWS D1.1
5. ALL FULL PENETRATION WELDS TO BE UT INSPECTED.

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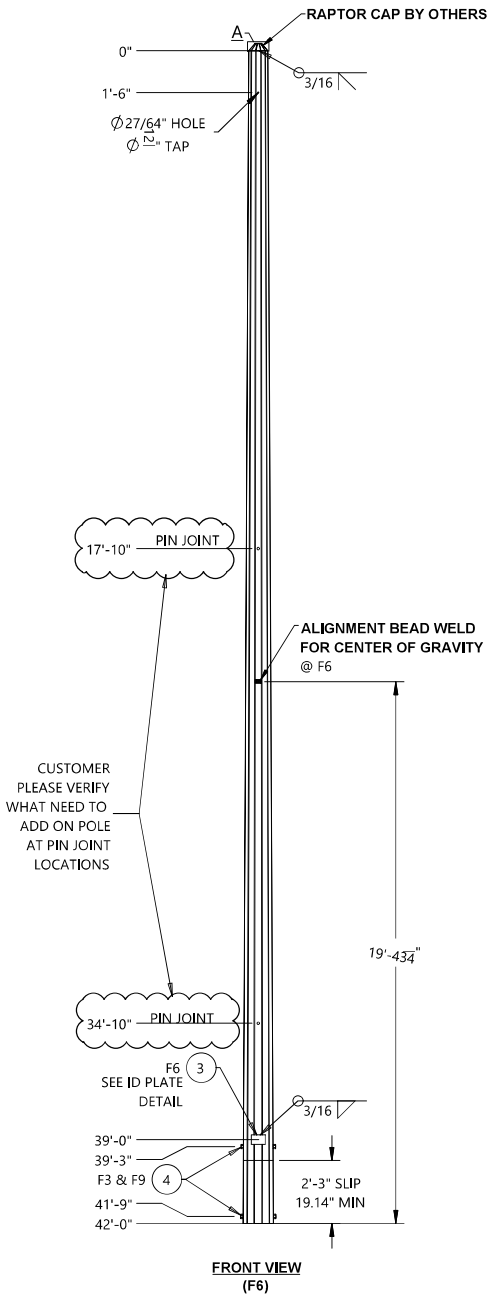
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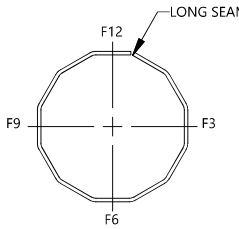
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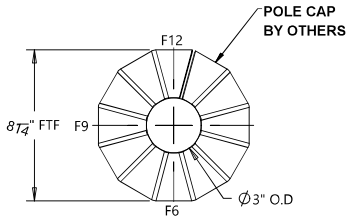
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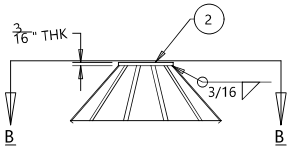
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SECTION B-B



DETAIL A

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1	[redacted]	1	SHAFT 12S, 13.14" X 8.25" X 0.1875" X 42'-0"	A871 GR65	899.46	899.46
2		1	RAPTOR CAP ASSEMBLY	A871 GR65	4.07	4.07
3		1	ID PLATE, 4" X 6" X 3/16"	A588	1.28	1.28
4		4	NUT, STRUCTURAL HEX, 1-8, DH3	A563	0.478	1.912
					TOTAL WT	907

