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**State of Delaware Department of
Transportation**

BR 1-501 over SR4

Contract No. T200907403.01

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STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

IN RE:)
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PRE-BID MEETING FOR CONTRACT)
NO. T200907403.01, BR 1-501)
(SR 141/NEWPORT VIADUCT) OVER)
SR4, AMTRAK & CHRIST.)

Department of Transportation
800 Bay Road
Dover, Delaware

Thursday, January 13, 2011
10:30 a.m.

BEFORE:

SCOTT S. GOTTFRIED,
DelDOT Competitively Bid Contracts
Coordinator
JITEN SONEJI,
DelDOT Bridge Engineer

THOMAS C. CLEMENTS,
DelDOT Asst. Director North Construction
NEIL A. SHEMO,
AECOM, Project Manager, Transportation

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1 ALSO PRESENT:

2 MARK STITZ,
3 Crossing Construction Co., Inc.

4 RICH COVER,
5 Crossing Construction Co., Inc.
6 BULENT HAMAMCIOGLU,
7 Cherry Hill Construction

8 BARRY BECKETT,
9 DelDOT North Construction
10 JERRY JALOSKY,
11 Daisy Construction Company

12 KYLE OSZEYCZIK,
13 AECOM
14 DAN RADLE,
15 AECOM

16 JOE PAOCINI,
17 Atlas Painting
18 MATT LEWIS,
19 Neshaminy Constructors

20 JOE CORRADO,
21 Greggo & Ferrara
22 BERNIE DOUGHERTY,
23 JD Eckman, Inc.

24 KEVIN ARNDT,
Cherry Hill Construction
LOUISE HOLT,
DelDOT PR

ROBERT KING,
DelDOT PR
PETER ERONY,
Mumford & Miller Concrete, Inc.

1 ALSO PRESENT: (Continued)

2 CHUCK REGNIER,
3 Century Engineering

4 SOT MARINIS,
5 Marinis Bros., Inc.

6 BARRY BOND,
7 AMTRAK

8 STEVE RICHTER,
9 DeLDOT

10 AHMAD FAQIRI,
11 DeLDOT

12 SUSAN TRENTHAM,
13 JJID, Inc.

14 BOB FIELD,
15 EHS, Inc.

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1 MR. GOTTFRIED: Okay. Good morning,
2 everybody. This is a mandatory pre-bid meeting
3 for Contract No. T200907403.01. This is the 501
4 Bridge over SR4 Amtrak and the Christina River.

5 Welcome. Thank you for coming. My
6 name is Scott Gottfried. I'm the Competitively
7 Bid Contracts Coordinator for DelDOT. As I said
8 before, this is a mandatory pre-bid meeting.
9 This is an 810 calendar day contract.

10 Today's meeting will start with me
11 speaking about the administrative handling of the
12 contract. Then I will turn the program over to
13 the engineering staff and consultants to discuss
14 the specifics of the work.

15 As we go along, if you have a
16 question, please ask. I'd ask that you state
17 your name and the company you represent, and
18 please only one person speak at a time. As you
19 can see, we have a court stenographer here making
20 a transcript of this meeting.

21 Procedures before bidding. All
22 questions or concerns must come to me. This
23 process is very simple. You may fax your
24 questions or concerns to me at (302) 739-2254 or

1 you may e-mail them to me at
2 Scott.Gottfried@state.de.us. This allows you to
3 ask your questions in your own words. I will in
4 turn direct those questions to the appropriate
5 sections. Do not call the engineering staff and
6 do not call the consultants. If there is a true
7 need to speak with them directly, I will make
8 those arrangements. This is the most efficient
9 way for this to be handled. If the questions you
10 ask result in information that all bidders need
11 to be aware, that information will be distributed
12 via addendum.

13 After this meeting, there will be an
14 addendum issued to each of those attending the
15 pre-bid meeting. The addendum will consist of
16 the minutes of this meeting, and whatever plan or
17 spec changes that come as a result of this
18 meeting, and also a list of attendees.

19 Please make sure you sign the list
20 certifying attendance. Since this is a mandatory
21 pre-bid meeting, if your firm has not signed in
22 even though you are here attending, you will not
23 be allowed to bid. Are we clear on this?

24 I don't want anybody to make a

1 mistake and come back and say, I was at the
2 meeting; you saw me. If you don't sign this
3 list, your company will not be allowed to submit
4 a bid.

5 I strongly encourage you to look over
6 the plans as soon as you can. Bids will be taken
7 on February 8th, 2011. Have all your questions
8 in to me as soon as possible. However, no
9 technical questions will be accepted after noon
10 on February 1st. You may submit your questions
11 to me after February 1st; I will look at them.
12 Do not expect a response unless it's in the best
13 interest of the Department. Is everyone clear on
14 that? That is seven calendar days before the bid
15 opening. I am not going to break that rule.

16 MR. ARNDT: Kevin Arndt with Cherry
17 Hill.

18 If the bid date gets delayed, will
19 the question date for cutoff -- or the cutoff
20 date for questions be delayed as well?

21 MR. GOTTFRIED: The only questions I
22 will entertain if I extend the bid -- if I extend
23 the bid that means an addendum came out and there
24 was some reason I extended the bid or something

1 happened. The only questions that I will
2 entertain after I extend the bid is questions
3 regarding directly to why I extended that bid.
4 In other words, for example, somebody sends
5 something in, one of our quantities was off on
6 concrete. I do an addendum to extend, to
7 increase that concrete. The only thing I'm going
8 to entertain after that extension are questions
9 regarding the quantity change on the concrete.
10 Nothing else. So you will not be able to
11 backtrack me and bring up something else that
12 came up before. If you want to get those
13 questions in, they need to be to me by February
14 1st. Okay? And that being because if you keep
15 up with the Department, we have a lot of projects
16 in the I-95 corridor right now. I cannot lose
17 bid dates, and we're trying to get these projects
18 in. Is everybody clear on that?

