

COUNTY OF EL DORADO

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



CONSTRUCTION UNIT
 2441 Headington Road
 Placerville CA 95667
 Phone: (530) 642-4987
 Fax: (530) 295-2655

JAMES W. WARE, P.E.
 Director of Transportation

 Internet Web Site:
<http://co.el-dorado.ca.us/dot>

MAIN OFFICE:
 2850 Fairlane Court
 Placerville CA 95667
 Phone: (530) 621-5900
 Fax: (530) 626-0387



DATE: September 3, 2010

TO: All Prospective Bidders

SUBJECT: Responses to Bidders' Inquiries No. 1
 Silva Valley Parkway Widening – South of Entrada Drive
 (Contract No. PW 09-30472, CIP No. 72370)

INQUIRY NO.	PAGE OR DRAWING NO.	INQUIRY/RESPONSE
1.	N/A	<p>Question: Is there any directional drilling or jacking and boring associated with this project? What are the pipe sizes and quantities?</p> <p>Answer: Neither directional drilling nor jacking and boring is required or anticipated to be used for this project. 108 linear feet of 12" Plastic Pipe (Smooth Wall Interior type) and 67 linear feet of 18" Reinforced Concrete Pipe.</p>
2.	N/A	<p>Question: Are the funds set aside to build the project this year?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, the funds are Blackstone Pre-paid Account and Prop 1B (State and Local Partnership Program).</p>
3.	N/A	<p>Question: Are there federal funds, UDBE, or Good Faith Effort for this project?</p> <p>Answer: No.</p>
4.	N-2 and SP-7	<p>Question: Is it the County's intent to award the project this year?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, the County intends to award the contract on September 28, 2010. Attention is directed to the "NOTICE TO PROCEED" section of the Notice to Bidders and the last two paragraphs of Section 4-1.01 "GENERAL" under Section 4 "Beginning of Work, Time of Completion, and Liquidated Damages" of the Special Provisions.</p>
5.	N/A	<p>Question: Are you aware of the temperature issues related to slurry seal this late in the season?</p> <p>Answer: Yes</p>
6.	N/A	<p>Question: I haven't looked closely at the plans yet, but the contract time is 35 working days and there are three or four stages of work. If there is one week per stage, did you spend time looking at this?</p> <p>Answer: Yes. A large portion of the work is to be constructed west of the existing improvements with a smaller portion within the area of the existing improvements.</p>
7.	SP-42 and SC-1 through SC-5	<p>Question: Must the Contractor follow the stages shown in the Stage Construction Plans.</p> <p>Answer: Attention is directed to Section 10-1.01 "Order of Work" of the special provisions and the notes on the Stage Construction Plans.</p>
8.	N/A	<p>Question: Will there be a full-time inspector on site?</p>

		<p>Answer: The County will provide the requisite level of inspection that it deems is appropriate.</p> <p>Question: Will the testing results be instant? Answer: No.</p>
9.	SP-50	<p>Question: The Lane Closure Chart indicates that reversing control is allowed the day before a designated holiday. Is this correct? Answer: Yes.</p>
10.	Addendum No.1	<p>Question: Addendum No.1 includes new Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) requirements. Is the project Risk Level 1? Answer: Yes – see addendum no. 1</p>
11.	N/A	<p>Question: Is there a special provision for a price index fluctuation adjustment for Hot Mix Asphalt? If not, can one be added in an addendum? Answer: The County has not included a special provision for a price index fluctuation adjustment for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA). Such an adjustment is not necessary given the quantity of HMA.</p>
12.	N/A	<p>Question: For the RSP to be removed in the existing ditch, can the rock be salvaged and reused? Answer: Attention is directed to Section 72 -2.02 “Rock Slope Protection- Materials” and Section 4-1.05 “Use of Materials Found On The Work” of the Standard Specifications.</p>
13.	SP-21 and SP-91	<p>Question: Will the fire hydrant south of the project be available for use on the project? Answer: Bidder should contact El Dorado Irrigation District for questions related to water use. Attention is directed to 5-1.30 “Utilities Required By the Contractor” and Section 10-1.35 “Obstructions.”</p>
14.	N/A	<p>Question: Will Dwight Anderson be the Resident Engineer (RE) for the project? Answer: No. It is likely that Thor Larsen will be the RE.</p>
15.	various	<p>Question: With this project bidding so late in the season, it is not likely that the Contractor will be able to slurry seal this year. How will temporary striping be handled and paid for if required? Answer: The required Temporary Pavement Delineation is shown on the Stage Construction Plans. Payment for any additional Temporary Pavement Delineation required due to temporary suspension of work will be subject to Section 8-1.05 “Temporary Suspension of Work” of the Standard Specifications.</p> <p>Question: If the slurry pushes the project through winter, how will retention be handled? Will it be released? Answer: Attention is directed to Section 5-1.10 “Payment of Withheld Funds” of the special provisions.</p> <p>Question: Who will be responsible for SWPPP/ erosion control maintenance and inspections through a temporary winter suspension? Answer: The Contractor will be responsible for SWPPP/erosion</p>

		control maintenance and inspection through a temporary winter suspension for which payment will be made in accordance with Section 4-1.03 "Extra Work" of the Standard Specifications.
--	--	--

Holders who have already mailed their proposal can contact Janel Gifford at (530) 642-4988 (email: Janel.Gifford@edcgov.us) to arrange return of their proposal.

Inform all suppliers and subcontractors as necessary.

The Department of Transportation is only sending this response to bidders' inquiries by posting on the following website: <http://www.edcgov.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 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,



Janel Gifford, P.E.
Supervising Civil Engineer
Office Engineer Unit