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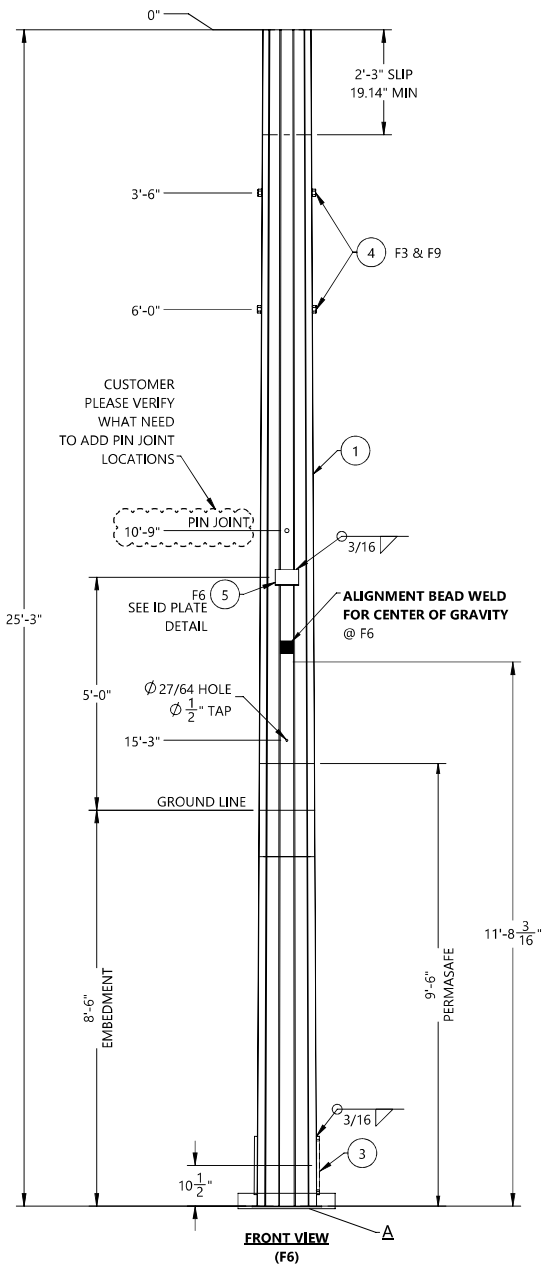
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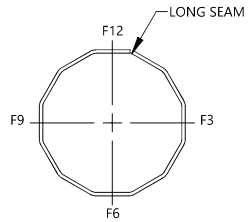
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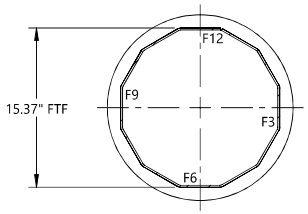
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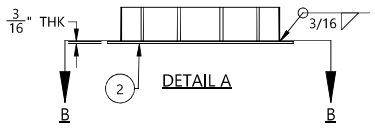
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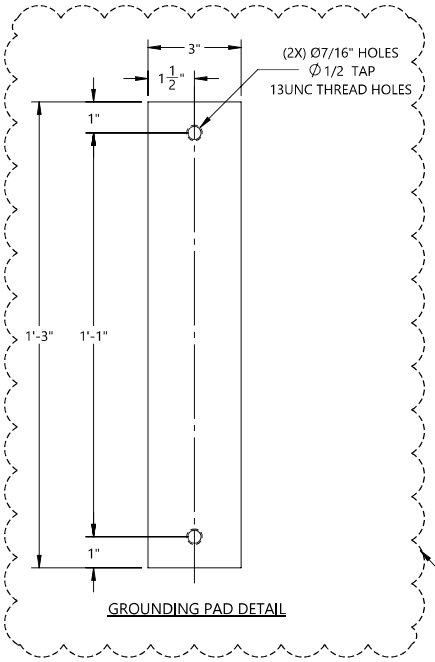
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3		2	GROUNDING PAD, 3" X 15" X 3/4"	SS	9.69	19.38
4		4	NUT, STRUCTURAL HEX, 1-8, DH3	A563	0.478	1.912
5		1	ID PLATE, 4" X 6" X 3/16"	A588	1.28	1.28
					TOTAL WT.	743



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CUSTOMER PLEASE VERIFY

HOLE CHART		
THRU HOLE DIA. (Ø)	LOC. FROM TOP OF SHAFT	FLATS
27/64	15'-3"	F6, F12
7/16	23'-10"	F3, F9
7/16	24'-11"	F3, F9

GENERAL NOTES:

1. MATERIAL: ASTM A871 GR65 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
2. FINISH: WEATHERING STEEL
3. SHAFTS MEASURED FLAT-TO-FLAT, UNLESS ROUND.
4. WELDING CODE: AWS D1.1
5. ALL FULL PENETRATION WELDS TO BE UT INSPECTED.

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FINISH: WEATHERING | QTY: 12
PROJECT: -
CUSTOMER: LEA COUNTY EC

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SECTION, 1'- 3 3/8" X 1'-0 7/16" X 3/16" X 25'-3"

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