19 Okay. Joint Ventures. If any firms
20 are planning to bid as a joint venture, both
21 firms need to be registered with the Department.
22 If you're not registered with the Department,
23 please step up to the window after the meeting
24 and get a registration package and fill it out.

1 Also, if you are planning a joint
2 venture, the certification and bond forms in the
3 back of your proposal book are not correct. If
4 you are planning a joint venture, you will have
5 to send me an e-mail or contact my office, and I
6 will overnight express the correct joint venture
7 certification and bond forms for your company to
8 be able to fill out and be able to submit a joint
9 venture.

10 Bonding requirements. With this
11 contract and almost every other DelDOT contract,
12 we do require a ten percent bid bond, a hundred
13 percent performance bond.

14 Please note: I cannot accept bonds
15 with riders or restrictions.

16 Also, please note: The only rider or
17 restriction I will accept is the nine-eleven
18 terrorist rider.

19 The bonding form that's in the back
20 of your proposal book is the only form I will
21 accept. That is a state law. I do not accept
22 AIA bonds or documents.

23 If you submit a bond that is anything
24 other than the bond that's on our Web site that

1 you can download or the bond form that's in the
2 back of your book, I will automatically
3 disqualify your bid. This is to include if your
4 office decided to get creative and retype my bond
5 form. If you make one mistake, if you leave one
6 space out, you leave one period, that bond form
7 is not my form and it will be disqualified. This
8 has happened. If your bond company has a problem
9 with using our bond form, please contact me. I
10 will straighten it out with your bonding company,
11 but do not retype my form. As of lately I've got
12 a lot of contractors doing that, and where we use
13 Department of Transportation, they put DelDOT;
14 the form is automatically disqualified. Okay?
15 This is a state law, not a DelDOT requirement.
16 It is in the state code. Okay? Is everybody
17 clear on that about the bond?

18 Okay. Next. This project is
19 governed by the Standard Specifications dated
20 August 2001. They are available at my office for
21 a cost of \$42. If you're like me and you like to
22 save money, you can go to my Web site which is
23 www.DelDOT.gov, go under Publications, go under
24 Manuals and you can print the manual from there

1 or go look at the manual from there.

2 There's something I'd also like to
3 point out in the proposal book that's a little
4 bit of a change from what we've done in the past.
5 If you happen to have your proposal book with
6 you, I'd like everybody to take note to page 35.
7 This is in regard to the supplemental
8 specifications that we add to our Standard
9 Specifications.

10 Please note: This page tells you
11 that effective as of the date of advertisement
12 for this proposal, all supplemental
13 specifications are included by reference. Which
14 means it's the contractor's job to go out on our
15 Web site and look what supplements have been
16 added to the Standard Specifications at this
17 time. Is that clear? I don't want somebody
18 coming back and getting out in the field with the
19 construction group saying, Well, I didn't know
20 you had to do that. Those are incorporated by
21 reference and there is a Web site on this page
22 where you can go and look at that and see what
23 has been changed. Is everyone clear on that?

24 Okay. The next thing we're going to

1 go over is the first page in the book which is
2 page i. This is the location description page.
3 I shouldn't have to bring this up, but I'm going
4 to bring this up.

5 This job does have a painting
6 specification. I believe it has a hazardous
7 specification, but it does require PCCP, QP-1 and
8 QP-2 certifications from your painting
9 contractor. Unfortunately on the last big
10 project I had, three contractors did not turn
11 their certifications in from their painting
12 contractor at the time of bid. All three were
13 automatically considered to be nonresponsive and
14 rejected.

15 Those certifications for this
16 contract have to come in at the time of bid.
17 Okay? The language is very clear. It states, if
18 this documentation is not submitted with the bid,
19 the bid will be considered nonresponsive. Please
20 don't do that. I'm trying to get viable bids. I
21 don't need to toss somebody because they didn't
22 send a certification in which is no problem to
23 get, but unfortunately it has to be turned in at
24 the time of bid. Okay?

1 It will be coming out with the first addendum.
2 That will be the only specialty items for this
3 contract and I will not entertain any other items
4 being suggested to be a specialty item.

5 Real quickly. I want to make it
6 clear to everybody about the DBE information,
7 which is the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.
8 In my last bid contract about a month ago, I
9 actually had contractors who didn't fill the DBE
10 goal in on the certification form. The DBE goal
11 for this contract is 13 percent. You must state
12 that on the certification form when you submit
13 it. If you leave that area blank, it is
14 automatically disqualified.

15 Also, if you decide as a prime
16 contractor that your company cannot meet the 13
17 percent goal, you must submit good faith
18 paperwork. That paperwork instruction is on page
19 12. It must be submitted at the time of bid.
20 And I'm going to be very clear and very real with
21 this. You may submit something that we consider
22 to be incomplete, but as long as you submit some
23 type of good faith paperwork at the time of bid,
24 I will give you a second chance to be able to

1 come back and give me more information.

2 If you submit no good faith paperwork
3 and you go below the 13 percent for the DBE goal,
4 there's no question that your bid is
5 automatically disqualified; no way to save it;
6 nothing I can do. Okay? That's a rule set up by
7 the DBE program in the Civil Rights Section.

8 If anybody can't meet the goal and
9 they would like to have a blueprint or a good
10 faith paperwork submission that has been
11 approved, please contact Carla Elliott. She is
12 the Civil Rights Administrator. Her phone number
13 is (302) 760-2555, and she has examples of good
14 faith paperwork that she can e-mail to you to be
15 able to submit a successful good faith paperwork
16 submission if you cannot make the 13 percent.

17 While we're talking, I'd also like to
18 point out that there will be three trainees on
19 this job. Okay? Once we figure out who the
20 apparent low bidder is, please make sure you get
21 your training information to Ms. Elliott because
22 I cannot make award until she has given me
23 approval of your training programs and you can
24 read about that in the back under Submissions

1 required at the time of bid.

