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**DATE:** October 28, 2008

**TO:** All Prospective Bidders

**SUBJECT:** Responses to Bidders' Inquiries No. 6  
 US 50 HOV Lanes Phase 1 El Dorado Hills to Bass Lake Grade  
 (Contract No. 53110)

ITEM NO.	PAGE OR DRAWING NO.	INQUIRY/RESPONSE
1	SP-116	<p><b>Question:</b> The rock excavation is defined in the plans. Section 10-1.30 states blasting will not be permitted within the limits of the structure excavation. Difficult excavation is anticipated due to the presence of rock. How is difficult excavation defined? What production rates define difficult excavation? What is the quantity of difficult excavation? If rock is encountered, how will this be paid for?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> The three foundation reports for the project that have been provided as informational handouts contain information that address the above questions. Particular attention should be given to Section 3.3 "Subsurface Rock and Soil", and Section 12 "Construction Considerations" of the foundation reports. The reports are clear that rock will be encountered within the limits of structure excavation, and the foundation reports characterize the rock by Unit 2A and Unit 2B. All excavation within the limits of structure excavation will be paid for as structure excavation.</p>
2	SP-38	<p><b>Question:</b> Bridge demolition and pile driving will create noise levels exceeding the maximum allowable noise exposure levels in the table. How does the County anticipate we are to perform this work?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> The fourth paragraph of Section 5-1.38 "Sound Control Requirements" reads "The Engineer may approve work that produces noise levels above the specified limits." The Engineer has discretion to approve work exceeding the specified noise levels between 7 pm and 7 am when it is necessary to perform the work during these times to alleviate traffic congestion and safety hazards.</p>

Holders who have already mailed their proposal can contact Pat Lester at (916) 358-3550 (email: [plester@co.el-dorado.ca.us](mailto:plester@co.el-dorado.ca.us)) or Rick Carter at (916) 358-3554 (email: [rcarter@edcgov.us](mailto: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 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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