

Delaware Department of Transportation
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
T200911301 (1C)
US 301, NORFOLK SOUTHERN RR TO SR 896
Wednesday, December 02, 2015

Q #	Question	Answer
10	What is the railroad traffic on this contract for the maintenance of railroad traffic item?	This information is in Prospective Bidders Note Number 32.
9	On page 77 of the specs I-202560 covers Contaminated Material but nothing in the plans indicates any of this material. Are there specific areas DelDOT is not telling us about.	DelDOT does not anticipate that there will be contaminated materials encountered in the excavations. Item 202560-Contaminated Material includes the requirements for handling contaminated materials in the event that contaminated materials are encountered.
8	There is a large quantity of temporary seeding proposed in Bid Item 1070 (1,518,436 SY). Is this intended to pay for temporary seed at the borrow pits or is that paid for by the Lump Sum Item 1090 Borrow Pit E & S?	Temporary seeding within the borrow sites is to be included in Item 900501-Borrow Area Erosion and Sediment Control and Dewatering.
7	There are many Boring Logs and Test Pits that are shown on the Boring Location Plans that do not appear in the Boring Logs. The Pleasanton Southeast Borrow Site and the Pleasanton East Borrow Site have no logs provided. Could the missing logs be added to the website?	See response to #3. The Pleasanton South boring logs (TP 3-02 thru TP 3-25A) are contained on the website. Also, a file with Additional Boring Logs has been added to the website under Contract T200911301 that includes the available boring information for Pleasanton Southeast.
6	Can the contractor keep the excess topsoil rather than bury it?	The use of excess topsoil in the outer embankment is shown in the detail on Plan Sheet 13. The anticipated amount of excess topsoil and its use in the outer embankments is described in the Topsoil Summary on plan sheets 7, 8 & 9. Any additional excess topsoil will first be evaluated to determine if it can be incorporated into the outer embankments per the detail. Any additional excess topsoil beyond what can be incorporated into the outer embankments would then be evaluated per Section 202.03.

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5	Bid Item 1040 of the referenced project calls for 12" Topsoiling with a quantity of 336,690 SY. The bid plans, specifications, typical sections etc. indicate 6" topsoil respread over all disturbed areas. Please clarify the intention of this bid item and at what locations 12" of topsoil is to be respread.	12" Topsoiling is to be used in all borrow site locations.

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4	Can cross sections, Boring Log, and Test Pit log be made available to bidders?	See response to #3.
3	Can cross sections be made available to bidders?	<p>DeIDOT does not include the cross sections as part of the official contract documents. For informational purposes only, cross sections have been posted on the US301 Project website under the Contractor Information tab. Cross sections can then be found under the appropriate US301 Contract. Other items for informational purposes only can also be found under the appropriate US301 Contract, such as a roll plan and Geotechnical Boring Logs. The website for the unofficial US301 Contractor Information is:</p> <p>http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/us301/ContractorInfo/index.shtml</p>
2	Can an updated list of prequalified Contractors and subcontractors be provided?	<p>As noted in the Bid Proposal in Prospective Bidders Note No. 5, a list of contractors that have submitted acceptable Prequalification information can be found at the web site below. This list is current to the date noted on the list.</p> <p>http://deldot.gov/information/business/bids/const_proj_bid_info.shtml</p>

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1	<p>This is a job that will probably be bid by more in state firms than the prior 301 projects. A DBE goal of 15% seems excessive based on the bid items and it's attraction to local firms.</p>	<p>The establishment of the DBE goal is the same process used on all of our federally participating contracts.</p> <p>We believe a 15% DBE goal is attainable. However, all of our contracts allow for a Good Faith Effort (GFE). If after trying and failing to find DBE firms willing to bid on the work, a bidder feels that the percentage is unattainable, they need to follow the GFE process described in the program plan and use the forms provided at the end of the program plan to document the effort made. It is important that everyone understands that the GFE is a critical element of a responsive bid. Bids will be deemed unresponsive if the DBE goal is not met and there is insufficient documentation of the bidders GFE on the required forms.</p> <p>More information regarding the DelDOT DBE Contract Goal setting procedure and Good Faith Effort can be found here: http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/dbe/pdf/DBE_Program_Plan.pdf?03272015</p>
C	<p>1. Does the prime contractor need to submit all of his subcontractors at the time of bid?</p> <p>2. Does the prime contractor need to submit craft training certification for all of his subcontractors to be prequalified?</p> <p>3. How can a prime contractor add subcontractors after the award if their craft training certification was not submitted at the time of the pre-qualification?</p> <p>4. What happens if a prequalified prime contractor fails to maintain a craft training program for the life of the contract?</p>	<p>1.No, the prime contractor and subcontractors need to submit the "Prequalification for US 301 Contracts" form and provide supporting program documentation no later than 10 a.m. local time on the date of bid opening for prequalification.</p> <p>2. Yes, the prime contractor and subcontractors need to submit the "Prequalification for US 301 Contracts" form and provide supporting program documentation no later than 10 a.m. local time on the date of bid opening for prequalification.</p> <p>3. We will consider the addition of subcontractors after award of the Contract. Any subcontractors added will be subject to the same prequalification requirement for craft training in order to be approved for use on the Contract.</p> <p>4. Enforcement of the craft training program will be the responsibility of the Delaware DOL.</p>

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B	Are we to submit all subcontractors that are under consideration, as the final decision on who we will be using will not have been made by that time?	To comply with 29 Del C. 6962(c)(11), all contractors and subcontractors with apprenticeable trades are required to have a craft training program and must be prequalified to bid on the US 301 projects.
A	Will you be publishing the list of signed in attendees to the US 301 Contractor Information Meeting held on August 24?	For questions and answers regarding unofficial information presented at the Contractor Information Meeting, please refer to the US301 Project Web site: http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/us301/ContractorInfo/index.shtml