

Ohio Department of Transportation Prebid Questions

Project No. 090220

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Question Number: 1

Bid Ref. #21, Item Special, Misc.: Plaque For Coaling Tower, is described on sheet 7 of 84. However, there is not enough information (plaque material type, size, number of text characters, and mounting requirements) to determine a cost for this item. We understand that this information may not be available before the bid. Therefore, can an allowance be setup for this item in order to have all the bidding contractors on the same playing field?

Please see addendum #1.

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1) Plan sheet 65, Rail-Trail crossing at 69+14: The existing track rail is either 90 AS or 90 RA. The rail seal manufacturer PPI does not have a die for either rail for this enclosed seal product, but they do have one for 100 RB rail. PPI may be able to modify for the smaller rail sizes, but is not sure. At this location, will HVSRR provide 100 RB rail, plates, and comp bars? 2) Plan sheet 65, Rail-Trail crossing at 73+58: The existing track rail is 90 RB. The rail seal manufacturer PPI does not have a die for 90 RB for this enclosed seal product, but they do have one for 100 RB rail. PPI may be able to modify for the smaller rail sizes, but is not sure. At this location, will HVSRR provide 100 RB rail, plates, and comp bars? 3) Plan sheet 65, all Rail-Trail crossings: Rail seal is not designed to fit over bolted joints. If a bolted rail joint falls in the crossing location(s), what will be required? Welding the rail perhaps? If so, this will require additional rail and thermit welds. Another option is relocating joints with additional rail, cutting, and joint bars. Please identify a solution. 4) The existing turnouts do not have any heel blocks, but the turnout detail on sheet 68 includes heel blocks. Will the HVSRR provide heel blocks for these turnouts, or will they be required? 5) Are the existing switch stands and targets to be reused as is regarding the two turnouts to be relocated on plan sheets 66 & 67?

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1) Does the Bid Item #0060 "Remove Existing Track" include the track removal needed prior to the installation of each turnout in items 0055 & 0056? 2) Is there any track shifting or realignment needed outside of the turnout limits on the construction of turnout #2 at station 76+00 on plan sheet 67? If so, what length of shifting will be required by design? 3) If there is any track shifting on plan sheet 67 around turnout #2, given the condition of the ties, should any ties be replaced? If so, how many does the engineer suggest? What bid item will cover this?

A1) Construct as per plan. See Sheet 63, section 4.2.7 for payment details. Track removal is included in Ref 55 and 56. A2) Construct as per plan. See Sheet 63, section 4.2.7 for payment details. If you determine that shifting and realignment is required then it will be included in the pay item. A3) Construct as per plan. See Sheet 63, section 4.2.7 for payment details. If you determine that shifting and realignment is required then it will be included in the pay item. If you determine that ties must be replaced then it is included in this pay item.

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Sheet 63, section 4.2.7 is vague regarding the following: 1) Whether or not track removal is included in items 55 & 56 or whether it is covered in item 60 "Track Removal". 2) Whether or not there actually is any track shifting mentioned in the section, but not shown on plan sheet 63. 3) Whether or not any ties would need replaced if there is any track shifting, and how that would be paid for if that is necessary. Therefore, can you please clarify the section as it relates to questions submitted on 04/09/2009 and/or the 3 issues stated in this submittal?

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This bike path project will require the use of several subcontractors, i.e., paving, building demolition, railroad work and fencing. We would request the "Work Type Percentage Performed by Prime" be reduced from 50% to 40%. This would allow a more competitive bid on this project.

The Department respectfully declines to reduce the WT percentage.

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Contract plans call for EXJ-5-93 to be used however, the plans do not show a box beam size! What shall bid be based on?

The expansion joint is not based on a box beam size. Follow the detail on sheet 50/84, Expansion Joint Detail.

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the project was set to go on 4/15/09. it was moved to 4/29/09. does a new bond need to be issued for the 4/29/09 letting or can the bond with the 4/15/2009 bid date be used?

A new bid bond must be issued. The previous bid bond was for the EBS file named after the April 15. The title of the EBS file has been changed to April 29.

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.