2 Are there any questions on the DBE
3 information that I've gone over so far?

4 MR. ARNDT: Kevin Arndt with Cherry
5 Hill.

6 Do the specialty items incorporate
7 the values that are associated with the DBE
8 percentages?

9 MR. GOTTFRIED: Yes. The DBE
10 percentages on the total amount of the contract
11 including specialty items. Whatever your total
12 bid is, that's the 13 percent I'm going to be
13 looking at.

14 All right. We're now going to go
15 over the quantity forms which are at the back of
16 your proposal book on page 247. We do use the
17 Expedite Program 5.2B here. Just to give
18 everybody a heads up, I'm getting ready to go up
19 to the next one which is 5.9A or something which
20 we will be doing in the next month or so. But
21 for this project it's 5.2B. I want to make it
22 perfectly clear, this is not an electronic
23 submissions type of bid. You get the disk, you
24 fill out the form, you still have to turn in the

1 disk to me if you'd like to, but you do have to
2 submit paper copies of what you print out from
3 Expedite, signed. Is that clear?

4 I've had that come into question a
5 couple of bids ago where they said, Well, we
6 don't have to do that. That's not true. I must
7 have a paper copy. My regs state that when the
8 electronic media fails, I revert back to the unit
9 price on your paper copy. You must submit a
10 paper submission from that.

11 Now, if you choose not to use the
12 Expedite Program to submit your bid and you
13 choose to use the forms I have here, please note:
14 These forms for the quantity forms must be
15 typewritten. There is no exception to that. You
16 must give me a dollar amount for every item. You
17 may not bid a zero dollar amount on any item.
18 Okay? Any question of your price, I always
19 revert back to the unit price.

20 So basically, this form has a line
21 number in the first column; an item description
22 in the second column; your approximate quantity
23 and units in the third column. Your fourth
24 column is your unit price. If you fill these out

1 without using the Expedite Program, please make
2 sure that is your unit price you put in there,
3 not your extended amount. Your extended amount
4 goes in the next column. Believe it or not, I've
5 had people put extended amounts in the unit price
6 column, and it doesn't disqualify your bid.
7 Basically, what I do is, I come back and I
8 multiple that price out which gives you some
9 trillion dollar bid or billion dollar bid which
10 completely takes you out of the running for this
11 project. Okay?

12 Please note: The forms may not be
13 handwritten. Now, the only way you may put a
14 handwritten number on these forms or on your
15 expedite forms is that you must have a
16 typewritten number there first. You may strike a
17 single black line through that number. Legibly
18 write the corrected amount so that I can read it.
19 If there's any question in what your numbers are,
20 I will disqualify you; and initial it. Okay?
21 And that is in the second paragraph under 102.06,
22 Preparation of Bids which is in the Standard
23 Specifications. Does anybody have any questions
24 on the quantity forms?

1 All right. This contract, as a lot
2 of our other contracts, has a breakout form.
3 There's only one. This breakout form may be
4 handwritten. It does not have to be typed. It
5 is a breakout form for steel structure repair.
6 You may not submit a zero dollar amount on a
7 breakout form. It's an automatic
8 disqualification. And the reason I'm making that
9 point clear is somebody did it about a month ago.
10 Do not submit a zero dollar amount on the
11 breakout form. If you find an item in this
12 proposal that you feel should be included in
13 another item that you do not want to give me a
14 price for, call my office and we'll discuss it.
15 But do not give me a zero dollar amount. I have
16 no choice but disqualification.

17 The next form is submissions required
18 at the time of bid. I believe every one of these
19 forms is going to be required on this project.
20 If you have any questions on this, please contact
21 my office. I believe it's self-explanatory.

22 MR. CLEMENTS: Scott, can I add
23 something?

24 MR. GOTTFRIED: Yes.

1 MR. CLEMENTS: Tom Clements, DelDOT.

2 If any of the bidders are out of
3 state and they're not familiar with our DNREC
4 certification, this one requires a contractor
5 certification course, and that's commonly
6 referred to as the blue card course. But DelDOT
7 cannot accept any other certification from other
8 states. If you don't have a DNREC certified
9 person, you'll need to at the time of bid either
10 use a consultant or get in touch with DNREC and
11 get a person certified. They periodically offer
12 this course. I don't know the schedule of that,
13 but you can find a DNREC, D-N-R-E-C, Web site and
14 they will have contact information for you to get
15 someone certified. So just be aware of that.
16 And as Scott said, notice that you'll need also
17 an ATSSA certification, A-T-S-S-A. One person
18 certified for the job and you need to submit your
19 proposed trainee plans as he had mentioned at the
20 time of bid, in addition to the QP-1, QP-2
21 painting certifications.

22 MR. GOTTFRIED: Okay. Moving right
23 along. The next form in the back of the book is
24 your certification form. It says at the top of

1 that, "The undersigned bidder." That is not the
2 person filling out the form. That is the name of
3 your company. At the bottom of this form you
4 will see it says, Disadvantaged Business
5 Enterprise percentage. That is the percentage
6 that must be filled out. Please do not leave it
7 blank. If you do, you will be disqualified.

8 Please note: The certification form
9 is a two-page form, just in case you pull it out
10 of your book and you copy it. There is a back
11 side to this. Halfway down the back side of this
12 project it says, "Failure to acknowledge receipt
13 of all addenda will result in the bid being
14 declared nonresponsive."

15 When you receive an addendum which
16 will come via UPS or via fax, you must
17 acknowledge addendum on this form, that you
18 received it and the date you received it.

19 Underneath that you'll see that
20 whoever is able to obligate your company into a
21 legally binding contract must sign it and it must
22 be notarized. Please make sure that the person
23 that's signing it just doesn't give it to a
24 notary public and they stamp it and they don't

1 ever put their signature on the form. I know
2 that's not supposed to happen, but believe it or
3 not, I get notarized forms with no signature.
4 Okay?

5 The last thing I'm going to go over
6 is the bid bond form. This is our form. This is
7 DelDOT's form. It's been approved by the state.
8 No exception. You must use this form. If you
9 turn in this form, it also comes with a Power of
10 Attorney.

