

Ohio Department of Transportation Prebid Questions

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Question Number: 1

Ref numbers 33 through 36 appear to conflict with the Grounding and Bonding notes on sheet 3/18. Since the grounding and bonding requirements add the third conductor, it would seem that the proper description for these items would be "1 1/2" duct cable with THREE no." This would then be in agreement with the method of payment section of the note. If there is no change to the proposal covering this issue, we will assume that these duct cables are exempt from the grounding and bonding issue.

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Ref 12 through 14 refer to items that have been deleted from the 2005 specification book. We will quote the appropriate materials out of the 2002 specification book unless you notify us differently. We do not know if there are any QPL problems associated with this issue.

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The pay item for clearing and grubbing, ref 1, is impossible to bid. There is no possible way that the contractor can view the work to be performed, nor is it described in the plans in other than global terms. "clearing and grubbing may be required for up to fifty locations...." A fair and equitable approach to this item would be to treat it like SWPPP work - put an allowance in the bid of an amount appropriate to the District, and use it to fund force account work. Anything less requires an unreasonable risk to be taken by the contractor. Guessing is not good for either ODOT or the contracting community.

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The plans require the installation of grounding and bonding that exceeds the normal project requirements. However, payment is to be "incidental to the conductors installed by contract" How do we bid this work on this project - specifically the grounding conductor? This is a totally undesigned project with quantities to be assigned by the district in virtually any configuration. The price of the grounding conductor in a conduit with one wire is five times higher by lineal foot of wire than it is in a conduit with five wires. To be fair to the contractors, as well as ODOT, please add a pay item for the #4 grounding conductor on a lineal foot basis.

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