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GENERAL INFORMATION NO. 1

Bid No. 2019-005-6769

**Invitation for Bid Contract for Major Capital Improvement Program No. 47302
Wintergreen Road from Main Street Intersection to 1300 feet East along Wintergreen Road
and Main Street Intersection to 900 feet South along Duncanville 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: Can Pre-stressed Concrete Panels Be Used In The Bridge Slab?

Response: *Due to the geometry of the bridge, we felt precast panels would be difficult. However, if the contractor wants to use pre-stressed concrete, we would take no exception to their use.*

Question No. 2: A note on sheet 64 for the bridge slab says: "Refer To ITBS For Reinforcing Details". Is This Sheet Included?

Response: *It should say to "IGTS". See Addendum 1.*

Question No. 3: Is epoxy coated reinforcing steel required for the bridge slab?

Response *Yes*

Question No. 4: The sidewalk on the bridge is shown to butt to the C402 Rail. The TxDOT standard detail shows the rail on top of the sidewalk. Which is correct?

Response *Build per the TxDOT standard. Refer TxDOT Standards for Type C402 Rail included in the plans.*

Question No. 5: Will Sidewalk Expansion Covers Be Required For The Bridge Expansions?

Response *Yes*

Question No. 6: Sheet 67 Shows 40 Cy Cl C Concrete For A Wall At Abutment #2. Is This Quantity For The 8" Concrete Wall And Pilasters Below The Abutment Beam?

Response *Yes*

- Question No. 7:** Bid Item: 422 Haunch, 30 Cy. Where Is This Concrete Used?
- Response** *Estimated amount of concrete in between the slab and beams.*
- Question No. 8** Bid Item: 423-2025, 50 Cy. Where is this concrete used?
- Response** *This Item is for unforeseen conditions.*
- Question No. 9** Bid Item: 454 Expansion Joints, 186 Lf. Sheet 63 Note Says "4" Type A Expansion Joint". A Txdot Standard For A Sealed Expansion Joint Is Included With The Plans. Which Type Expansion Joint Is Correct?
- Response** *It is a Type A expansion joint that is 4" wide.*
- Question No. 10** Will the steel railings be galvanized finish?
- Response** *Yes*
- Question No.11** Does any of the exposed concrete on the Bridge require paint?
- Response** *No*
- Question No. 12** Please post project cross sections on your website.
- Response** *Cross-section sheets will be provided. See Addendum 1.*
- Question No. 13** Temporary Lighting – There is a temporary light pole/fixture noted on sheet 23. This is the only temporary lighting I've seen. What other temporary lighting is required, if any?
- Response** *This is the only location for temporary lighting.*
- Question No. 14** What particular permits (and their associated costs) are required for demolition of 1450 Duncanville Rd?
- Response** *The contractor needs to get a demolition permit from City of Desoto Building Inspection Department. The permit cost is \$50.*
- Question No. 15** TCP Sheet 17 Phase 1 Note C – Please clarify temporary signal usage and what is required. Is it manipulating proposed/existing traffic signals at Duncanville/Wintergreen for each phase change?
- Response** *Temporary signal usage refers to adjusting signals to correspond with the correct traffic movements during the phases of construction.*
- Question No. 16** Sheet 23 – Oncor will set pole #9 and its temporary powerline to the proposed street light, correct?
- Response** *Oncor will set pole #9. The contractor is responsible to establish the necessary electric service for Temporary Lighting. See General Notes for Bid Item 903 – Temporary Lighting.*

Question No. 17 Sheet 38 Note 5 states not to disturb the creek stream bed. Just north of the bridge the 96” waterline is being installed across the creek via open trench. It strikes me as odd there’s this restriction at the bridge yet nothing for the waterline installation. How does that work?

Response *Sheet 38 is provided for construction of the roadway, not the DWU pipeline. The roadway construction does not disturb the streambed at the bridge. The bridge is being constructed under the NWP-14 permit. The 96-inch pipeline across the creek is to be constructed under the NWP-12 permit. The area of Waters of the US being disturbed is minimal and thus the open cut pipe installation is not a problem. These efforts minimize the streambed disturbance, which is required to meet the US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide 404 Permit.*

Question No. 18 Sheet 55 – The concrete riprap detail depicts grouted rock riprap.

Response *Detail calls for non-shrink grout to fill all surface voids between stones. Contractor will place all stones first. Then, contractor will fill the surface voids with non-shrink grout.*

Question No. 19 Sheets 56/57; box culvert: The existing waterline was discussed briefly at the pre-bid, but please clarify what exactly is required during construction of the new box culvert in regards to both the gas and water.

Response *As briefly discussed at the pre-bid meeting, the existing 8-inch TRA WW runs above the existing and the proposed box culverts. The existing 30” DWU waterline lies beneath the existing and proposed box culvert. The roadway contractor needs to complete the roadway construction without disturbing the waste water and water line. Atmos Energy is in the process of relocating the existing 6-inch gas line that has conflict with the proposed pavement and box culvert. The Contractor is required to maintain existing utilities in a safe and serviceable condition. Note that the exact location and elevation of all utilities are not guaranteed and shall be determined in the field by the Contractor prior to construction. Please see the General Notes regarding utilities for more information.*

Question No. 20 What is TxDOT RR8 Concrete Proxy? (Ref sheet 61)

Response *TxDOT Concrete Riprap Type RR8 as shown on TxDOT Standard Detail Sheet CRR. The current version was issued by TxDOT in January, 2015. The quantities for this work are shown as Bid Item 432-2066, Drainage Quantities, Sheet 6.*

Question No. 21 Note 2 under Items 110, 132 & 160, sheet 4: “If rock is encountered during roadway excavation, the rock shall be removed an additional 6” below the stabilized subgrade layer at no additional cost to the Owner. Extend the depth of the stabilized subgrade layer by 6” in these areas. The additional subgrade preparation and lime or cement treatment necessary for the additional depth will be paid through the existing contract items.” Based on the boring logs, the contractor will likely encounter this scenario in a few areas on this project.

