

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

Project No. 050114

Sale Date - 2/23/2005

Question Submitted: 2/14/2005

Question Number: 1

Question #1

Please refer to page 114 of the proposal, paragraph "ITEM 603, PIPE CULVERTS, SEWER, DRAINS AND ITEM 638 WATER LINES UNDER RAILROAD - 11/22/94"

Under this paragraph it suggests conduit be jacked or bored, there is no such Bid Item in this project. Currently the conduit will be installed by the open trench method, as per the current Bid Items. Will the contractor be required to supply Railroad flagmen for any portions of the construction project?

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Question Number: 2

Questions #1:

We have a problem with the construction timing for this project. The sale date is 2/23/05. We will need to begin the project by 4/11/05, because of the requirements of the Indiana Bat note that possible Indiana Bat trees must be cut by April 15 or after September 15.

Date of completion note on page 14 of the plans is 60 days after work begins. This means the project completion date would be June 9, with the April 11 start. The proposal completion date is July 31, 2005.

This project is lowering the grade at a railroad underpass. Trying to do this work in early spring is not ideal comparing to doing the project in June and July when the weather is drier and warmer to keep the grade dry at the underpass. Is there a possibility that the "Clearing and Grubbing" tree removal would not start the sixty-day construction time? Could the tree removal be done and not start any other work until late May and deduct the time spent in tree removal from the sixty days? If the work is started in April there will be a lot of time extensions and the road would be closed for a longer period of time because of possible wet conditions from poor weather.

Question #2:

The Utility Note section of the Proposal states the following:

"Bidders are advised that the following utility facilities will not be cleared from the construction area at the time of award of contract."

When will all utilities be cleared from the construction area?

As stated above if the contractor is required to start the project by April 11, the utilities will need to be cleared by April 11. If they are not cleared there will be additional delays and loss of production due to utility conflicts.

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Question Number: 3

1) Plan sheet 14 says there is a 60 day window to complete the work with a 48 day road closure and all work will be complete by 7/31/05. The proposal states that this is a work day contract with 70 days allowed. Which is correct? If this is a work day contract will the road be allowed to be closed longer than 48 calendar days?

2) Will the requirement to have the road open during Holidays that conflict with the closure period be waived?

3) Profile on plan sheet 33 refers to the structure at Sta. 887+70, 16'lt as a Type B Inlet. There is no pay item for a Type B Inlet. Should this be a Type D Inlet as the proposal and cross sections indicate ?

4) The run of pipe on plan sheet 33 from the proposed manhole No 3 at sta 887+97, 6'lt to the proposed manhole at sta. 889+00, 6'lt is labeled as an 18" in the profile and a 24" on the plan view. Which is correct?

5) Are there any cross sections for the existing ditch cleanout?

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When I made the suggestion of a 75 day closure I meant to say a 75 "CALENDER" day closure.

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Question Number: 5

Could we please get some clarification as to the number of days we have to build this project. The proposal note on page 109 stays we have 70 Work Days to complete the project which would be 98 calender days (70/5 x 7) but the time frame given to work will only give us 90 calender days to finish by July 31st (May-31 days less Memorial Day, June-30 days, and July-31 days less 4th of July). Qestion is, can the completion date be extended to August 31?

The plan note on page 14/94 show a limitation of a 48 calender day closure. Is this correct when we have 98 calender days to complete the project? The plan note on 14/94 tells us we have to have two lanes open on Holidays.
This is impossible even with only a 48 day closure in the time frame given to build this project.

To clear up all these items I would suggest a 75 day closure of SR 109, completion date of 8/31/05 and delete the Holiday plan note.

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Question Number: 6

(1) The plan (sheet 14) states work must be completed on the 60th day (does not specify work days or calendar days) after receipt of the authorization to proceed but no later than the proposal completion date (i.e.: July 31, 2005). The proposal (page 109) state 70 work days. Which is correct, the plan or the proposal? ODOT could consider eliminating the plan note in its entirety and using the proposal note with the intended days since the proposal note covers schedule impact issues.

(2) The MOT General Notes (plan sheet 14) list several time restrictions which appear to conflict:

(A) Under the heading "Item 614, Maintaining Traffic (Time Limitation on a Detour)" the contractor is allowed a 48 consecutive calendar day through traffic closure & detour.

(B) Under the heading "Item 614, Maintaining Traffic (Lanes Open During Holidays or Special Events) all lanes are to be open to traffic during the following holidays which fall within this projects time frame: Memorial Day, 4th of July.

There is no window of time between May 1 (typical work season per 108.06 C and the proposal work day contract note on page 109) and Memorial Day, between Memorial Day and the 4th of July or between the 4th of July and the proposal July 31, 2005 completion date that will allow a 48 consecutive calendar day closure. ODOT could consider deleting note B above in its entirety or clarifying your intended closure schedule as it relates to the Memorial Day and 4th of July holidays.

(3) The MOT General Notes (plan sheet 14) under the heading "Date of Completion" allows the contractor a window of time of 60 days following the authorization to proceed but no later than the July 31, 2005 date stated in the proposal. The General Notes (plan sheet 11) under the heading "Indiana Bat" requires clearing be performed prior to April 15.

With a February 23 letting date, will the contract be executed in time to begin work by April 1 in order to complete the clearing by April 15? If the contractor must began April 1 to meet the Indiana Bat requirement, the 60 days would commence and the contractor would be "forced" into a project schedule to begin work on April 1, 2005 and complete all work by May 30, 2005. Is this ODOT's intent? ODOT could consider modifying the note to state that clearing must be completed prior to April 15 however this activity does not commence the 60 day time period.

(4) The proposal Utility Notes list Toledo Edison & Sprint United Telephone as having aerial facilities to be removed & installed. However, no complete date is given for the utility work. Many of these poles are in significant cut areas and must be relocated prior to the contractors excavation. When will these facilities be relocated? The relocation of these facilities impacts the notice to proceed date, the selected closure date and the July 31, 2005 completion date.

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