

Ohio Department of Transportation Prebid Questions

Project No. 040350

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Question Submitted: 5/20/2004

Question Number: 1

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A1) 9,831 DOLLARS; A2) OSU will provide the trees, the contractor does not buy them; A3) OSU has confirmed that the tree ARE available.

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Yes, there is a minimum distance. The contractor should refer to the National Electric Safety Code relative to clearance requirements from electric power lines. The line at station 104+35 running North / South is 69 KV. He should also refer to the Utilities Note for additional information.

Question Submitted: 5/24/2004

Question Number: 3

Will ODOT consider lowering the percentage of the Bidding Contractors self performed work from 50 percent to 40 percent?

Question Submitted: 5/25/2004

Question Number: 4

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The district and central office have reviewed your question and have determined that the bidding documents are adequately clear. No addendum will be issued. We will not change the carrier or casing pipe. There are several manufactures online with a single step joint (ie. Bell and Spigot) and the outside bell dimensions ranged from 31" to 35 1/2". Also, some manufacturer's make a tongue and groove pipe for 12" on up. If you were jacking a 24" pipe, the joints would not be bell and spigot so there is 24" pipe out there with a smooth joint between sections. Reference one of the example listed below. <http://www.csra.com/hydroconduit/drawings/drawing4.htm>

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The traffic safety coordinator is for the entire project and the duration or the work as noted in the contract plans. The contractor should bid this item as specified in the plans. (18 months)

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Question Number: 8

In reference to the peat and unsuitable material removal detailed on sheet 23-E is it the intent to excavate the unsuitable material and place the Granular Fill Type F, APP without dewatering? If extensive dewatering is required how will it be paid?

The method of removing the peat is detailed on the revised Plan Sheet 23E that was sent to you. OGE has assured us that this method has been used by the Department for many, many years. No further addenda is necessary.

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PLEASE CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ADDENDUM #3. REFERENCE #402 'BORROW, USING GRANULAR MATERIAL, TYPE D, AS PER PLAN INCLUDING COST OF EXCAVATION'. THIS ITEM IS PAYED FOR IN TONS PLEASE CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING: 1) WHAT CONVERSION FACTOR DID THE STATE USE TO GET FROM "CY" TO "TONS" 2) IT APPEARS THAT THE STATE USED A TWO TO ONE FACTOR? EX. 26,120CY*2=52,240 TON TO DETERMINE THE BID QUANTITY? OUR QUESTION IS "WHAT IF THE GRANULAR MATERIAL TYPE 'D' FOUND LOCALLY CONVERTS AT SAY 1.5 TONS/CY? 3) AS THE TABLE SHOW'S ABOVE THE CONTRACTOR GETS PENALIZED FOR USING A LIGHT TYPE D MATERIAL? WHEREAS USING A HEAVIER MATERIAL WILL YIELD THE OPPOSITE? 4) AS THE ABOVE TABLE SHOWS WE BELIEVE THE ONLY FAIR WAY TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IS TO SEPARATE THE EXCAVATION OF THE UNDERCUT INTO IT'S OWN BID ITEM AND PAY IT BASED ON CUBIC YARDS? 5) AS THE ABOVE TABLE ALSO SHOW'S THE GRANULAR TYPE 'D' SHOULD ALSO BE PAYED FOR BY THE CUBIC YARD. WITH THE STATE AND THE CONTRACTOR DETERMINING THE TONS/CUBIC YARD CONVERSION PRIOR TO PLACEMENT? THIS WAY THE STATE GETS THE BEST PRICED MATERIAL CONVERSION AT BID TIME FOR THE GRANULAR MATERIAL TYPE 'D'? 2. ADDENDUM #3 PAGE 23-E SHOWS A TEMPORARY SURCHARGE IN METHOD 2 LONGITUDINAL SECTION. OUR QUESTION IS HOW DOES THE CONTRACTOR GET PAYED TO PLACE AND MOVE THIS SURCHARGE?

Thank you for your questions. 1) The amount of unsuitable material which will need to be excavated is an unknown, therefore contingency quantities have been set up. Given the method of placement, in-place volume of the Type D granular material cannot be measured; weight is the only measurable quantity. We respectfully disagree with your statement that the contractor will be penalized for using a Type D material with a lighter unit weight. The contractor has control of which material he supplies and can submit an appropriate bid unit price. 2) Payment to place and move the surcharge is included in placing the Item 203.

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