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Contract No. T200301601.01
Federal Aid Project No. ESTP-K137 (2)
CARTER ROAD (K137)
Kent County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is Addendum No. 3 for the referenced contract consisting of the following:

1. One (1) page, Location Description, page i, revised, to be substituted for the same page in the Proposal. Add the following language:
 - 3. Disregard all references to specific types of mulch contained in the plan set. The placement of mulch shall be in accordance with the Specification for 734013 - Permanent Grass seeding, Dry Ground.**

Questions and Answers raised since Addendum No. 1:

1. Per the breakout sheet for item 614508 that is issued with addendum #1.
 - A. What is item 15 in the breakout sheet supposed to be?
For work included in detail 1 sheet 109.
 - B. What sizes are items 23 and 24?
The sizes must be in conformance with the Town of Smyrna Standard Specifications and Details for Water Mains, Sanitary Sewers, Storm Drains, Streets and Roads.
 - C. Why are bid item 23 and 24 shown with anchorages and/or buttress when you have bid item 9 for concrete thrust blocks?
The items are needed for work as shown on sheet 119, detail 12.

- D. Where is an item for the many mechanical joint sleeves which will be required at many tie-in locations?

There is no separate item for joints at the tie-ins. Costs associated with connecting to existing are incidental to the work. Connections must be in conformance with the Town of Smyrna Standard Specifications and Details for Water Mains, Sanitary Sewers, Storm Drains, Streets and Roads.

2. 6" Perf. Underdrain Pipe is it Sch-40 or ADS HDPE?

Underdrain pipe material must meet the requirements of section 715 of the standard specifications.

3. Breakout Sheet 614508 - Item 23 and 24 have to have a diameter associated with them. They have to indicate a size. You just can't say 1/32 bend.

The items are for the proposed 10" plastic water main as detailed on sheets 119 and 120. The size and shape anchorage and buttress must be in accordance with Town of Smyrna Standard Specifications and Details for Water Mains, Sanitary Sewers, Storm Drains, Streets and Roads.

4. Can you tell me what a tapping sleeve tee is? Is that again supposed to be a 6" x 6" tapping sleeve and valve?

Item 15 is a tapping sleeve tee only because a permanent valve is not required at the location. The fire hydrant assembly that is to be relocated to this location includes a valve. And additional valve is not needed.

5. Plan sheet 109 Detail 1 indicates a new fire hydrant. Where is this item on the breakout sheet?

The fire hydrant is to be relocated from its existing location at the intersection to the location shown on the plans. The breakout sheet item is relocate fire hydrant assembly.

6. Ref plan sheet 51 and the note that says excavation, cl c bedding, and backfill for the 24" rcp are incidental to the pipe installation (this is not DelDOT standard spec) please clarify.

The work should be bid per the plans and proposal.

7. Where is the 257 sy of R-4 rip-rap found on the plans for this project?

Riprap R-4 is located throughout the plans at various pipe outfalls. The quantity should be bid per the plans and proposal.

8. The response to question #22 is troubling and inconsistent with the Supplementals, Special Provisions, and any common sense.

“The plans call for Soil Retention Mulch Type 4 & Type 5. There is no bid item for this work in the bid proposal form. Will a bid item be added to the bid proposal form for Soil Retention Mulch Type 4 & Type 5?”

Response: "Mulching is incidental to the bid item 743013, Permanent Grass Seeding."

First of all, there is no bid item 743013.

Second of all, if it is now the Department's intent for Contractor's to bid a "BLANKET" mulch item in with our seed (blankets that costs \$2 - \$5 per SY more than the seed itself) at random/unknown areas thru the job is unreasonable and not something that any Contractor can do. This approach or method was never conveyed thru the DelDOT/DCA Liaison Committee. And, the entire Construction Industry opposed the re-write of Section 734 to begin with. I strongly disagree with the answer provided to this question and will not be including various/random "BLANKET" products in my bid at unknown/random seeding areas. The Supplementals do NOT say that we Own "Blanket" mulching and I will bid accordingly and claim this item as needed. I look for any other Contractor to use the same approach. If the Department ever plans on doing this, they need to break the seed item down into the various slopes that BLANKET products are rated for - as right now it is wide open. For example:

" 734###: Seeding (& Blanket Mulch) areas with slopes 4:1 and flatter
" 734###: Seeding (& Blanket Mulch) areas with slopes steeper than 4:1
" Etc.

Until/Unless the seeding item is appropriately broken up for the type of Blankets that are rated for the slopes in question, there is no way for anyone to bid a seed item that also happens to include a Blanket mulch.

Addressed in Addendum No. 3.

9. What is the purpose of using two (2) Tapping Sleeve and Valves to tie in the two (2) lines, when you have to cut the main in two (2) places to place the 6" caps at Station 36 + 00?

To minimize the down time of the water main. Bid per plans and proposal.

10. What is the purpose of using a 10" Tapping Sleeve & Valve, when you have to cut the pipe to put the Cap on the existing line at Station 73 + 25 Right?

To minimize the down time of the water main. Bid per plans and proposal.

11. There is no Station 110 + 15 to 112 +29 Lt on these plans but there is a water line relocation shown for these stations on Sheet 110 of the plans.

The work is shown on sheet 109. The water main has it's owns stationing, shown on the plan, that corresponds to the profile.

12. Should there be a plan sheet showing the details of what happen at the locations where profile are shown on Sheet 110, specifically a plan detail at:

12 + 83
13 + 56
15 + 20
15 + 82

All information needed is on the plan and profile.

12. I can only find 320 lf of 8" and 545 lf of 10" pipe, are your quantities correct?

The quantities have been checked and quantities are correct.

13. I cannot find Item 7, Tapping Sleeve and Valve 8" in your water breakout.

Information on sheet 109 and profile sheet 110

Please note the revisions listed above and submit your bid based upon this information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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**CARTER ROAD (K137)
KENT COUNTY**

LOCATION

These improvements are located in KENT County more specifically shown on the Location Map(s) of the enclosed Plans.

DESCRIPTION

The improvements consist of furnishing all materials for CARTER ROAD, and other incidental construction in accordance with the location, notes and details shown on the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

COMPLETION DATE

All work on this contract must be complete within 439 Calendar Days . The Contract Time includes an allowance for 65 Weather Days

It is the Department's intent to issue a Notice to Proceed such that work starts on or about March 23, 2012.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING

This project incorporates the electronic bidding system Expedite 5.2b. Bidder wishing to use the electronic bidding option should request a bid file disk and installation CD.

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS NOTE:

1. No retainage will be withheld on this contract.
2. The Department has adopted an External Complaint Procedure. The procedure can be viewed on our website at; <http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/>, or you may request a copy by calling (302) 760-2555.
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