

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

Project No. 070519

Sale Date - 11/30/2007

Question Submitted: 11/21/2007

Question Number: 1

Note II.I for Restoration of Work Area on sheet 4/50 states that Type E Erosion Control Mats shall be installed where directed by the engineer. Since this item is as-directed, there is no way to estimate the quantity prior to the bid. Please either add an item or clarify that this work will be paid under force account.

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Question Number: 2

In discussions with several of the noisewall suppliers, there are concerns with meeting the completion date for this project. With the amount of time required for shop drawings, sample panels, and material procurement, there is not enough duration remaining to cast the panels by the completion date. Please consider revising the completion date to October 31, 2008 in order to allow for more suppliers to competitively price this work.

The Dept has contacted several suppliers and finds no problem with the completion date.

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Question Number: 3

1. The note on sheet 3 for Mobilization, As Per Plan appears to state that the contractor is responsible for locating all utilities which may affect the project, including but not limited to excavating to locate underground services. While we always make our best effort to locate utilities ahead of construction, including utilizing OUPS, the Department can not reasonably expect the contractors to take the liability for any utility which may exist on the project site. Many times these utilities can not be located by the owners and exist unbeknownst to ODOT. It is also odd that it was included as part of Mobilization, as if it were added arbitrarily as a catch all. This note places an undue amount of risk on the bidders and we request that it be removed. 2. The noisewall notes discuss integral and non-integral caps, however sheet 48 only details non-integral caps. Unless clarified by addendum, we will assume that integral caps are allowed on this project. 3. The last paragraph of Section 1 on sheet 4 states that the post spacing on the supplier approved drawings may be used, but also goes on to state that a maximum 16' post spacing be used. Since the suppliers' drawings show a 24' maximum post spacing, please verify if this would be acceptable to use. 4. The Basis of Payment on sheet 5 includes permanent erosion control measures as incidental to the noisewall bid item. We request that bid items with pay quantities be added for this work. This will help to provide for more consistent bids as well as eliminate any conflicts between on-site personnel over what measures are to be taken. Note that this is not a design-build project and the contractors should not be responsible for determining what erosion control items will be necessary during the bidding phase. 5. In the wall locations that are not embedded, is the 3-6" gap to be left completely open? 6. There are numerous locations in the plans that detail embedded posts or call out "post embedding procedures". Please verify that bolted baseplate post to foundation connections will be allowed.

Answer #1: As the note on the Pg.5 states, the contractor can not be negligent in his attempts to field locate utilities. Answer #2: As the plans show, either cap method for the project is acceptable. Answer #3: As the plan clearly states, use 16 ft maximum post spacing everywhere, except the 3 locations as shown in the plans. Specifically, on Sheet 4, Section I; Description; last line..."Post spacing shall not exceed 16" except at the 3 locations shown in the plans." Answer #4: As the plan states, Permanent Erosion control measures on this job are incidental to the construction of the wall. The contractor shall repair what he disturbs based on his operations per 659. Answer #5: The 3"- 6" gap can be left open. Answer #6: Baseplate connections are allowed.

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Question Number: 4

On sheet 3 of 50 it states that Item 659 Repair Seeding & Mulching, As per plan - Estimated quantity - 7,000 SY added to general summary - not in proposal bid items. Please Advise.

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Question Number: 5

We have discussed the completion date with both ODOT and several GC's for this project, and we had anticipated seeing an extension to the completion date by 2 months, so final completion at the end of October 2008. If you take into account that the noise wall supplier cannot prepare shop drawings until site survey by GC, then prepare and submit drawings, and samples for approval. Once approved, manufacturers have 6 or more weeks lead time to order raw materials before they may begin production of posts and panels. This project has a relatively large quantity of noise wall and makes an extremely tight schedule to have fully complete by end of August. Please reconsider a 2 month extension, to ensure the completion date is realistic and achievable. A second question with respect to the coating on the brick absorptive finish. The specifications call for the complete panel to be coated light neutral, then the brick finish to be coated red, with a roller, to leave the mortar joints in the light neutral color. Please confirm that the highway absorptive elvation in fact will have 2 coats of sealer coating applied, except at mortar joint locations of the brick finish which will be light neutral color only

The Office of Estimating has contacted several suppliers. There are at least two who can meet the time frame required. The highway absorptive elvation will have 2 coats of sealer coating applied, except at mortar joint locations of the brick finish which will be light neutral color only.

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what is the meaning or the differents between the note on the plain proposed noise barrier as to noise barrier

The label "baseline Noise Barrier A" is a survey line. The label "Proposed Noise Barrier A" shows the location of the new proposed noise barrier. The Proposed barrier will be placed in the location of the the removed existing barrier.

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The roll date for W8x31 corten post is the end of October. Fabrication time will make delivery to the project around the end of January 2007. No way to install the post by the interim completion date of 12/15/06. I would suggest waving this date. Adding months of Liquidated Damages would make us non-competitive.

The district has reviewed your request and respectfully decline to waive the requirement.

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Question Number: 2

The specifications require that the Steel Beams are Corten weatherng steel. This material will not be available until after the interim completion date. The specifications then call for blasting to white metal and painting.

The bidders need to choose between not bidding, or adding the cost of liquidated damages to the job cost. With a little tweaking, the specifications could be modified to material that is more readily available.

This would make the cost and availability considerably more acceptable.

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