

May 1, 2020

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SET # 6

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

Q34. Our company is a demolition and earthwork subcontractor, and we're looking at the US 101/Blossom Hill Road Interchange Improvement Project on ConstructConnect. Could you please clarify if the scope of work includes demolition? It is not expressly listed in the description, but if there were, we would be interested in submitting a bid to the GC.

A34. The project's scope of work does include some demolition. Subcontractors should contact prime contractors for an opportunity to bid. Please also refer to A21 of Q&A Set #4 for instructions how to do business with VTA.

Q35. We received the update notification. I do see the word document has been uploaded, but I do not see Addendum 3 yet. Will it be uploaded soon? Wasn't addendum #3 supposed to have some revised drawings in it? Only see the bid form, no drawings.

I only see a revised bid form for Addendum 3 on the website. Can you please confirm that this is the entire addendum #3? I'm attaching the file that I downloaded from the VTA's website.

I don't see Addendum #3 posted to your website, only 'Attachment 1' which is called 'MS Word version of Bid Form as per Addendum #3'.

A35. Addendum #3 was uploaded at VTA website on April 28, 2020 under "Addendums" section, not under "Attachments" section. Just scroll down and you will see and download it. Please make sure pdf file of Addendum #3 includes 24 pages, that 4 pages are revised plans.

Q36. Please identify the bid items for this project that require the HAZ Certification? On Caltrans highway projects, a HAZ certification is not required to be a responsive bidder or perform the scopes of work for the project.

A36. Contract Item 34 – Remove Yellow Thermoplastic Traffic Stripe requires HAZ Certification. Other contract items of work may also require HAZ Certification, special handling and/or other certifications as specified in Caltrans Standard Specifications and C20004 Bid Documents – Volume 2.

Q37. Would you consider value engineering solutions such as moving the bike/ped overpass/underpass to a shorter overpass connecting Coyote Creek to the Blossom Hill Caltrain station via Ford Road?

A37. Please submit your bid based on the design as shown in the Bid Documents – Volume 3(s). VTA encourages all contractors to develop, prepare, and submit a Value Engineering Change Proposal (VECP) voluntarily including proposals originated, initiated and developed by Contractor to change the drawings, specifications or other requirements of the Contract as specified in Section 6.23. Value Engineering Change Proposal in the Bid Documents – Volume 1. VTA will consider the VECP if proposed by the Successful Bidder for this Contract.

Q38. Do the onsite temporary field offices have to remain in place during the one year of plant establishment?

A38. Yes. Please submit your bid for Contract Item 4 – Resident Engineer’s Office for the Contract duration of 1145 calendar days that includes one (1) year plant establishment period (PEP) for the Contract. If it is determined by VTA that the Resident Engineer’s Office is no longer required during PEP, VTA will issue a Contract Change Order (credit to VTA) for the remaining unused time.

Q39. Will the 5% retention be held until after the one year plant establishment is complete or will it be paid upon construction completion?

A39. No, retention will not be held during the plant establishment period. Once the contractor has met the requirements called out in GC - 7.62 (Final Payment), VTA will pay out any retention held within 30 – 60 days of the recording of Notice of Completion with the County.

Q40. Spec section 6.44 denotes that owner and contractor will bear the cost of flagging on the project in an equal amount. Is there a limit on owner contribution to flagging hours/cost that they will contribute? –Bid Item # 8 is for 1,000 hours of flagging is this quantity adjusted based on how many hours of flagging are actually required?

A40. Payment for Bid Item #8 will be for actual hours and as specified in Special Conditions Section 6.44.

Q41. On page CS-41 of Vol 1 of the project plans the design calls for a sand band finish on barrier wall. Please clarify the specifications regarding the sand band finish. Is it a form liner? Is it sandblasted finish? Is it sand rubbed into the barrier with a lacquer?

A41. Drawing C-41 (Sheet 60) shows a “decorative concrete accent band with sand finish” on decorative paving for median islands, gore areas, contrast treatment and other concrete paving areas at least 6 feet wide. This accent band will conform to Technical Specification Section 73-4.03 which was added per Addendum 2. For concrete barriers, Section A-A on Drawing C-40 (Sheet 59) shows a “1/8” deep formed recess with sand finish.” This accent band sand finish on concrete barriers can be constructed with a form liner or other means

approved by the Engineer. Note 2 on Drawing C-40 (Sheet 59) requires that a mock up sample be provided for approval.

Q42. How can we obtain a copy of the VTA Standard Specifications?

A42. VTA does not have a standard Specifications. All Bid Documents refer to Caltrans Standard Specifications. here is the link. <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/ccs-standard-plans-and-standard-specifications>

General Note about Section 6.23. Value Engineering Change Proposal (VECP) in the Bid Documents – Volume 1.

VECP is NOT accepted at time of Bid. VTA encourage Bidders to bid the Work as per the Bid Documents. VTA will consider the VECP only if proposed by the Successful Bidder for this Contract. Proposing VECP in your Bid may render your Bid non-responsive.

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

Sincerely,



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