

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

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Question Number: 1

There is a note on plan sheet 16/25 that requires "THE EXISTING PULLBOXES, CONDUIT AND LOOP DETECTOR LEAD IN CABLES ... SHALL BE SALVAGED." Is the intent of this note to have the existing conduit and pullboxes removed and given to someone, or just to keep it intact and working order? The removal of the conduit might be more expensive than furnishing new.

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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.

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Question Number: 3

Traffic Signals Part I page 42 of 62 - There is no pay item for Item 633 controller unit type TS2/A2 with cabinet Type TS2 as per plan - Alternate Bid (Eagle) Please clarify.

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Addendum No.1 adds a requirement to visit a special website and to complete manufacturer information for base bid items that also appear in the proposal with alternates. There are several questions/concerns that come quickly to mind: Is the information submitted by the contractor binding? Is there a method to track the most recently submitted form from a given contractor? This information may change throughout the bidding process. Is the most recently submitted form the one that governs? What security measures are being taken to prevent a form being submitted on behalf of another? Can there be multiple proposed base bid manufacturers listed on a given line? What is the information to be used for? Can the information, if provided properly, be used to change the outcome/award of a bid?

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

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