

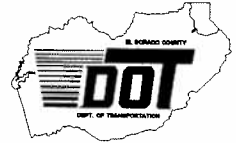


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DATE: October 20, 2008

TO: All Prospective Bidders

SUBJECT: Responses to Bidders' Inquiries No. 3
 US 50 HOV Lanes Phase 1 El Dorado Hills to Bass Lake Grade
 (Contract No. 53110)

These questions were asked during the pre-bid meeting held on Thursday, October 16, 2008. **These questions and answers represent a summary of the matters discussed rather than a word-for-word recitation.**

INQUIRY NO.	BID ITEM NO.	PAGE OR DRAWING NO.	INQUIRY/RESPONSE
1	none	none	Question: When is the planned award? Answer: The Department plans to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors award the project at the November 4, 2008 Board of Supervisors' meeting.
2	none	none	Question: Will the County or Caltrans be administering the contract and inspecting the work? Answer: The County is administering the contract and inspecting the work. The inspection will be done by County and/or County contracted staff. Caltrans has oversight authority and can perform quality assurance inspections of the work but is not administering the contract.
3	none	SP-5, P-13, P-14, and Addendum no. 3	Question: Are bidders required to list subcontractors? Answer: Yes, bidders are required to list subcontractors.
4	none	none	Question: Do you plan to begin work in 2008? Answer: Yes, weather conditions permitting. It is conceivable that the bridge work can be performed during the winter months if the foundations can be completed prior to adverse weather conditions.
5	173	SP-88, SP-195, SP-211	Question: What is the reason for the vertical height restriction and overheight vehicle detection and warning system on Silva Valley Parkway? Answer: The existing bridge is too low to permit use of the standard 15 feet minimum vertical falsework clearance during construction of the widening of the Clarksville Undercrossing. The special provisions permit a reduced vertical falsework clearance of 13 feet and require the construction of an overheight vehicle detection and warning system prior to decreasing the vertical clearance.
6	none	N-1	Question: Can the bid opening be delayed to

			<p>provide more time to prepare bids? Answer: Because this project has a grant funding deadline, the Department does not currently plan to extend the bid opening date to permit more time to prepare bids.</p>
7	none	SP-37, Addendum No. 2	<p>Question: A bidder stated they had trouble with the cross section file in Microstation format and that it appeared to be a "picture" of cross sections and not a CADD file. Answer: Cross sections are available electronically in both Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf) and Microstation (.dgn) formats. Bidders may request an additional copy of the electronic files if there are problems with the electronic files. To receive cross sections in Microstation a release form must be submitted as noted in Addendum No. 2.</p>
8	none	none	<p>Question: Does the project have a funding issue? Answer: Using the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for the construction, the project is fully funded.</p>

Holders who have already mailed their proposal can contact Pat Lester at (916) 358-3550 (email: plester@co.el-dorado.ca.us) or Rick Carter at (916) 358-3554 (email: rcarter@edcgov.us) to arrange for the return of their proposal.

Inform all suppliers and subcontractors as necessary.

The Department of Transportation is sending these responses to bidders' inquiries by fax or email to all document holders. These responses to bidders' inquiries will also be available at the following website: <http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/DOT/bids.html>

Responses to bidder inquiries, unless incorporated into formal addenda to the contract, are not a part of the contract, and are provided for the bidder's convenience only. In some instances, the question and answer may represent a summary of the matters discussed rather than a word-for-word recitation. The availability or use of information provided in the responses to bidder inquiries is not to be construed in any way as a waiver of the provisions of Section 2-1.03, "Examination of Plans, Specifications, Contract, and Site of Work," of the Standard Specifications or any other provision of the contract, the plans, Standard Specifications, or special provisions, nor to excuse the contractor from full compliance with those contract requirements. Bidders are cautioned that subsequent responses or contract addenda may affect or vary a response previously given.

Sincerely,



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