

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

Project No. 101030

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Question Submitted: 2/11/2010

Question Number: 1

The proposal for this project includes alternate bid items for the specified controller assemblies (B/R 0091AA1, 098AA1, 0099AA2 and 0100AA2). To ensure the proprietary alternate bid controller items are fully compatible with the master controller (B/R 0078) and the Remote Monitoring Station (B/R 0084), Alternate bid items for the master controller and remote monitoring station need to be added to the proposal.

See forthcoming addendum

Question Submitted: 3/10/2010

Question Number: 2

The Preemption note on page 7 indicates that the city's emergency vehicals currently have emitters, yet the city does not have an existing pre-empt system. Do the emergency vehicals actually have light based emitters, and if so, what brand?

Answer: The City does have emitters installed on some vehicles. As stated in the note, if the existing emitters are found to be incompatible, the City shall be supplied with compatible emitters at cost incidental to the system.

Question Submitted: 3/4/2010

Question Number: 3

In the notes on plan page 29/77, it notes to have an IMSA Level 2 certified tech on site. We are requesting this to be removed. This does not give a contractor any more qualification than a state electrical license and experience. If we are already prequalified with ODOT to do this type of work, then that should be all that is required. In addition, this qualification has never been a standard practice for ODOT on other similar projects either. Please advise as soon as possible, so we can proceed accordingly.

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Question Number: 4

In regard to bid reference #102: Controller Item misc.: Preemption, plan page 7 states that "the system shall be completely compatible with the controller and emergency vehicle preemption systems in the jurisdictions adjacent to the city of Willowick". The surrounding jurisdictions are believed to have light based pre-emption systems. However, it is not known if any of the surrounding jurisdictions are using a "coded" light based system. We would like to clarify if any of these jurisdictions are using coded systems. If none of the surrounding jurisdictions are using coded systems, then the base bid specification is correct as is. However, if any of the surrounding jurisdictions are using a coded systems, then the base bid item would not only be proprietary, but would be the same as the alternate specified items. This is not allowed by ODOT bidding rules. Furthermore, the rules as established by the TEM for such a proprietary preemption base bid item do not allow for neighboring communities systems to dictate a proprietary specification. Will a clarification be issued stating if any of these communities are using a coded system. If any coded systems are in place, will an addendum be issued which removes the surrounding jurisdiction notes from the base bid item?

Answer: None of the surrounding communities are using a coded system. Please bid as per plan.

Question Submitted: 3/8/2010

Question Number: 5

On the existing Galvanized Light poles and arms is Bristle blasting permitted?

All surface preparation for the existing poles shall be performed as per CMS 514.13. This specification states that "The abrasive used in the field must be steel grit." The Bristle Blasting Process does not meet this specification. Please bid as per plan.

Question Submitted: 3/9/2010

Question Number: 6

Plansheets 77 and 78 show the new conduits being tied into existing foundations. Please provide direction as to what will be acceptable to the project. (ie: slotting foundations, conduit lb's ect.)

Answer: The intent of the plans is to utilize the "existing" conduit that is located within the existing pole foundations.

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Question Number: 7

The size (length) of the truncated domes appear to vary throughout the project. Are the plans accurate enough that the contractor should scale the size of the truncated domes? Does the engineer have a sub-summary of the sizes (square footage or each) of the new curb ramp truncated domes?

Answer: There is no subsummary for the size of the truncated domes. At locations where curb ramps are being replaced, the cost of the truncated domes is included in the Sq. Ft. price for Item 608 – Curb Ramp. At location where the existing curb ramps are to remain, the cost of the truncated domes is specified in the plans to be paid under Item 608 – Truncated Domes, Each. There are nine (9) locations within the plans where the truncated domes are paid for as an each item. The plans are to scale so the contractor can choose to scale the plans to get a square foot quantity.

All prospective bidders, subcontractors, suppliers, materialmen and all others who have an interest in these prebid questions and answers are advised that these items are being provided for informational purposes only and are not part of the bidding documents. If a question warrants a clarification, the Department will issue an addenda addressing the request for clarification to all plan holders. If the Department believes that the bidding documents adequately address the request, the contractor will be advised accordingly.