

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

Project No. 050371

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Question Submitted:

Question Number: 1

At the approach slab on the North side of the structure the plans call for installing a pressure relief joint type A into the existing pavement. On previous projects where we had such a joint, pavement removed(item 202) and new concrete pavement limits were shown and the entire items payed for. How are the pavement removed and new concrete pavement needed to install the pressure relief joint to be payed for and what are the quantities for these items of work?

Please refer to page 2 of 3 of standard drawing BP-2.3 which shows the limit. Please also refer to the notes on page 3 of the standard for pay items.

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Question Number: 2

Reference 060 requires WT: 21 qualification. We have 40 years of experience doing this type of work and are qualified for WT: 29. Is it possible for us to quote this reference? We will need an answer soon in order to have time to prepare a quote.

Question Submitted: 6/20/2005

Question Number: 3

Would it be permissible to install the elastometric bearings before the bridge is closed and the backwalls removed ?

The district is viewing this question as means and methods type of question since there is not any contract provisions that specifically state when this work has to be done. As long as all of the restrictions specified in the contract documents are meet, the district does not have a problem with this work being completed outside of the bridge closure.

Question Submitted: 6/21/2005

Question Number: 4

Plan sheet 14/26 contains the note for item 202, portions of structures removed, as per plan. The work to be included in this item is very specific. Notable excluded items are bearings, existing end frames, scuppers and concrete necessary for scupper removal, and plugging existing drain pipes with quick set mortar.

Also not specifically included is the excavation considered incidental to "item 202, portions of structure removed" as shown on sheet 15/26. This note does not specifically reference the "As Per Plan" bid item given in the proposal.

Was it the departments intention to pay for the above work with an additional "Item 202, Portions of Structures Removed" bid item without the As Per Plan designation? Or are we to include the work in the existing bid item even though the work to be performed is not included in the scope detailed in the plan note?

The intent of the first paragraph of the plan note was to identify to the contractor the MAJOR areas or items of work in the existing structure to be removed. The "as per plan" designations are meant to highlight to the contractor any additional restrictions or requirements on the contractor not contained in the base CMS specifications. The additional restrictions in this note are the removal methods and the protection of traffic paragraphs. The standard Item 202 removal specifications still apply, these specifications are again referenced in the payment paragraph. Please refer to 2005 CMS section 202.13. In general it states that unless identified separately in the contract the LS item needs to include everything needed to complete the removal. The "excavation considered incidental" areas shown in the plans were identified to show the various contractors during bidding what exact areas they need to use to actuarially bid the removal item.

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Question Number: 5

- 1) Approximately what date should we anticipate as the notice to proceed date? Will ODOT follow their normal award and contract execution process and time frames?
- 2) The maintaining traffic note plan pg. 5/26 does not specify I475 closures for parapet removals or installation and removal of an overhang protection system. Will we be allowed to take lanes for these operations?
- 3) The general traffic note – Operation of existing traffic signals, does not confirm how long the City will require to actually perform any approved signal modifications. Is this information available?
- 4) General Note No. 8 states unclassified excavation as per plan requires 304 backfill material behind the abutments. The cross hatched unclassified excavation areas of the details on plan pg 15/26 are not designated "as per plan." Should all the unclassified excavation areas identified on pg 15 including those incidental to the 202 item be considered behind the abutments and requiring 304 material?
- 5) General note #17 is unclear when it refers to "...the complete circumference of the concrete deck." What is ODOT's intent?

1. The answer to question number 1 is that the notice to proceed will be issued when the awarded contractor provides the Department with all the required material. ODOT will follow its normal award and contract execution process. 2. The MOT note being referred to indicates that lane closures will be allowed per the permitted lane closure website. Looking at the website only one lane can be closed during restricted times. 3. No information available from the City of Toledo. The note states how the contractor will be compensated. 4. Per general note 8 on sheet 14, 304 granular material will be required behind the abutments where noted on sheet 15 as limits of payment for unclassified excavation (Item 503) and Limits of Unclassified Excavation Considered Incidental to Item 202, Portions of Structure Removed. This would be the hatched area and the cross-hatched area shown on sheet 15 at the bottom right corner. Bottom Line : Yes. The "as per plan" reference was given as sheet 2 of 14 in the estimated quantities table. 5. This is shown on standard bridge drawing BR-1. There is not difference in intent on the plans.

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Question Number: 6

Q) MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC NOTES ON PLAN SHEET 5 OF 26 HAVE THE FIELD PAINTING OF THE EXISTING STEEL TO BE PERFORMED DURING NIGHT TIME WORK HOURS. IS IT THE DEPARTMENTS INTENT TO PERFORM ITEM 514 DURING 8 HOUR SHIFTS AT NIGHT, INCLUDING SETUP AND TEARDOWN OF CONTAINMENT? IF THIS IS THE DEPARTMENTS INTENT, HAVE THEY ACCOUNTED FOR THE 2 TO 3 TIMES INCREASE IN UNIT PRICE? WE SUGGEST INSTALLING PERMANENT LANE CLOSURES WITH BARRIER WALL TO PERFORM THE PAINTING ITEMS.

Q1) Yes Q2) We believe that we have estimated the cost appropriately Q3) Due to the amount of traffic, this is not possible.

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