11 While we're talking about the bid
12 bond form, let me go over a couple of things.
13 Number one, it is the contractor's responsibility
14 to make sure that your bonding company fills out
15 the bond form and your Power of Attorney
16 correctly. Okay?

17 I will not have any sympathy if your
18 bonding company turns me in a New Jersey Power of
19 Attorney, and the attorney, in fact, is different
20 from what's on the bid bond than what's on the
21 Power of Attorney. It's an automatic
22 disqualification. Okay?

23 I'm suggesting you check that before
24 you submit your bid bond to me. I've had it

1 happen. I feel really bad about it, but there is
2 no way around that. Okay?

3 Second. On my bid bond form it
4 states, we ask for ten percent for the bid bond.
5 It also gives you a not-to-exceed number there.
6 If your bonding company requires you to put a
7 not-to-exceed amount in that block, I suggest you
8 round that number up several hundred dollars.
9 The reason being, if I find a mistake in your bid
10 and I have to go back in, and your bid increases
11 and you put the exact amount of not-to-exceed in
12 there, then you have a bid bond that does not
13 cover the total cost of the project, and your
14 bond is invalid and will automatically be
15 disqualified. I have done that for a nickel.
16 I've had somebody lose a \$5 million job because
17 his bond did not cover a nickel of the project.

18 My suggestion is, if your bonding
19 company allows you to put ten percent in there
20 without a not-to-exceed number, do that. But if
21 you do have to put a not-to-exceed amount, please
22 round up several hundred dollars. If for some
23 reason you're planning to give me a Treasurer or
24 Certified Check for your bid bond for ten percent

1 of the cost of the project, instead of filling
2 out a bid bond, make sure you round it up several
3 hundred dollars for the same reason. Okay?

4 Are there any questions on my bid
5 bond form or what you have to turn in?

6 Okay. A couple of things I suggest
7 you take a close look at, and that is Section
8 102.06 of the Standard Specifications. This is
9 preparation of proposal. This will tell you
10 exactly what you have to do, how you have to do
11 it, and what you need to turn in to me, and what
12 exceptions I will take. It is spelled out there.

13 If anybody has a problem filling out
14 my forms or do not understand what they need to
15 submit, call my office. I will gladly talk to
16 you. I'd rather get viable bids in than to get
17 six bids in and have to send four of them to the
18 garbage can because they made simple little
19 typographical errors that could have been easily
20 fixed or corrected if I had gotten a phone call.
21 And I'm sure your bonding companies don't like it
22 that much when I toss your bids.

23 The other section I'll tell you to
24 pay close attention to is 102.07. This is

1 irregular bids. I believe there's 9 or 11 items
2 there. If you make a mistake, the verbiage in
3 that section says, the bid shall be considered
4 nonresponsive. If you make a mistake there or
5 that's one of the problems I find with your bid,
6 it's an automatic disqualification. Okay?

7 I know I'm hemming on the
8 disqualification factor, but as of late, I've
9 seen a rash again of people who have done
10 business with DelDOT for years and all of a
11 sudden submitting bids that are getting tossed.
12 And I do see new contractors that have not worked
13 with the State of Delaware before. If you have
14 any questions, please contact me. I will get it
15 straight. I will answer questions right up until
16 two o'clock on -- I believe it's February 8th to
17 be able to get you to submit a correct bid.

18 Are there any questions on the
19 administrative handling of the contract? Any at
20 all.

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Scott, I would like to
22 add one more comment on the administrative part.

23 Again for those of you that may not
24 have been with us for a while, just a reminder.

1 In the front of the book, you'll see wage rates.
2 This is a federal aid participating project.
3 You'll see both federal aid wages and state wages
4 for DelDOT contracts. The higher of those two
5 rates for each classification will govern. I
6 just wanted to be sure that you're clear on that
7 when you bid.

8 MR. GOTTFRIED: I'd like to add to
9 that right now. That's really not a factor at
10 this time, Tom. They're both identical.

11 MR. CLEMENTS: Okay. Fine.

12 MR. GOTTFRIED: The rates right now
13 for the state and the Feds at this point in time
14 are identical. So that really wouldn't be an
15 issue.

16 MR. CLEMENTS: Okay. Good.

17 MR. GOTTFRIED: And this is a highway
18 wage rate contract and that will not change.

19 Any other questions? Okay. Then I'm
20 going to turn the meeting over to Jiten Soneji
21 and the consultants to go over the specifics of
22 the project.

23 MR. SONEJI: As Scott said, my name
24 is Jiten Soneji. I'm the bridge engineer for

1 DelDOT, and we have here, as you heard, Tom
2 Clements. He's the Construction Assistant
3 Director, and we have Barry who's the engineer
4 for the job, and Neil is the designer, and Neil
5 is going to give you some of the highlights of
6 the project, what he has done during the time.
7 And we have Barry Bond here if there are any
8 Amtrak questions. I appreciate, Barry, you
9 coming for the meeting. And if there are any
10 questions during the meeting, we'll try to cover
11 this. If not, we'll get back to you.

12 MR. SHEMO: My name is Neil Shemo
13 with AECOM. Thanks everyone for coming today and
14 showing interest in our project.

15 The project is the rehabilitation of
16 Bridge 501. It's in the Newport area of
17 Delaware. As Scott indicated earlier, it crosses
18 over the Christina River, Amtrak, SR4, and
19 several local roads. If you can see the map over
20 there to my side, it basically shows the extent
21 of the project.

22 Today I'm going to cover a few of the
23 specifics of the project. I'll start with a
24 general overview and then jump into a few of the

1 more specialty items on the project.

2 Contract -- Scott read it off --
3 200907403. Again, it crosses over SR4, local
4 roads, Amtrak, Christina River. The span over
5 Amtrak is Span 8. We're estimating about 810
6 days which works out to about 27 months. Notice
7 to proceed in 2011 to 2013.

