

# Ohio Department of Transportation

## Prebid Questions

Project No. 080124

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Question Submitted: 2/6/2008

Question Number: 1

Bid Item 10 Dumped Rock Fill, Type A does not call for filter. The legend for typical sections on Plan Sheet 3 calls for Rock Channel Protection, Type A w/Filter. Is filter required?

**No, fabric filter is not required.**

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Question Number: 2

Please reference the typical wall section on sheet 53 of the plans for the following question. The precast lagging panels are 8" to 9" thick with 18" of porous backfill behind them. This amounts to 26" to 27" of panel/backfill thickness from the front face of the piles. The W21x73 soldier piles are 21.25" wide, leaving 4.75" to 5.75" of porous backfill behind the piles. This is smaller than the 6" drainage pipe specified. Please adjust the plans and quantities to allow for an appropriate thickness of porous backfill so that the drainage pipe will fit.

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Question Number: 3

The Utility note states that all utilities will be relocated by December 31, 2007. Based on our site visit, this does not appear to have occurred. Please provide a new date that the bidders can assume that the utilities will be relocated by.

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Question Number: 4

In regards to ODOT's response to Question #2 on this project concerning the completion date, we would like to reiterate the previous contractor's sentiment. We have also contacted numerous sources for this steel and have found only one open rolling in April. After fabrication and galvanizing, we would expect this material to be available for delivery around June 1. There are several months of drilling work which can not start until this material is available. Although there may be stock available as of today, there is no guarantee that it will still be available at the time that the low bidder is able to make the purchase. There is also no guarantee that it will be in suitable lengths to construct this project, not to mention the premium in price that will be passed on to ODOT for purchasing stock material rather than waiting for a rolling. Also note that these restrictions may force the contractor into a Sole Source Supplier situation. Based on these factors, we request that the completion date be revised to October 31, 2008.

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Question Number: 5

This question is in response to the answer to Question Number 2. We do understand that the manufacturer may have material available at this time and the suppliers may be able to switch tonnage around. But, the steel may not be available at the time of award. Will the contractor be granted an extension of time if the material is not available and a later rolling becomes necessary?

**Documentation that establishes a material shortage as defined in CMS 108.06 B 3, would be an Excusable, Non-Compensable Delay.**

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Question Number: 6

This question is regarding the availability of steel sections required for this project. I have searched the three manufacturers and their mills, which is public information, regarding the rolling of the W21x73 steel piles. Nucor-Yamato Steel Co. Mill 1's next rolling is 2/17/08 and is closed. Mill 2 is not rolling this section. The next expected rolling is in June, 2008. Steel Dynamics, Inc.'s next rolling is 3/9/08 and is closed. The next projected rolling is 4/20/08. Gerdau Ameristeel (Chaparral Steel) Midlothian, TX mill rollings 3/13/08 and 6/13/08 are closed and no W21x73 sections are rolling at their Petersburg, VA plant. We have been put in this situation on previous projects that the suppliers may be able to switch tonnage around or squeeze into the rollings. Most of the time, the supplier is able to switch tonnage and supply us with the material required for the project, but, there is no guarantee. What are the factors involved in determining whether the contractor is entitled to a time extension regarding the above information? If the material can not be obtained from the March, 2008, rollings, the projected April, 2008, rolling will be the only source of material for this project. Also, the factor that some of the steel piles need fabrication and all piles to be galvanized. We do believe there is not enough time to meet the completion date.

**The three steel manufactures listed in the above question have been contacted by the department as to the availability of the required steel sections. One has the stock available, another is able to roll in May, and the other will most likely have stock available after their 3/12 rolling.**

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