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**OAK WOODLAND HABITAT MITIGATION  
FOR THE WILLOW ROAD EXTENSION  
AND HWY 101 INTERCHANGE PROJECT  
NIPOMO, CA  
CONTRACT NO. 300129.09.04  
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 Section 2-1.03 of the Standard Specifications or any other provision of the contract, the plans, Standard Specifications or Special Provisions, 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 January 4, 2013 (2 pages)

c: Dale Ramey, Project Manager  
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**ANSWERS TO BIDDER QUESTIONS**

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SECTION	PAGE	DWG	RESPONSE DATE	QUESTION <sup>1</sup>	ANSWER
10-2.06	10-45		13-Dec-12	Is it required that every individual seeding is evaluated and assigned a vigor rating (1-5) during the Qualitative Assessments; and if so, are the vigor ratings to be included to the Quarterly Reporting?	This will be addressed in an addendum.
10-1.03A G	10-14		13-Dec-12	In specification Section 10-1.03A it says there is a storm water prevention plan (SWPPP) has been prepared for this project. 1. Where is this plan? 2. Will this plan be issued for bidding purposes? 3. If not will there be an allowance for this bid item?	A SWPPP will not be required for this project. This will be addressed in an addendum.
3-1.02	A-43		13-Dec-12	<b>CONTRACT BONDS</b> Will the performance & payment bonds be required for the duration of the construction period (60 days) and plant establishment (7 years)?	As described in Section 3-1.02 of the Special Provisions, the performance and payment bonds guarantee faithful performance and secure claim payments for 100% of the contract, which includes work performed during the plant establishment period (refer to Section 4-1.01 of the Special Provisions).
4-1.01	A-45		13-Dec-12	The establishment and maintenance period required for the project is 1,738 days per Section 4-1.01. What will the owner require from the contractor awarded the project to cover the 1,738 WD period? If it is a surety bond, will the owner hold on to the 100% performance and payment bonds for this period? Will the owner want a separate guarantee bond? If a separate guarantee bond, what is the value of this bond? Will the owner want something besides a surety bond?	See the response above concerning regarding contract bonds
4-1.02	A-45		13-Dec-12	<b>LIQUIDATED DAMAGES</b> Are there any liquidated damages for the plant establishment period of 7 years?	As described in Section 4-1.02 of the Special Provisions, liquidated damages applies to delay in finishing the work, excepting quarterly reporting, annual reporting and plant establishment work.
	A-8(a)	L-1	13-Dec-12	<b>BID PROPOSAL - ITEM #3</b> On drawing L-1 legend note 12 calls out for 675' of fence removal and on the bid proposal form Item 3 calls out for 181' of fence removal. How much fence removal is there?	This will be addressed in an addendum.

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10-1.07 "Cooperation"	10-23	E-2	14-Dec-12	For additional information regarding electrical service the Contractor is directed to reference the "Utility Company (PG&E) Construction Handout Package" in numerous parts of the contract docs. Where is the Handout Package?	A copy of the Utility Company (PG&E) Construction Handout Package is available for review at the front counter of the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works, Room 207, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA, and may be downloaded from the Design Division website at the following address: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Design_Division/Projects_Out_To_Bid/OTB_-_300129_09_04_-_OAK_TREE_MIT.htm">http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Design_Division/Projects_Out_To_Bid/OTB_-_300129_09_04_-_OAK_TREE_MIT.htm</a>
3-1.02 "Contract Bonds"	A-43		17-Dec-12	Can the bonds during the plant establishment period be written on an annual basis renewing each year for the 7 years? Or, can the bonds for a percentage of the contract for the duration for the plant establishment period?	No. As described in Section 3-1.02 of the Special Provisions, the performance and payment bonds guarantee faithful performance and secure claim payments for 100% of the contract, which includes work performed during the plant establishment period (refer to Section 4-1.01 of the Special Provisions).
3-1.02 "Contract Bonds"	A-43		4-Jan-13	The list of contractors that could qualify for a bond with a 7 year duration is extremely limited. Usually, the performance bond covers the contractor's obligations following completion of the work for a period of 1 to 2 years. Extended obligations, such as those related to plant establishment, are not typically covered by the performance bond.	This is primarily a planting project, and a potentially significant portion of the work of the contract will occur during the plant establishment period, including monitoring and replacement of oak seedlings, removal of exotic plants, maintenance of the irrigation system, and preparation of quarterly and annual reports. The County wishes to have this work secured by bonds during the plant establishment period. However, given the concerns expressed by Contractors, and in the interest of providing for competitive bidding for the project, the County has elected to reduce the plant establishment period from the current seven years down to three years. This will be addressed in an upcoming addendum.

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