8 A couple of the repairs in the
9 project overview that you'll see in the plan set.
10 One of the more significant items is the steel
11 repair to the Type E Diaphragms. You can see the
12 lower picture, our inspectors identified a crack
13 at this location. We determined that it's a
14 distortion induced fatigue crack. So at each and
15 every Type E Diaphragm, which there's four
16 corners on each cross-frame for about 1,648
17 locations in the bridge, we will be installing a
18 retrofit plate. It will involve removal of the
19 cross-frame, cleaning of the existing
20 hazardous-based paint in the area of the repair,
21 installation of a retrofit plate to strengthen
22 that area and connect it to the top and bottom
23 flanges, and then reinstallation of the
24 cross-frame. So one of the larger repairs on the

1 project.

2 There will also be cleaning and
3 painting of the exterior structural steel, and as
4 noted it is a hazardous-based system.

5 The replacement of bridge expansion
6 joints on the bridge, which are both strip seal
7 expansion joints, and there are two tooth dam
8 expansion joints on the structure.

9 Replacement of existing self
10 lubricating bronze bearings at selective
11 locations along the length of the bridge.
12 Jacking of the bridge will occur with 15-minute
13 rolling outages at the nighttime.

14 Repair of two sign structures that
15 are currently on the bridge at Pier 3 which is a
16 cantilever structure, and Pier 13 which is an
17 overhead structure.

18 We'll also install new sign supports
19 in Span 17 which provides signing for the local
20 roads below the bridge.

21 Reconstruction of the backwalls and
22 the wingwalls at Abutments M1, M2 and Abutment 2,
23 which is the north abutment. Most of the
24 substructure and the parapet walls will have

1 concrete remediation, including epoxy injection
2 of cracks, repair of spalls and delaminations,
3 and the piers and abutments below expansion
4 joints will receive waterproofing.

5 Bridge barriers will be strengthened
6 at the deflection joints and at the expansion
7 joints. We will be removing segments of the
8 bridge barriers and installing some additional
9 reinforcement to provide additional strength.

10 We'll be milling the bridge deck two
11 inches and installing low permeability concrete
12 overlay; cleaning the bridge drains; and
13 replacing concrete approach slabs. And that's
14 behind -- all four abutments: The south
15 abutment, the north abutment, which is Abutment
16 2, and M1 and M2 which are the abutments for the
17 ramps to SR4, to and from SR4.

18 Getting into a little bit more
19 detail, the retrofit Type E Diaphragms we've
20 already reviewed a little bit. It's covered by
21 Item 605584. It's paid for by the pound.

22 Please note that this work is inside
23 the steel tub girders. The tub girders are about
24 four feet deep. They vary in width from four to

1 maybe nine feet across the structure, and it will
2 be hot work. There will be welding in there. So
3 that will come into play on the next slide,
4 actually.

5 The retrofit occurs at each Type E
6 Diaphragm. The Type E Diaphragms are clearly
7 called out on the framing plan in the plan set.

8 Please note that the specification
9 requires all welders to be prequalified for the
10 weld process and position. There's kind of a
11 standard complete joint penetration weld that's
12 required for the retrofits, but because of the
13 unique location, I wanted to point that out.

14 Also, the spec requires all complete
15 joint penetration welds will be tested using
16 ultrasound by an independent laboratory.

17 Following up on the work inside the
18 tub girder, the Site Safety and Health Plan is
19 Item 202536, a lump sum item. I should address
20 the safety issues on the project which would
21 include the removal of the hazardous-based paint,
22 and also the work in a confined space which would
23 be the hot work inside the box girder or tub
24 girder. There is a format presented in

1 Appendix A that's available with your special
2 provisions, and I would encourage you to follow
3 the guidelines of OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146.

4 Maintenance of railroad traffic.

5 Jiten indicated that Barry Bond is here from the
6 railroad. There you are.

7 Item No. 763502, it's a lump sum
8 item. There's three tracks under the bridge,
9 Span 8. The work that will be around this is
10 jacking to replace bearings at Piers 7 and 8,
11 painting of Span 8, spall repairs at Piers 7 and
12 8, work on the barrier on the bridge deck at Span
13 8, and the replacement of the expansion dams at
14 Piers 7 and 8 on the bridge deck.

15 Nighttime outages as permitted and
16 directed by the railroad. You'll be coordinating
17 with Barry to identify those time slots and
18 availability.

19 The spec requires railroad safety
20 training for your employees that will be working
21 in this area. There are specific railroad
22 insurance requirements, so please read through
23 that carefully.

24 The contractor will be coordinating

1 with Barry to schedule railroad flagging during
2 the course of that construction area.

3 The standard spec for Amtrak allows a
4 safety barrier approximately 15 feet from the
5 centerline of the track, provided Barry and
6 Amtrak approve that, and that could allow you to
7 do work at the piers behind that barrier without
8 being considered fouling the track.

9 And please note in the spec, it also
10 requires that Amtrak make approval of certain
11 shop drawings, including demolition shielding.
12 Such would be used at the expansion joints during
13 removal or for the bridge barrier removal.
14 Jacking towers, they would also need to review
15 those items and approve those items before you
16 move forward with this work around the tracks.
17 It also includes shoring, but I don't anticipate
18 that you'll have any shoring in the vicinity. I
19 did note it because it's in the spec.

20 MR. CLEMENTS: Neil, I wanted to add
21 something there.

22 As far as the training is concerned,
23 I believe, Barry, that's a two-year
24 certification.

1 MR. BOND: One year.

2 MR. CLEMENTS: So our folks will have
3 to also get that. We'll work with the successful
4 bidder, try to set up a session where both of us
5 can get that training. But just be reminded,
6 before the end of that project, we're going to
7 have to do it again at least once to get
8 recertified with their safety class. So we'll
9 work with you in that regard.

10 Also with the shop drawings, when we
11 get a successful bidder, I'll set up a procedure,
12 put contacts with Amtrak, Neil's folks, DelDOT,
13 and we'll lay out a procedure for you so that we
14 can get those drawings submitted to the right
15 people to make the review. Neil's group will be
16 the one to compile all the comments and get an
17 approved drawing back to you through us.

18 MR. BOND: The requirements are 30
19 days for approval. Other than that, everything
20 is appropriate. We're not on the -- you know,
21 one call, call before you dig, Amtrak is not on
22 that. We're private property.

