

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

Project No. 080441

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Question Number: 1

This project requires excavation work and rock channel work adjacent to an existing pond there are no details in the plans on normal water elevations. We could be working below water level with some items of work. During a field visit the water level was at base of existing guardrail. Will cofferdams and/or sheeting be required to perform contract items? are there restrictions in working in this body of water? We assume this is a private pond, is there any agreement with the land owner on accessing this area outside of the r/w?

1. Will cofferdams and/or sheeting be required to perform contract items? There are alternative means and methods allowing the construction of this work: a. pumping the excavated area if it fills in, b. placing the geotextile fabric, geogrid and type E granular material under water, c. excavating short sections rather than the full length to minimize possible water infiltration from the pond. Sheeting is a permitted alternative but will not be compensated under a separate pay item. 2. Are there restrictions in working in this body of water? The contract proposal makes no provision allowing any work activities to be performed from or adjacent to the pond that is located outside of the highway R/W. If working from the pond is desired then the contractor will need to reach an agreement with the owner and meet any regulatory agency permitting requirements that apply (Corp of Engineers etc.). 3. We assume this is a private pond. Is there any agreement with the land owner on accessing this area outside of the r/w? This is a privately owned pond. ODOT holds no agreement with the property owner allowing any contractor intrusions into or adjacent to the pond located outside the highway R/W.

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Question Number: 2

Water elevation @ pond along west side of roadway is approximately 18" below the existing pavement. Soil borings in the roadway are still exposed and also show the water approximately 18" down. The plans show a 42" deep excavation. Is there any water elevation information during non-rain conditions. Currently, we would need to pump down the pond in order to excavate the 42" undercut.

District does not have any record of pond's historical water elevation.

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