

May 13, 2020

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SET # 8

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

Q52. Appendix A – Insurance Requirements, Article B (Builder’s Risk): Sub-article 5 states that any carrier payments for a loss must be payable to VTA as trustee for all entities. Since the Contractor will be procuring the Builder’s Risk coverage and will be the Named Insured (the VTA will be an Additional Insured), policies require that loss payments be made to the Named Insured (Contractor) as trustee. Kindly revise the language to reflect current marketplace conditions. Carriers are unwilling to amend their policy language for this sole instance.

A52. The current text of Appendix A “Insurance Requirements” item B.5 will be deleted in its entirety via upcoming Addendum #4 and replaced with the following:

“The Builder’s Risk policy must be endorsed to name VTA as Loss Payee as its interests may appear”.

Q53. In Q&A #3, Question 12, the Contractor asked for grades on existing 101. The exhibit you provided, Handout Volume, 4 only has grades in the contour grading areas, not on mainline 101. The 16’-8” min clearance he or she references is shown at the toe of the slope paving the eastern abutment. That does not represent the areas where a 75’+ falsework span will be required. There are one or two point grades in the median visible on sheet 244, the highest of which is 204.3. Using the BB and EB deck grades on sheet 241 you end up with 19.2’ of clearance. With a 15’ min falsework clearance this leaves you with 4.2’ for falsework and deflection, vs. the 20” for falsework and deflection if you use the 16’-8”. Bottom line is, we really need some good pavement grades on 101 under the new bridge.

A53. A Field Surveyed Elevation Exhibit is provided for information as part of the C20004 Handout – Volume V.

Q54. Does the VTA have any plans to push the bid date on this project?

A54. No. Bid Opening date remains unchanged i.e. Thursday May 28, 2020 2:00PM as stated in Addendum 1 issued on April 2, 2020.

Q55. According to the instructions for Bid Form 4, we are to list the subcontractor’s address and description of work. Can Bid Form 4 be re-formatted so that prime contractors can fit all of this information legibly?

- A55. Bid Form 4 does not require information for subcontractors' address. Address required in Section A of Bid Form 4 is for "Prime Bidder". All Bid Forms, and particularly Bid Forms 3, 4 and 5 were designed to offer enough space to Bidders to submit legible Bid Forms. Subcontractor's address information is required by Bid Forms 3 and 5. Bidder may prefer to use additional sheets or type the information instead of handwriting,
- Q56. Regarding Addendum 7, Q&A 49, and the Appendix A, Builders Risk insurance, VTA is stating that Earthquake coverage is not required. The first sentence of Appendix A, Article B. (Builder's Risk Insurance) states "To the extent allowed by law, Contractor is responsible for all loss or damage, howsoever caused, to the Work and materials until final acceptance by VTA." Also, Section 6 (Special Conditions), Article 6.14.6 states "Contractor must, throughout the performance of the Work, (i) maintain adequate and continuous protection of all Work and temporary facilities against loss or damage from whatever cause, (ii) protect the property of VTA and third parties from loss or damage from whatever cause arising out of the performance of Work ...". Should an earthquake event occur, will the VTA indemnify the Contractor from any and all damages that occur as a result of an earthquake? If the VTA will not indemnify the Contractor, does CA 7105 apply?
- A56. VTA will not indemnify Contractor for any damages resulting from an earthquake. Contractor's responsibility for property in the course of construction is defined by the Contract. Regarding the hazard of earthquake, VTA will not require Contractor to indemnify VTA in excess of what is permitted by law, including the limitations of Public Contract Code section 7105.
- Q57. Contract number C20004, on the contract drawings, Sheet no. 211, ECL-1, in the Erosion Control Type 1, Step 3, states Hydraulic Mulch, 50% wood and 50% cellulose at 400 CY/Acre. This is an incorrect measurement. Hydromulch comes in pounds per acre. Should it read 400 pounds/acre? Please clarify
- A57. The rate for Hydraulic Mulch in Erosion Control Type 1, on ECL-1 (Sheet no. 211), should read 400 pounds/acre. Plan ECL-1 is revised per Addendum #4.
- Q58. On the same page, Erosion Control Type 2, Step 3, Mulch, Wood Chip Mulch, calls for 400 lbs/acre. Again this is an incorrect measurement. Wood Chip Mulch comes in cubic yards. Should it read 400 CY/acre? Please clarify.
- A58. The rate for Wood Chip Mulch in Erosion Control Type 2, on ECL-1 (Sheet no. 211) should read 400 CY/acre. Plan ECL-1 is revised per Addendum #4.
- Q59. The bid quantity for BI #256 Mechanically Stabilized Embankment is 4,855sf. This appears to be ½ of Retaining Wall #2 area, if you measure both sides (it's a double wall). It's a final pay so I guess it doesn't matter, but thought you'd want to know from a budgeting standpoint there is roughly 10,000 sf of MSE wall.
- A59. The quantity for bid item Bid Item #256 Mechanically Stabilized Embankment is accurate and will not be changed. The developed elevation on General Plan No. 2 (Sheet 335) shows both north and south elevations of the "double wall."

Q60. In Section 4 Bid Forms – Bid Form 10 “References and Previous Experiences” – Does this bid form have to be submitted at bid time by contractors that have already submitted the SOQ and been approved?

A60. Yes.

Q61. With the shelter in place order being extended to the end of May are there going to be any changes on how bids are submitted?

A61. Bid Opening was rescheduled to May 28, 2020 at 2:00PM via Addendum#1 to the Bid Documents. Due to COVID-19 and Shelter-In-Place Directives, Bid Opening meeting will be held online via Microsoft Teams. VTA staff will be available at location set forth in Section 1.4 “Submittal Location and Deadline” Building “A” main lobby on May 28, 2020 from 12:00PM to 2:00PM to receive and stamp Bids. After which, VTA staff will open Bids at Room A106. Physical attendance of Bidders is limited to allow social distance. However, Bidders can virtually attend the Bid Opening online by clicking the below hyperlink to access the meeting. Registered vendors do not need to have MS account to access the meeting. It is recommended to use Google Chrome browser if Vendors do not have Microsoft Teams App. Bid result will be made available for all registered vendors at VTA website directly after the Bid Opening.

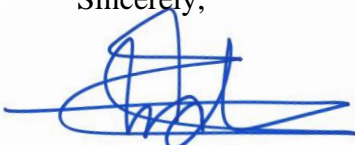
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ehab.azab@vta.org.

Sincerely,



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