23 MR. CLEMENTS: They're not on Miss
24 Utility.

1 MR. BOND: There you go.

2 MR. JALOSKY: Jerry with Daisy
3 Construction.

4 Tom, I didn't see the frequency of
5 train traffic in there. I might have overlooked
6 that, but we'll need that to get the railroad
7 protective insurance.

8 MR. GOTTFRIED: That is correct,
9 Jerry. I noticed that also afterwards. That's
10 one of the questions that will be addressed in
11 the addendum. The frequency will be there and
12 what type of trains that are going on those
13 tracks.

14 MR. SHEMO: Maintenance of vehicular
15 traffic. There's a lot of traffic on 141.
16 84,000 vehicles a day. The maintenance of
17 traffic is covered by Item 763500.

18 Tom noted earlier that an ATSSA
19 supervisor will be required for the project.

20 To maintain traffic, we're going to
21 utilize five main construction stages. Some of
22 the stages have substages as well: An A and a B
23 stage. But basically we're shifting traffic back
24 and forth across the bridge. Starting in Stage

1 2, for example, which is one of the first main
2 stage on the bridge, we're working on the
3 northbound side of the structure. The two
4 southbound lanes are pushed over to their
5 right-hand fascia, and the median northbound lane
6 is pushed over actually onto the southbound
7 bridge. And the right northbound lane is pushed
8 over into the median giving a nice work zone for
9 the contractor to perform construction on the
10 bridge.

11 The northbound lane then shifts to
12 the right-hand side of the bridge in Stage 3, and
13 the left northbound lane continues on the
14 southbound structure in Stage 3. And then Stage
15 4 and 5 are pretty much the same approach for the
16 construction on the southbound bridge. So the
17 crossover lane basically extends from the gore
18 area that's south of the bridge where the ramps
19 from 95 and 295 and whatnot tie in, and the
20 crossover lane then continues northward to
21 approximately Burnside Boulevard overpass.

22 During the daytime hours, five a.m.
23 to ten p.m. we will maintain two lanes in each
24 direction at all times. For weekends and nights,

1 there is a provision to close what we'll call the
2 local lane or the noncrossed over lane to perform
3 work or deliver materials. Hopefully we can keep
4 that to a minimum.

5 And when that lane is closed, detours
6 for the ramps will be in effect and there are
7 four detour patterns shown in the plan set.

8 Are there any specific questions on
9 the MOT?

10 MR. CLEMENTS: Neil, just to add, as
11 was mentioned earlier, there's going to be some
12 disincentive language as part of the contract
13 addendum. That will address these time frames
14 and there will be penalties if you do not get off
15 the road in accordance with the time frames that
16 are listed. That's the basis behind the
17 disincentive language, just getting off the
18 roadway to be in accordance with the time frames
19 that are listed in the contract.

20 MR. SHEMO: To enhance our
21 maintenance of traffic and to keep the traffic
22 flowing, there is an item in the spec for tow
23 truck service. There's actually two items. The
24 first, 763652 is paid at an hourly basis. And

1 it's to have a normal size tow truck on-site from
2 six a.m. to nine a.m., and again during the
3 afternoon rush hour, four p.m. to seven p.m. And
4 it will be stationed in accordance with
5 discussions between the successful contractor and
6 Barry's group where that would be most
7 advantageous to have that vehicle located. And
8 it will assist in the removal of any disabled
9 vehicles within the project limits.

10 The second provision, we called it a
11 Class 2 Tow Truck, 763653. It's paid for by each
12 caller, a per basis call, and it's a larger size
13 tow truck to help with the removal of any buses
14 or larger vehicles, things of that nature. And
15 it should be available by phone call on a 24-hour
16 basis.

17 Christina River. We worked closely
18 with the environmental group, Joy Ford, in
19 preparing the environmental compliance
20 documents.

21 Christina River. There's no work in
22 the waterway from March 15th to June 1st of any
23 calendar year. And by the way, I pulled these
24 notes directly off the environmental compliance

1 note sheets. So you can look for them there as
2 well.

3 No in-water disturbance other than
4 what is indicated on the plan. And what's
5 indicated is spall repairs to the pile cap at
6 Piers 2 and 3. When doing other work such as
7 bridge jacking, one of the piers has jacking to
8 replace bearings, or installation of demolition
9 shielding is necessary to repair the barrier.
10 Those types of things, painting, installation of
11 containment shielding has to be done from the
12 deck level above the water. Entrance into the
13 water is not allowed for that type of work.

14 To perform the pile cap repairs,
15 installation of the turbidity curtain will be
16 required, and the debris from that needs to be
17 retained. It can't be left in the water. You
18 need to pick all the debris out of the water and
19 get it out of there.

20 Please note as well that the
21 Christina River is a navigable waterway, and Item
22 763522 has some provisions for indicating that
23 and making that known to others that might be
24 using the waterway.

1 Also note on the environmental
2 compliance plans that there are wetlands and
3 tidal wetlands denoted. The wetlands area is in
4 the gore area, south of Abutment 1 or south of
5 the south abutment.

6 The tidal wetlands is basically in
7 front of Abutment 1, below Span 1, below Span 2,
8 that area on the slope down from Abutment 1. And
9 these areas are denoted to be protected with
10 fencing, and entrance into those areas with boats
11 during construction or whatnot is prohibited.
12 So, again, jacking in Abutment 1 or small repairs
13 at Abutment 1 need to come down around the
14 wingwall from the top side, not parking at the
15 bottom of the slope and walk up because that is a
16 protected tidal wetlands area.

17 Cultural resources. There are notes
18 on the plan set for environmental. There's areas
19 denoted specifically where storage materials can
20 occur, and basically it needs to occur within the
21 width of the bridge below the bridge. In certain
22 spans, for example, the two spans north of the
23 railroad, Spans 9 and 10 are available for
24 material storage.

