

# Ohio Department of Transportation

## Prebid Questions

Project No. 070252

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Question Number: 1

The Addendum 1 requirement of listing manufacturers is troublesome for a number of reasons. First of all, there already exists a prequalification requirement on all of the items listed in the addendum. The QPL has been established to safeguard ODOT's interests. Why develop a cumbersome, potentially error prone additional system? Secondly, this aberration requires additional steps to an already hectic process of assembling bids. Pricing can change minutes before a bid. In the event that we were able to provide a last minute adjustment to our bid, which is in the best interest of ODOT, the scenario is possible in which we could not provide the last minute change of manufacturer in time. Would the contractor then be stuck with the higher priced manufacturer even though his price would reflect the lower priced manufacturer? Finally, using this procedure, it is very likely that a vendor can influence who is the lowest bidder just by providing "late" pricing to a contractor. This seems to run strongly against ODOT's fair bidding doctrine. We strongly suggest that ODOT rescind this requirement as contrary to the existing bidding process and because it has no real apparent benefit to ODOT.

**1) Yes. 2) If multiple forms are submitted for a project, the most recent form will be used. 3) You will complete a confidential excel spreadsheet and submit the information by email. 4) No, only one manufacturer per bid item. 5) To identify the manufacturer of the bid item. 6) No.**

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We have grave concerns as to the contractor's ability to make the completion date specified on this project, in light of the page 3, item 632 COMBINATION SIGNAL SUPPORT notes. Allowing 30 days for contract turn around after bid would take us to June 15. In best case, within two weeks the foundations can be located and OUPS called, the markings reviewed, and all relocations completed. Normal pole delivery is 10 to 14 weeks after approval. This is longer on this job as several of the poles have to be designed by the pole manufacturer, and then the designs have to be submitted to ODOT for approval. Therefore we need to add an additional 45 days to the normal process. This would put the pole delivery into November - and we still have to build the intersections, get power, etc. etc. A December 31, 2007 completion date, while still tight, could be makeable, as long as weather exists to allow the thermoplastic pavement markings to be installed. We respectfully request that ODOT consider a May 31, 2008 completion date for this project.

**The district will expedite the review of the pole drawings. The review is expected to take only one or two days. The district believes that the project can be built within the current time frame.**

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.