Ohio Department of Transportation Prebid Questions

Project No. 050133 Sale Date - 2/23/2005

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WILL STAMPED DRAWINGS BY TWO OHIO REGISTERED PROFFESIONAL ENGINEERS BE REQUIED FOR THE FOUR CULVERTS REQUIRING TEMPORARY SHEETING?

No, since the depth of the sheeting is so shallow stamped drawings are not required. Reference can be made to 503.03 of the 2002 CMS for further information.

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Q: Why does this Project have a Completion Date of 8/31/05? With this completion date this project now becomes what would typically be a smaller contractor's project (if separated) and basically makes it a project for larger contractors. Thus, ultimately resulting in less competitive bidding on this project. Box Culvert Delivery's are typically 8 to 10 wks. At this point in time steel deliveries are alone 3 to 4 wks minimum. Thus, these Box Culverts will most likely not be ready for delivery until late spring early summer. These projects which are scattered throughout two counties would then have to be done two and three at a time thus requiring a significant amount of equipment and manpower to complete by the current set completion date. If this project was to have a completion date of 1 1/30/05 a contactor could do one and/or two projects at a time. Please note that there is no detours on this project so traffic will not be impeded whatsoever. The 30 day closure for each culvert would still stand. Also, asphalt paving would not be an issue either. Another point that may have been inadvertently overlooked is that the field office for this project is setup for 9 months. This in reality is what this project should be. However; with a bid date of February 23, 2005 this projects field office will only be needed for 5 ½ months. Your reevaluation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

A Completion Date of 8/31/05 was set in an effort to minimize the inconvenience to the motoring public and the local school districts. The project shall be sold as scheduled.

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