1 There is a church nearby. So if we
2 go out beyond the limits of the footprint of the
3 bridge, we could infringe upon the historic
4 significance of that church. So the material
5 storage is specifically below the bridge as noted
6 on the environment compliance sheet.

7 Utilities. The utilities statement
8 is in the specialty provision package. One item
9 to note is, there is a fiber-optic junction box
10 and conduit at Abutment M1. You will also note
11 on the structure plans that there's a small
12 repair in the vicinity of that junction box. It
13 will be relocated by DelDOT forces, I believe,
14 before you're out there so that you'll have
15 access to do that repair.

16 On Ayre Street, there's an overhead
17 utility pole carrying Verizon and Comcast in a
18 fibertech aerial line, and that will be
19 temporarily relocated to allow work such as the
20 containment system and painting on the structure.

21 MR. CLEMENTS: Neil, on that issue,
22 we looked at being able to get that done in
23 advance of construction. Actually, that issue
24 will be discussed at the monthly utility meeting

1 being held right now at our North District
2 Office. And what has to happen is, after they
3 put the temporary relocation up, there's concrete
4 barrier that we have to put as part of our
5 contract to protect that. I think there will be
6 plenty of time to get that work done after we
7 have a successful bidder. We're going to tell
8 them at today's meeting to be prepared -- as soon
9 as we have a bidder and a signed contract, to be
10 prepared to go in there and get that relocation
11 done. It's pretty minor, but we have to put some
12 barrier there to protect it. They don't want to
13 go out in advance because of that requirement. I
14 think we should be fine. It's not a lot of work
15 to do.

16 MR. SHEMO: Thanks, Tom.

17 The last item I have -- Tom, you were
18 asking about this -- is the right-of-way below
19 the bridge. If you're familiar with the bridge
20 site, you'll note that there's several uses
21 occurring under the bridge. I believe around
22 Spans 5 and 7, BASF maintains parking. A little
23 further north of there, there's a skate park that
24 occurs under the bridge. And up around Spans 17,

1 18, 19, Wilmington Trust Bank uses that area as a
2 parking for their bank as well.

3 These organizations use that land
4 through agreement with DelDOT and a lease. So
5 they have a right to be there. They know that
6 the construction will be occurring, and general
7 notes require the contractor to provide each of
8 the lessees at least four weeks notice to vacate
9 the area and use that area when needed for
10 construction. And I think we also indicate,
11 please use it for the minimum amount of time and
12 try to be as courteous as possible to these
13 folks.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: Neil, to follow-up.
15 Could we use that as a lay-down area to store
16 things and so forth, or is it a limited usage
17 only when we actually have to absolutely have
18 access to the construction?

19 MR. SHEMO: You can use it as a
20 lay-down area as our discussions with the owners.
21 I think some areas are more, you know, available
22 than others. For example, I think I mentioned
23 earlier the two spans north of the railroad are
24 utilized somewhat by the town of Newport. Those

1 are Spans 9 and 10. Basically, they're mostly
2 empty. They might have a truck there or
3 something. So that would make them a more
4 logical choice centered on the length of the
5 bridge.

6 Now, the folks with the skate park, I
7 mean, you can do it, but I think they would
8 probably prefer that you minimize the amount of
9 impact.

10 MR. CLEMENTS: But basically, if the
11 contractor can work out an arrangement with those
12 folks that are leasing those properties, then
13 that's fine.

14 MR. SHEMO: Yes. There would be no
15 objection.

16 Any questions on the right-of-way?

17 MR. ARNDT: Kevin with Cherry Hill.

18 The lease agreements that are with
19 these other organizations, are they going to be
20 part of the contract documents?

21 MR. SHEMO: No, they are not part of
22 the contract documents. There is a list of
23 contacts for each entity that leases the property
24 through DelDOT. I think there's five of them.

1 MR. CLEMENTS: Neil, another
2 follow-up with that.

3 Are there any spans that are just our
4 property that are not leased?

5 MR. SHEMO: Not that I'm aware of.

6 MR. CLEMENTS: So everything that's
7 underneath of that bridge is basically in a lease
8 agreement of some sort.

9 MR. SHEMO: Yes. The only spans that
10 are not are over the waterway, over Amtrak or
11 over a street.

12 MR. FIELD: Bob Field from Eastern
13 Highway.

14 So these properties under the bridge,
15 during the term of the contract, we have access
16 to them and we can use them for our purposes. Is
17 that what you're saying?

18 MR. CLEMENTS: Provided we have
19 approval from the lessee; correct, Neil?

20 MR. SHEMO: I wouldn't say you need
21 technically approval. You need to notify them.
22 It is in the lease agreement that DelDOT owns the
23 property, but it is leased out. So you just need
24 to notify the lessee.

1 MR. CLEMENTS: Okay. So it's more a
2 notification to them, not something that they
3 have a right to and have to approve.

4 MR. SHEMO: Correct. That's my
5 understanding.

6 MR. SONEJI: I think we can a get
7 further clarification so that everything gets
8 clear. We will answer that question.

9 I think the main issue is that we
10 don't have all the leases. There may be some
11 verbal lease agreements; there may be some
12 written lease agreements. We don't have
13 everything, and it's just before us.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: I think that needs to
15 be clear, Jiten. That can make a big difference
16 in the bid.

17 MR. SONEJI: I agree. We'll clarify
18 that.

19 MR. SHEMO: That was all I had, if
20 there's any other questions.

21 MR. MARINIS: I have a question. So
22 with Marinis Brothers.

23 For the containment, are we allowed
24 to attach to the structure? And where can we and

1 how can we? Because obviously you're going to
2 need room for supports.

3 MR. SHEMO: How are you thinking of
4 attaching?

5 MR. MARINIS: I would have to give it
6 to my engineer to see. Because there's no place
7 to attach except to the piers and then you have a
8 lot of sag. There's no place to put any kind of
9 clamps or anything like that.

10 MR. SHEMO: Yeah, there's not. I
11 think we should consider that. I would say off
12 the cuff, though, Sot, that welding to the
13 structure probably would not be allowed.

