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**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](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](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,

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Design Division Manager

Enclosures: Answers to Bidder Questions last updated April 2 (3 pages)

c: John Waddell, Project Manager

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## LOS OSOS, CA. - CONTRACT 300448.08.03

### ANSWERS TO BIDDER QUESTIONS

LAST UPDATED: April 2, 2012

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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 of Section 00700 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 00700, 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 00700.
				(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 00700. 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 00700. 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 00700, 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		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		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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Section 700 - General Conditions - Paragraph 4.02 "Subsurface and Physical Conditions"	00700-15		4/2/12	Special Provisions Section 4.02 Subsurface and Physical Conditions states "A difference in elevations between groundwater shown in the soil boring data and groundwater actually encountered during work will not be considered as a basis for an increase in Contract Price and/or Contract Time. However, California Public Contract Code Section 7104 states "Subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing from those indicated by information about the site (soil boring data) made available to the bidder prior to the deadline for submitting bids, the local public entity shall promptly investigate the conditions, and if it finds that the conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase in the Contractors cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work shall issue a change order under the procedures described in the contract." Please confirm that the Bidding Contractors shall assume Subsurface Conditions as indicated by the soils report for a basis to generate bids and that a change order shall be issued for Subsurface Conditions differing from the information about the site made available to the bidders that increased contractors cost and or time as required by the Public Contract Code 7104?	An addendum will be issued to address this.
Appendix A - Section 2 - Technical Specifications - Paragraph 2.08 "Temporary Fence (Type ESA)"	2-39		4/2/12	Technical Specification Section 2.08 Temporary Fence (Type ESA), please provide the distance at which "T" post should be placed apart?	Temporary Fence (Type ESA) posts shall be spaced 8 feet apart in accordance with Paragraph 2.08.C.4 of the Technical Specifications.
Appendix A - Section 2 - Technical Specifications - Paragraph 2.28 "Fences"	2-64	8	4/2/12	1. Contract drawing Sheet 8 shows a 4" diameter fence post being used for the 3-rail wooden fence. Can a 5"-6" post be used in lieu of the 4" post? 2. Can the fence post be set using a dry sack concrete?	1. Fencing shall be in accordance with Detail A on Sheet 8 of the Drawings. 2. Portland cement concrete for setting wood fence post footings shall be in accordance with Paragraph 2.28 of the Technical Specifications.

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