- a. The contractor is responsible for excavating the rock to 6” below bottom of proposed subgrade, then embanking dirt fill to the top of proposed subgrade. According to the note, the additional excavation of rock is subsidiary, and the embankment of the fill to be lime treated in those areas will be paid at the unit price of embankment, correct?
- b. If the 14” lime stabilization has to be done in two lifts, each lift will be paid at the SY price of 8” lime stabilization, correct?

Response *a. A pay item, 132-2007, is added for the additional embankment necessary for the additional 6” depth due to the excavation of the rock encountered below the proposed subgrade bottom. See addendum 1.*

b. Correct. Item no. and quantities for LIME are revised. See addendum 1.

Question No. 22 When will this project start?

Response *The estimated start date is spring 2019.*

Question No. 23 Regarding the SBE Program:

a. *Please allow the proof of certification, SBE threshold affidavit, and intent to perform as a subcontractor to be submitted after the bid opening. The biggest issue with turning in at bid time is the GC can't control what the subcontractors send over. Most subcontractors wait until the day of the bid to send pricing and some wait until the last minute, so there isn't time to chase the paperwork. Also, the Contractor may not be able to use a subcontractor who is the most competitively priced, but instead use one who submits all of the required documents. The County is potentially paying a premium for documentation that can just as easily be submitted a few days after the bid is due. (TxDOT allows 5 days for DBE docs.)*

Response: *In accordance to State Procurement Law, no documents or supplemental information may be accepted after bid closing. All SBE Forms including the Good Faith Effort Plan, Good Faith Affirmation, Certifications, Affidavits, Letters of Intent must be submitted at time of bid close.*

b. *The subcontractor intent to perform does not have to be the example letter provided, correct? All we need is a form or letter from the subcontractors acknowledging if they are chosen by the contractor to do the work, they will enter into a subcontract/perform the work?*

Response: *The letter provided is an example. Any method will suffice so long as the subcontractor confirms they has been contacted and it is their intention to work on the projects. Most importantly, the letter/form must be signed by the Prime and subcontractor.*

Question No. 24 Does "Buy America" apply to this contract?

Response *No, for Federal requirements only. There are no Federal Funds for this project.*

Question No. 25 Builder's Risk insurance is required at 100% of the contract amount. What will be insured on this policy? Do you still want it?

Response *Refer to General Requirements and Regulations, Section 3.4.6 Insurance, pages 173 to 175 of Contract & Proposal Book.*

Question No. 26 Item 906, Asbestos Removal, is an allowance item. What amount should the Contractor use for this bid item?

Response *Use \$50,000.00 dollars. See Addendum 1.*

Question No. 27 When will utilities be clear?

Response *We expect the utility relocations to be completed early 2019 weather permitting.*

Question No. 28 There is a closed gate in the drive leading to the 1450 property. We need to be able to get in through there to investigate the project site. Will someone open the gate?

Response *County has acquired the whole property at 1450 Duncanville Rd. The gate to this property is not locked. Feel free to enter to investigate. Make sure you are at the right driveway to the property at 1450 Duncanville Rd.*

Question No. 29 We have not been able to identify the details for the following items in the bid documents. Please advise where we might find these details.

BI 5585AN – 2 EA – 96” Test Fittings (cannot find detail for what comprises these items)

BI 5590AN – 1EA – 96” Night Cap Plug (no details)

BI 5750D – 1 EA – 2” Flush Point (cannot locate detail or a location on the *plans*, does this possibly refer to the 2” tap on the pipe barrel per DWU Std Dwg 207)

Response *There is not a detail. Reference Technical specification Section 02512, Part 3, Item 3.04.A.3 for materials required.*

Pipe manufacturer knows what a Night Cap Plug is and how to manufacturer it.

This is basically a contingency item that may or may not be used. If used, it will be installed at the most easterly end of the pipeline. Yes, this item will be installed per DWU Std. Dwg. 207.

Question No. 30 We would like to get clarification on the requirements for the 96” waterline install portion of the Wintergreen Road project. The experience record is calling for 5 projects in 10 years of at least 60” potable or raw water with 100% weld. We are very interested in this scope as we have been actively installing 96” and 108” waterlines in various locations in Texas over the past few years. We also have several projects that are smaller than 60”. With the current requirements we feel that we would not qualify to complete this work despite our knowledge of pipe install. It is also our opinion that the current requirements could substantially inhibit the County’s ability to receive multiple competitive bids for this scope. It would be in the best interest of the County to allow for a deviation of these requirements to allow for more competitive quotes.

Response *The experience record is a guideline but we will consider all qualifications and reserve the right to base our evaluations on such.*

Question No. 31 Will the drone operator capturing these videos/photos, be required to have their FAA Part 107 certificate, as well as aircraft and GL insurance?

Response *The County itself will not have requirements other than following standard FAA procedures, and all laws and ordinances.*

Question No. 32 Can we use any/all of the contractors on the SBE vendor lists posted for this project and are they all qualify as SBEs according to Dallas County specifications and requirements?

Response *The certified vendors listed may or may not comply with the Small Business Threshold. It is up to the Prime to communicate with the desired subcontractors if they meet the County SBE Threshold requirements.*