

Ohio Department of Transportation

Prebid Questions

Project No. 040461

Sale Date - 8/11/2004

Question Submitted:

Question Number: 1

This question is submitted with regards to the general note per addendum number 1 regarding time limits, sequencing work & liquidated damages. With the project bidding August 11th, the anticipated award date would be August 19th. At best, a contractor might expect to have a signed contract within 10 days, provided a DBE waiver is not needed, on approximately August 30th. Allowing only one week to have a preconstruction meeting, processing submittals & approvals, establishing a field office, mobilization, etc., the earliest realistic construction start date would be after Labor Day on Sept. 7th. Given the scope of work to be completed (180,000 s.y. of milling; 35,000 tons of repair and superpave overlay, etc.) and with safety & quality a high priority, the October 31, 2004 interim completion as it stands, in our estimation, is an unrealistic expectation. Would ODOT consider revising the scope of work required by the interim completion date or changing the completion date to a more realistic expectation?

The District understands this is an aggressive work schedule for the contractor but we want to get this paving done this year since the pavement is in such bad condition. This project was delayed due to some federal funding problems which made the time restrictions tighter, however, the contractors will have to bid accordingly to get the work done. No additional addendums are required.

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Question Number: 2

On this project you have a completion date of June 30, 2005 with an interim completion date of Oct. 31, 2004. This project involves 34,994 ton of Superpave mixes, 179,388 sy's of pavement milling, repairs, berming of 22.14 lane miles of roadway, and multiple types of permanent pavement markings. The asphalt and pavement markings both have temperature requirements that will be a problem on this project.

The project requires placing of intermediate course asphalt within three (3) days of the planing or repairs. The amount of work that will need performed this year by the interim date is a minimum sixty-eight (68) days of work. This includes no allowed rain or weather days. Due to the late selling date of this project, it is going to be a 1 or 2 bidder project due to not being able to comply with interim dates. Would the Department consider delaying this project and allow it to be performed in 2005? The Department has created a situation with the interim dates that will multiply the cost of the project far in excess normal. With the unrealistic interim completion dates in the plans a limited number of bids should be expected.

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.