



**DALLAS COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**
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GENERAL INFORMATION NO. 1

Bid No. 2018-032-6725

**Invitation for Bid Contract for Major Capital Improvement Program No. 31403
Pleasant Run Road Phase 2 from Lancaster-Hutchins to Millers Ferry Road**

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(THIS IS NOT AN ADDENDUM)

The Dallas County Purchasing Department has received and hereby provides for general information purposes only the following questions and the County's responses. (Note: Due to time constraints, Dallas County will not be responsible for ensuring confirmation vendor receipt of this and/or any further acceptance of and/or responses to future questions prior to the solicitation opening date.)

Question No. 1: What the cost estimate?

Response: *The range of the construction cost estimate is from \$20-22 million.*

Question No. 2: Due to other jobs bidding this date do you know if the opening date will be extended?

Response: *The bid opening date will be at 2:00PM (CST), Thursday, May 31, 2018 and final questions must be received by 10:00-AM (CST), Monday, May 21, 2018. See Addendum 2*

Question No. 3: Do you have .xsr earthwork files for this project?

Response *No, the County does not provide .xsr earthwork files.*

Question No. 4: The specifications reference TXDOT items, are we allowed to utilize precast concrete drainage structures such as inlets, manholes and safety end treatments?

Response *Yes, you are allowed to utilize precast concrete drainage structures.*

Question No. 5: Are we allowed to utilize precast inlet bottoms, while casting the tops and throats in place?

Response *Yes, you are allowed to utilize precast inlet bottoms while casting their tops in place.*

Question No. 6: In the proposal, we located Item 506-6042 for installing the 18" Erosion Control Logs, but that is an "Install" item. Please add the item for "removal" of those logs.

Response *Pay Item will be added. This will be shown in Addendum 3.*

- Question No. 7:** We located Items 512-6057 and 512-6058 for removal of furnished low profile PTCB. Please confirm the Contractor retains possession of these barriers at the end of construction, and that the County does not wish to retain them
- Response** *The County does not want to retain them.*
- Question No. 8** Are there any fees, permits, or other costs related to or required by, the City of Lancaster’s Arborist and the removal of trees for this project? Will the Contractor be required to pay or reimburse the City of Lancaster, or anyone else, for tree mitigation or related fees or expenses?
- Response** *No, there are no costs that the contractor is responsible under any tree mitigation or fees associated with tree removal.*
- Question No. 9** Does the County currently own or have possession of all easements, temporary and permanent, for construction of this project?
- Response** *Currently, the County does not have possession of all deeds, easements and temporary easements for construction of this project. However, the County will acquire them before sending out the notice to proceed.*
- Question No. 10** Is there a cost associated with the required City of Lancaster excavation permit?
- Response** *There is no cost associated with this item.*
- Question No.11** Does Wilmer also require this permit, and is there a cost associated with that permit?
- Response** *No, Wilmer will not require a permit and there is no cost associated with this item.*
- Question No. 12** General Note #29 requires the Contractor to remove and dispose of any existing utilities removed during construction at Contractor’s expense. Are there any utilities, franchise or otherwise, that were abandoned in place previously, or during relocations for this project, that the Contractor should anticipate having to remove to satisfy the requirements of this note?
- Response** *Contractor is expected to remove and dispose of existing utilities as specifically called out on the plans.*
- Question No. 13** General notes Item #40 states that “any work required to complete this job where there is no pay item shall be incidental to the contract”. That’s incredibly open-ended. Can that be modified to read “any work shown on the plans...”?
- Response** *The note will be revised; This will be shown in Addendum 3*
- Question No. 14** Paving Notes #1 calls for Class “A” 4000# concrete. Is that supposed to be Class P 4000# concrete?
- Response** *The note will change to Class P; This will be shown in Addendum 3*
- Question No. 15** Paving Notes #6 states the Contractor will furnish at his expense a lime series at all changes in soil at least every 300 feet. Is that per roadbed or measured down the centerline? This project is approximately 15,000 feet long. A lime series every 300

feet along the centerline would result in approximately 50 of those tests at \$1,100 each, or \$55,000. Please confirm the every 300 feet component of this requirement. Does that also mean that we could be changing application rates every 300 feet and liming this project in little patches of approximately 1,000 SY?

Response *This note will be revised. The County performs independent testing on all roadway construction items. Sentence 4 and 5 from Note 6 shall read: "LIME SERIES TEST SHALL BE TAKEN ALONG THE EXCAVATION AT ALL CHANGES IN SOIL. LIME SERIES SHALL BE COMPLETED BY AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY APPROVED BY THE COUNTY AT THE COUNTY'S EXPENSE."*

Question No. 16 Note #11 on the Removal Plans states that all items to be relocated shall not be paid for separately. Can that be modified to read "all items shown to be relocated"?

Response *Note will be revised: This will be shown in Addendum 3*

Question No. 17 Schedule 1 of the bid proposal contains Item 132-6001 EMBANKMENT (FINAL)(ORDINARY COMPACTION)(TYPE A) 59,200 CY. Please confirm this is the correct item for this application. Type A TXDOT Embankment is a 0-15 PI material not likely to be found onsite and would likely have to be imported to the project, while all of the excavated material would then be hauled offsite and disposed of. These are both expensive propositions. Also, this item is for ordinary compaction, not density-controlled fill. This is not what you will want either. You may wish to investigate the use of 132-6004 EMBANKMENT (FINAL)(DENS CONT)(TYPE B) and/or 132-6008 EMBANKMENT (FINAL)(DENS CONT)(TYPE D), separately or combined, as they are most reflective of what the County typically requires. Please consider a change to this(these) item(s) to increase the quality of the bids to be received.

Response *Instead of using 132-6001 EMBANKMENT (FINAL)(ORDINARY COMPACTION)(TYPE A), contractor shall use 132-6008 EMBANKMENT (FINAL)(DENSITY CONTROL)(TYPE D) per the plans, specs, and geotechnical report; This will be shown in Addendum 3.*

Question No. 18 Schedule 1 of the bid proposal contains Item 247-6041 FLEXIBLE BASE (COMPL IN PLACE)(TYPE A GRADE 1-2)(FINAL POSITION). Please consider a change to specify a Type D Grade 1-2, which would allow the use of a crushed concrete flex base in lieu of a native limestone. The Type "D" should be much less expensive in that part of the world.

Response *Type D, Grade 1-2 is acceptable; This will be shown in Addendum 3*

Question No. 19 We would like to arrange to dig some test holes on the project – does the county require us to complete any paperwork to dig test holes?

Response *County requires that you send a request for any test holes along the project.*