

December 18, 2020

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SET #8

TO : All Prospective Bidders

FROM: Ehab Azab, Construction Contracts Administrator

SUBJECT: Contract C20120 – Eastridge BART Regional Connector

Note to all Bidders, VTA is moving all contracts to a new website by this weekend. VTA's old e-procurement website is closing tonight. VTA's new e-procurement website is hosted by ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/vta). Participating bidders and potential vendors must set up their accounts in the new system. All previously Registered Vendors have been invited to activate their accounts. This document (Q&A Set #8) is the last document that will be posted in this website. The old website will be closed effectively Today December 18, 2020.

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Register as a vendor and sign up for notifications for your North American Industry Classification System ("NAICS") business codes at https://secure.procurenow.com/signup. Please check your email inbox and follow the instructions to activate your account. If you need help activating your account, please email us at support@procurenow.com. By registering as a VTA vendor, Bidder will automatically receive notifications by email of upcoming VTA bidding opportunities. To ensure you continue receiving emails from us, please add support@procurenow.com and notifications@procurenow.com to your contacts or safe senders list.

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Q25. With our belief that our product appears to you to be "equal to" the specified product (Xypex Admix C Series) ref. Tech. Specs Section 030515 "Portland Cement Concrete" subsection 2.01 "Materials" E12, we request that our product (product name), be listed by name as an equally approved substitution. If our product is approved as equal by VTA on this project, we would like to request that it be added by name (product name), as an equal to Xypex on future specification documents when called for.

A25. Penetron Admix SB will be added to the specification as an approved list of products.

- Q26.I run (company name) specializing in the Systems work. I've talked to several GC's regarding this project and all say they think the RFQ is imminent although they also indicated that they believe the quals will be for the prime GC's only. Obviously with Systems being my passion and core focus I would always encourage any quals to also require a Systems provider input in fact we are seeing more and more agencies beginning to look at procuring Systems as its own Prime contract taking this out from underneath the GC's that in many instances don't really care to much about our techy world! I'd appreciate any update you could provide on the procurement process for this Project.
- A26. VTA requests pre-qualifications only for prime contractors. Please refer to A24 of Q&A Set#7 for update procurement schedule.
- Q27. We had two industry day interviews with VTA a few months back describing our precast segmental span by span approach for the Aerial Guideway similar to what we did before. Wondering if you could provide the following feedback:
 - Does VTA still intend to advertise the RFQ in 2020?
 - Is VTA looking into our suggested precast segmental span by span approach?

A27. Please refer to A24 of Q&A Set#7 for update procurement schedule. VTA has decided not to pursue precast segmental span approach.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>inquiries@vta.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Ehab Azab

Construction Contracts Administrator