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March 28, 2012

MIDTOWN SITE RESTORATION PROJECT
LOS OSOS, CA
CONTRACT NO. 300448.08.03

BIDDER'S INQUIRIES

This memo is to inform the Contractors listed on the planholder's list that the response to bidder's inquires have been posted to the website at

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Design_Division/Projects_Out_To_Bid.htm.

For those Contractor's that do not have access to internet, attached is the response.

The response to bidder's inquires, unless incorporated into a formal addendum to the Contract, are not a part of the Contract and are provided for the bidder's convenience only. In some instances, the question and answer may represent a summary of the matters discussed rather than a word-for-word recitation. The availability or use of information provided in the responses to Bidder's inquiries is not to be construed in any way as a waiver of the provisions of Article 4 of the Instructions to Bidders (Section 00200) or any other provision of the Bidding Documents, nor to excuse the Contractor from full compliance with those Contract requirements. Bidders are cautioned that subsequent responses or Contract addenda may affect or vary from a response previously given.

To submit a "Request For Information (RFI)", please fill out the form located on the San Luis Obispo County's Public Work's website at

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Design_Division/Projects_Out_To_Bid/Bidder_Request_For_Information_-_PCR.htm.

Please contact me with any questions at (805) 781-4480.

Sincerely,

JEFF WERST, PE
Design Division Manager

Enclosures: Answers to Bidder Questions last updated March 28 (2 pages)

c: John Waddell, Project Manager

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ANSWERS TO BIDDER QUESTIONS

LAST UPDATED: March 28, 2012

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SECTION	PAGE	DWG	RESPONSE DATE	QUESTION[1]	ANSWER
Appendix A - Section 2 - Technical Specifications - Paragraph 2.02.B "Submittals"	2-2		3/28/12	Technical specifications 2.02 Water pollution control B submittals 1.1 says to supply Water Pollution Control Manager and their QSP Certification. Section D says that Water Pollution Control Manager must be a QSD. The QSP is the person responsible to implement the SWPPP. He is responsible to perform the inspections, tests, complete all reports, and recommend any modifications to the SWPPP. Are we also required to provide someone with a QSD certification. Can the QSP act as the Pollution Control Manager. If the SWPPP has to be amended, that would be done by the engineer who prepared the SWPPP.	A QSP cannot act as a Water Pollution Control Manager. The Water Pollution Control Manager (WPCM) must be a QSD in accordance with Paragraph 2.02.D of the Technical Specifications. The Contractor is responsible for amending the SWPPP. The WPCM may amend the SWPPP or the Contractor can assign a different QSD to amend the SWPPP in accordance with Paragraph 2.02.D of the Technical Specifications.
			3/28/12	Is field surveying a bid item or is the County providing it?	The Engineer is providing construction staking in accordance with paragraph 4.05 "Lines and Grades" of Section 700, and Appendix A - Section 6 "Construction Staking Guidelines"
Section 700 - General Conditions - Paragraph 18.06 "Small, Minority and Women's Businesses"	00700-97		3/28/12	The following questions (a) through (j) and responses concern Section 700 - General Conditions - Paragraph 18.06 "Small, Minority and Women's Businesses"	
				(a) Are there any SBE/MBE/WBE goals associated with this section?	Neither the Agency (USDA Rural Utilities Service) nor the Owner (County of San Luis Obispo) has established SBE/MBE/WBE goals for this project .
				(b) Where can bidders find additional direction/assistance with compliance with this section?	U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency or the Small Business Administration
				(c) What are the timelines associated with each step?	There are no timelines associated with each step other than the fact that the affirmative steps must be taken before submitting a bid.
				(d) Please elaborate on what is required for each step, specifically steps 5-7.	Refer to paragraph 18.06 and contact the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency or the Small Business Administration for additional information and assistance
				(e) What documentation will the County require bidders to submit as evidence that these steps have been taken?	Though the Owner has not required nor requested that bidders submit documentation to the Owner regarding the affirmative steps that they should be taking with respect to paragraph 18.06 of Section 0700, in the event that the contract is audited by a federal agency, the contractor should be prepared to present such documentation to the agency conducting the audit.

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Section 700 - General Conditions - Article 18.06 "Small, Minority and Women's Businesses	00700-97		3/28/12	(f) Are there any forms that bidders are required to fill out?	The County has not provided nor required bidders to submit any forms with respect to paragraph 18.06 of Section 0700.
				(g) When is documentation to be submitted?	The Owner has not required bidders to submit documentation to the County with respect to paragraph 18.06 of Section 0700. Bidders may be requested by the federal government to submit such documentation at any time.
				(h) Who is required to submit documentation?	The Owner has not required bidders to submit documentation to the County with respect to paragraph 18.06 of Section 0700. Bidders may be requested by the federal government to submit such documentation at any time.
				(i) What guidelines does the County use in determining whether the steps taken by bidder are sufficient?	The Owner is not required to make such determination . As mentioned above, though the Owner has not required nor requested that bidders submit documentation to the Owner regarding the affirmative steps that they should be taking with respect to paragraph 18.06 of Section 0700, in the event that the contract is audited by a federal agency , the contractor should be prepared to present such documentation to the agency conducting the audit.
				(j) Is the County going to provide training or otherwise conduct an outreach seminar to contractors to assist the County in complying with their goals?	No.
Appendix A - Section 2 - Technical Specifications - Paragraph 2.24 "Concrete Structures"	2-61	2.24	3/28/12	The specs. call for a cast in place drop inlet. However, the drawings mention a precast inlet on page 10. Which do you require?	In accordance with Paragraph 2.24 of the Technical Specifications on page 2-62, "the minor structures shall be cast-in-place." Therefore, the storm drain inlets shall be cast-in-place.
Appendix A - Section 2 - Technical Specifications - Paragraph 2.17 "Hydraulic Mulch (Polymer Stabilized Fiber Matrix)"	2-51	2.17.b.1.2	3/28/12	This spec does not seem possible from all of the suppliers that I have contacted.	Hydraulic Mulch (Polymer Stabilized Fiber Matrix) shall conform with Paragraph 2.17 of the Technical Specifications.
		6 & 8	3/28/12	Please clarify the type of fence used for the public trail. Sheet 6 cross section shows "temporary fencing" on one side and "fencing" on the other. Sheet 8 "Public Trail & Fencing" calls for GREEN color fence both sides. Also, in the areas where the trail is next to a protected area, are both GREEN & ORANGE temporary fence required?	Public Trail fencing shall be constructed on both sides of the trail. Temporary Fence (Type ESA) shall be constructed, maintained, an removed around the environmentally sensitive areas to be undisturbed. An addendum will be issued to address this.

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