

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

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Will the department consider setting up a bid item for mechanical connectors that are currently called out to be incidental to reference number 38, Reinforcing Steel Replacing Existing As Per Plan. There is no way to determine how many, if any mechanical connectors will be needed. The way the plan note reads puts all the risk on the contractor. A simple bid item bid at 1 EA would level the playing field between all bidders.

The great majority of the Mechanical Connectors are shown on sheets 15-18 of the plans and paid for under Item 509, Epoxy Coated Reinforcing Steel (Ref. Number 37). The quantity of mechanical connectors required for that item is denoted on the Re-Steel Schedule (Sheet 18/18) with an asterisk. The intent of Ref Number 38 is to provide additional bars to replace existing bars that have corrosion damage. While the exact quantity will not be known until the bars are exposed, the plan pay quantity is relatively low and the bars that would actually need mechanical connectors (since longitudinal steel would not) would be even lower so including connectors as incidental with this item should not materially affect bids.

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.