14 MR. MARINIS: Maybe drilling holes.

15 MR. SHEMO: We would have to review
16 where you're going to drill them.

17 MR. MARINIS: I just want to know
18 before we -- to price this out, it might jack the
19 price up a lot if we can't attach or do anything
20 to the structure. It might not even be possible
21 to contain it.

22 MR. SHEMO: I would think that
23 attachment to the structure is possible, but the
24 location and the frequency of how you would do it

1 would need to be reviewed.

2 MR. CLEMENTS: I think that's another
3 one we should look at, Neil.

4 If we can provide you more direction,
5 Sot, we'll try to do that.

6 MR. MARINIS: Do we even know where
7 the critical areas were? Because you might even
8 have to put anchors up on the bottom of the deck,
9 too.

10 MR. CLEMENTS: That might also assist
11 in installing a protection shield; some of that
12 same information.

13 MR. SONEJI: Are there any questions
14 for Amtrak since we have a representative from
15 Amtrak?

16 MR. ARNDT: Kevin with Cherry Hill.
17 The flagging cost, is that part of
18 the contractor or part of the owner?

19 MR. SONEJI: No, we'll reimburse back
20 to Amtrak. It's not part of the contract.

21 MR. ARNDT: We will write the check
22 and then you will reimburse us?

23 MR. SONEJI: No, we will directly
24 reimburse to Amtrak. That is in the construction

1 agreement which we are in the process of working
2 with Amtrak.

3 MR. ARNDT: Is this an electrified
4 railway?

5 MR. SONEJI: Yes. To our knowledge,
6 yes.

7 MR. ARNDT: Has the right-of-way
8 clearance been defined or associated with the
9 electrical clearance? Does that take into
10 account the distance required for those
11 electrification lines?

12 The aerial clearance has been shown
13 in the drawings and I believe they're 20 or 21
14 feet. Does that take into account the clearance
15 required for electrification? Sometimes that's
16 26, 28 feet.

17 MR. SHEMA: You're referring to when
18 you design your demolition shield?

19 MR. ARNDT: Yes.

20 MR. SHEMA: I think it does include
21 the height.

22 MR. GOTTFRIED: We'll clarify that in
23 the addendum.

24 Any other questions?

1 MR. FIELD: Bob Field from Eastern
2 Highway.

3 Can you kind of generally go over the
4 schedule of the job, and then one question I have
5 is, it says you're going to have a notice to
6 proceed of 2/28, which is not that far away, and
7 a lot of this work requires shop drawings and
8 fabrication. You'll have a notice to proceed and
9 you won't really have much to do until you get
10 all the materials.

11 Is that already factored into the
12 days of the contract?

13 MR. SONEJI: We'll respond back to
14 you. A general schedule -- can you clarify your
15 question? I'm not sure if I'm understanding your
16 question.

17 MR. FIELD: The contract time will
18 start February 28th.

19 MR. SONEJI: That's correct.

20 MR. FIELD: 810 days starts ticking
21 then. By the time you get a signed contract and
22 do shop drawings and get materials, you may not
23 be able to do anything until March -- the end of
24 March or even April or even later. It takes time

1 to get the structural steel materials, the
2 expansion joints, things like that.

3 MR. SONEJI: There may be some lead
4 time -- if I understand your question, there may
5 be lead time for some material, but not all
6 materials require any lead time. Like repairs to
7 the piers and all those things, they may not
8 require any lead time.

9 That's your plan, how you want to
10 plan it to get it done within 810 days. I don't
11 know if we can specify which one you want to do
12 now or later. You have to figure it out
13 yourself.

14 MR. CLEMENTS: But I would add, Bob,
15 I think there can be some flexibility to that
16 start date depending on when the bids come in,
17 when we actually get that award date.

18 Jiten, you can help me here a little
19 bit, but I don't know that there's a criticality
20 about that February 28th date.

21 MR. SONEJI: We may have some -- I
22 agree with you. We may have some flexibility,
23 not a whole lot because of the job when we intend
24 to finish it and another job we need to start

1 after this job is done, Bridge 159. So we can
2 review that.

3 MR. CLEMENTS: We'll try to give you
4 some better clarification in the addendum, Bob.

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Bernie from JD
6 Eckman.

7 Are there any requirements for manned
8 safety boats?

9 MR. SONEJI: We'll get back with you.
10 That's a good question.

11 MR. MARINIS: Sot with Marinis
12 Brothers.

13 Do we have any time restrictions or
14 noise ordinances from Newport?

15 MR. SONEJI: We have the waiver.

16 MR. SHEMO: Just to clarify that.
17 The waiver was both from the town of Newport and
18 the County of New Castle.

19 MR. SONEJI: That's correct. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. GOTTFRIED: Any other questions?

22 MR. LEWIS: Matt Lewis with Neshaminy
23 Constructors.

24 Does Amtrak have an available

1 schedule for the trains on a daily basis?

2 MR. BOND: I'll make sure you get a
3 copy of it.

4 MR. LEWIS: Okay.

5 MR. GOTTFRIED: Any other questions?

6 This PowerPoint presentation will be
7 on Delaware.bids, which you can go from our Web
8 site underneath the project name for this
9 project. It will be one of the attachments.
10 Once you click into it, you'll be able to bring
11 up this PowerPoint presentation. I will try to
12 add that either today or tomorrow.

13 Any other questions?

14 MR. ARNDT: Kevin with Cherry Hill.

15 Are there any other users of that
16 railway line?

17 MR. SONEJI: I'm sorry. Say that
18 again?

19 MR. ARNDT: Are there any other
20 railroad users on that line?

21 MR. SONEJI: Not that we know.

22 MR. BOND: There may be freight. I
23 have to check that area.

24 MR. GOTTFRIED: Any other questions?

1 Before we end the meeting, if you
2 have not signed in, I do need you to come up and
3 sign this form.

4 Thank you for coming, everybody. I
5 look forward to seeing your bids. If you have
6 any questions, please contact me. Have a good
7 day.

8 (Pre-bid meeting adjourned at 11:30
9 a.m.)

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