

May 15, 2020

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SET # 9

TO : All Prospective Bidders
FROM : Ehab Azab, Contracts Administrator
SUBJECT : Contract C20004 – US 101/Blossom Hill Road Interchange Improvement

Q62. Please clarify what standard specifications are to be used for this bid? Are we to use Caltrans 2018 specs or city of San Jose? Not clear?

A62. Standard Specifications are defined as Caltrans 2018 Standard Specifications. Where indicated in specific Technical Specifications, City of San Jose standards, including City Standard Specifications, are required for specific facilities.

Q63. Please clarify what existing irrigation system is to be removed? Plan sheets IP-3 and IP-4 show as to only mainline to be removed? Is there any other irrigation system to be removed? Is the mainline to be cut and abandoned in place per caltrans 2018 specs 20-10.02C(4) Remove Irrigation Facilities? Please provide further information as to exactly what system is to be removed not clear.

A63. Existing inactive irrigation system shown to be removed must be removed where in conflict with the work or, at other locations, may cut and abandoned in place per the specifications.

Q64. There are two controllers shown on irrigation plan sheets ID-6 and ID-9? On sheet ID-6 a calsense CS3000 is specified but on sheet ID-9 a Weathertrak controller is specified? Specs and irrigation plan sheets IP-1 thru IP-9 don't specify what controller corresponds to controllers A, B, and C? Please advise what A, B, and C controllers are.

A64. The Detail on ID-6 for a Calsense controller is ICC "C" near A1 43+80. The Detail on ID-9 for a Weathertrak controller is for ICC "A" near COY 79+30 and for ICC "B" near AR-3 502+70.

Q65. In Section 1 – Invitation for Bids it states that "This Contract requires Pre-Qualification of all prospective Bidders". I assume that this clause applies to those bidding the project as prime contractors and not subcontractors or suppliers. Please confirm that this is correct.

A65. Correct.

Q66. Our company is looking to provide a bid for the Special Inspections scope, do you know if the VTA of Santa Clara will be contracting this? If not, I could reach out to possible Bidders.

A66. VTA will not contract special inspections for this project.

Q67. The solicitation reads that there is an Addendum No. 4, however I am only seeing Handout Volume V as the last posted document. Please let me know if Addendum No. has been posted.

A67. This became a common question. Addendum #4 was uploaded at VTA website on May 13, 2020 under “Addendums” section, not under “Attachments” section. Just scroll down and you will see and download it.

Q68. Will you be notifying us directly on approval of our prequalification submittal or will it be posted somewhere on the VTA website?

A68. Both. VTA will periodically posted updated “List of Prequalified Construction Vendors” at <https://www.vta.org/prequalified-contractors>. VTA will also send “Pre-Qualification Notification” letter via email to Bidders’ contact person listed in Item A.5 of Part I “Contact Information” of Bidder’s Pre-Qualification application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ehab.azab@vta.org.

Sincerely,



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Construction Contracts Administrator