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Q 5 and Q 10

Delaware Department of Transportation
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
ITMS Fiber Network
Agreement 1885
Friday, February 23, 2018

Q #	Question	Answer
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29	Please confirm that all labor category pricing should meet State of Delaware prevailing wage requirements.	Yes.
28	<p>Per Appendix C- Information on the specification is not clear enough to provide part numbers and pricing to ultimately bid.</p> <p>a. Please provide Fiber type (Singlemode or Multimode {OM1? OM4? Spec calls out both})</p> <p>b. Fiber counts.</p> <p>c. Confirm pin-out polarity on the MTP Style connector (typically referenced as "A Polarity" or "B Polarity").</p> <p>d. Please confirm style of fiber (OSP Loose Tube Direct burial, Aerial ADSS, etc).</p>	<p>a. Singlemode.</p> <p>b. Fiber counts - 12 Count.</p> <p>c. The Department prefers a straight through MT connector.</p> <p>d. The Department prefers loose tube 250 micron.</p>

Monday, February 19, 2018

27	Could you issue another Appendix B adding a digit to Column D?	No, 3 digits to the right of the decimal point is the preferred format.
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Friday, February 16, 2018

26	Line items SP831015 states "Furnish & Install pull tape in conduit." Should that actually state 1250 lb pull tape?	The minimum requirement is stated in Appendix A page 3 Section SP831 Subsection SP831.02 Materials, Item E. This is, however, only the minimum requirement. The Department's typical application is 1,250 LBS, but, have been experimenting with high strength (1,800 LBS) and have experienced lower fail rates. This may move to a design directive that would become a negotiated price adjustment if change occurs.
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25	Line items SP831014 states “Furnish & Install tracer wire in conduit 1250 lb.” Should that actually state 12-gauge tracer wire?	Please refer to Appendix C page 3 Section SP831 Subsection SP831.02 Materials, Item D. 12 AWG, solid Copper Clad Steel is specified.
24	Line items 839001 states “Furnish & Install Wood Pole,” what size and classification of wood pole?	Historically, a Class II 45’ wood pole is standard for needed task. However, classification and sizes could vary based on the actual design requirements as dictated by the governing utility company, elevation of pole line, as well as other design factors that may occur.
23	Please clarify whether the term “structure” in line items 831005 and 831009 is referring to building structures, bridge structures, or both?	The word structure refers to the installation of conduit requiring conduit hangers and anchors. This potential could be on building, bridge, sign, and other structures as directed by the design plans. See 2016 Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction. https://www.deldot.gov/Publications/manuals/standard_specifications/pdfs/2016/2016_standard_specifications_08-2016.pdf
22	To further clarify the Q&A response provided for Q#5 and Q#6, would the state allow MOT pricing to be provided separately for each individual project?	Refer to revised response to Question 5.
21	The first six lines items (746925, 830001, 830002, 830004, 830005, and 830006) do not include install pricing. Should these be priced as “furnish” or “furnish and install?”	Yes, all items are furnish and install Please refer to basis of payment as outlined in the 2016 Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction. https://www.deldot.gov/Publications/manuals/standard_specifications/pdfs/2016/2016_standard_specifications_08-2016.pdf

Friday, February 09, 2018

20	Will there be individual Mobilization costs paid for each Project?	As specified in the RFP, Appendix A Section 1.3, mobilization is incidental to the contract.
19	Are there Restrictions around Holidays and working in the Roadways?	No Work will be permitted on Sundays or Holidays unless the Engineer determines that such work is in the best interest of the Department (Standard Specification 108.03).
18	How will Rock, if encountered, be Paid?	If rock is encountered during the construction phase an alternative design will be evaluated. If no viable solution is achieved cost will be negotiated.

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17	Can a Copy of the Contract be supplied for review?	No, a contract will not be provided for review prior to the bid date. Please bid as-is on the information provided in the RFP. If exceptions are needed, please refer to Section III D Exeptions Form on page 6 of the RFP.
16	Does the Contractor have to be DelDot prequalified?	Prequalification is not required for this project. However, the RFP refers to DelDOT's Standard Specifications which state "Obtain registration status prior to submitting a Proposal". For more information, please visit https://www.deldot.gov/Business/bids/index.shtml?dc=const_contractor_reg
15	Due to the variance in Prevailing Wages, are you able to tell us which county the majority of the work will be taking place in?	It is not feasible to quantify, this is a Statewide Contract and work required is dependent on funding and Department project needs. However, current long term strategic plans entail a majority of new fiber route mileage in Sussex County, but no particular timeline or sequence of fiber construction projects has been defined.
14	Will a copy of the Contract be provided prior to the bid date so that it may be reviewed and exceptions provided as called out in the RFP Document?	No, a contract will not be provided for review prior to the bid date. Please bid as-is on the information provided in the RFP. If exceptions are needed, please refer to Section III D Exeptions Form on page 6 of the RFP.
13	Do the wages listed in the Delaware Wage Decision include benefits?	Yes, the Delaware Wage Decision includes benefits. For more information please visit https://dia.delawareworks.com/labor-law/prevailing-wage.php .
12	Will you be adding any classifications to the State Wage Decision? There are no classifications listed for Communications Technician and Pipelayer which are more closely related to this type of work. Fiber aerial work, cable pulling, and fiber splicing normally fall within a Communications Technician job description and the laborers used for the installation of underground conduit and HDPE usually fall under a Pipelayers job description. Please advise.	According to the State Department of Labor and based upon the information provided, this work falls under the Electricians classification.
11	What percentage of the of the project will be federally funded?	The percentage of federal funding is not relevent to the bidding process. The entire project is subject to state and Federal Highway Administration requirements.

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10	I see no line item for MOT pricing. Will you be adding a line item to address MOT when needed?	<p><u>Refer to revised response to Question 5.</u></p> <p>Per RFP Appendix A, Section 2.8.2, maintenance of traffic shall be considered incidental to unit pricing for applicable construction tasks. Proposals should detail any assumptions or conditions associated with supplied unit pricing, provided that these are consistent with the specifications and requirements defined in the RFP.</p>

Wednesday, February 07, 2018

9	In Appendix A, Section 2.6 - State of Delaware License Requirements – will the prime contractor need to pull an electrical permit on every project per the NEC code?	No, an electrical permit is only required when an actual electrical power connection or feed are being installed or impacted.
8	Also related to line item SP830001 on the price sheet, should the unit be “each” rather than “LF”?	Yes, the unit for SP830001 should be “EA” (each).
7	Is there a preferred manufacturer for line item SP830001 - Furnish and Install Conduit Junction Well, Type 16, 17” x 30” x 18” Precast Concrete/Polymer? Also, can a spec sheet be provided?	There is no preferred manufacturer. The specifications can be found in Appendix A section 3.2, and Appendix C section SP830.
6	There is no line item for time and materials. How do we invoice for tasks performed that are not on the price sheet?	Additional work or materials that may be required outside the scope of the scope defined in the RFP will be handled on a task-by-task basis, with pricing negotiated in accordance with state prevailing wage rates.
5	Where should maintenance of traffic be included on the price sheet?	<p><u>Maintenance of Traffic pricing is not to be included on the price sheet. Section 2.8.2 of Appendix A has been modified to have MOT costs negotiated on a task by task basis. See Addendum 1.</u></p> <p>Per RFP Appendix A, Section 2.8.2, maintenance of traffic shall be considered incidental to unit pricing for applicable construction tasks. Proposals should detail any assumptions or conditions associated with supplied unit pricing, provided that these are consistent with the specifications and requirements defined in the RFP.</p>
4	Is MBE/WBE participation required in this proposal?	No, but DBE goals will be assessed on a task-by-task basis for tasks receiving federal funding.

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

3	What is DBE, TBD percent ?	'DBE, TBD' means goals will be assessed on a task-by-task basis for tasks receiving federal funding.
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2	Is there any good faith DBE requirement?	DBE goals and requirements will be assessed on a task-by-task basis.
1	Is there a pre-bid meeting for DOT 1885 fiber network?	No, a pre-bid meeting is not scheduled.