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**DATE:** April 29, 2013

**TO:** All Prospective Bidders

**SUBJECT:** Response to Bidder's Inquiry No. 2  
Rubicon Trail at Ellis Creek – Bridge Replacement  
Contract No. PW 11-30572, Project No. 77117

The following are questions and answers from the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting held on April 25, 2013 and from questions received via telephone.

ITEM NO.	LOCATION, PAGE OR DRAWING NO.	QUESTION/ANSWER
2.01	N-2, SP-2, SP-10, SP-27, and Appendix D	<p><b>Question:</b> Is the site accessible?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> 14N05, the Forest Service road from which access to the site is recommended, is closed to the public at this time. <b>Appendix D</b> includes the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Road Use Permit (Road Use Permit) obtained by the County for use of this road. This Road Use Permit covers only the Contractor that is awarded the contract and County staff.</p> <p>The <b>Notice to Bidders</b> and <b>Section 5-1.38 "Supplemental Project Information"</b> of the special provisions refer to the Photos of the Project Site which are posted on our website at <a href="http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/Bids.aspx">http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/Bids.aspx</a></p> <p>See also <b>Section 2-1.01 "General"</b> and <b>Section 4-1.02 "Construction Schedule"</b> of the special provisions regarding site accessibility during the bid period.</p>
2.02		<p><b>Question:</b> Given the remoteness of the site and access issues, why wasn't the pre-bid meeting mandatory?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Since there is no site walk and all items discussed at the pre-bid will be documented in either a Response to Bidders' Inquiries or an Addendum, the County believes a mandatory pre-bid was not necessary.</p>
2.03	Plan sheets S-3 and S-5	<p><b>Question:</b> Can the abutment footing elevations be raised if we hit solid rock?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> No. See Plan sheets S-3 and S-5 and the Foundation Report posted on our website at <a href="http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/Bids.aspx">http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/Bids.aspx</a></p>

2.04	N-1	<p><b>Question:</b> How many contract working days?  <b>Answer:</b> 70.</p>
2.05	SP-48	<p><b>Question:</b> When is award and Notice to Proceed anticipated?  <b>Answer:</b> The contract award is anticipated to be May 21 and the contract is expected to be fully-executed by about June 21. See the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of <b>Section 10-1.01 "Order of Work"</b> of the special provisions for the details related to the timing of the Notice to Proceed.</p>
2.06	SP-86	<p><b>A representative from Contech, a manufacturer of the prefabricated bridge, attended the pre-bid meeting. The following is dialog among the representative and other meeting attendees:</b></p> <p><b>Question:</b> How long from ordering the bridge to its delivery?  <b>Answer:</b> 2-4 weeks for formal design and stamped shop drawings; 10 weeks for fabrication and delivery.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Will Contech provide bidders the bridge deck thickness and if so when?  <b>Answer:</b> Yes, hopefully next week.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Will the bridge be delivered in one piece or in sections?  <b>Answer:</b> In sections. Contech will predetermine the section lengths, but can accommodate smaller section lengths if requested.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Will Contech's bid be to deliver the bridge to the job site or to Highway 50 at Ice House Road?  <b>Answer:</b> Because Contech encountered problems last year accessing the site using long haulers for the delivery of the Wentworth Springs Road at Gerle Creek Bridge located in the same area, Contech may consider delivery to Highway 50. However, Contech's goal is to have the delivery easily accommodate setting the bridges on the abutments.</p> <p><b>THE SPECIFICATIONS DO NOT LIST CONTECH AS THE SOLE SOURCE FOR THE MANUFACTURING THE BRIDGE.</b></p>
2.07	SP-25, SP-29, SP-81, and Appendix D	<p><b>Question:</b> I noticed that there is no bid item for preparation, maintenance, and restoration of the road required to access the site with equipment. Work will need to be done on the road in order to bring concrete trucks and a crane as well deliver the bridge to the site. Are these costs included elsewhere?  <b>Answer:</b> <b>Section 5-1.33 "Relations with El Dorado National Forest"</b> of the special provisions describes the Road Use Permit in <b>Appendix D</b> and how payment for complying with the conditions of the permit will be made. <b>Section 5-1.44 "Areas For Contractor's Use"</b> of the special provisions includes reference to the Road Use Permit in Appendix D and outlines specific requirements of this Permit as well as the Special Use Permit. <b>Section 10-1.13 "Clearing and Grubbing"</b> of the special provisions specifies the use of hand tools to trim trees to the extent necessary to gain access to the work site. Also see Addendum No.1.</p>
2.08		<p><b>Question:</b> Is Forest Service Road 14N05 accessible to snowmobiles? Snowmobiles pack the snow and cause icing, which takes longer to melt than uncompacted snow.  <b>Answer:</b> 14N05 is currently closed to vehicular traffic, but it is possible that snowmobilers could ignore or not see the closure signage.</p>
2.09		<p><b>Question:</b> Please provide the exact latitude and longitude of the site.  <b>Answer:</b> 39°01'22"N, 120°18'23"W</p>

2.10	N-2, SP-2, SP-10, SP-27	<b>Question:</b> When were the site photos taken? <b>Answer:</b> June and July 2009
2.11		<b>Question:</b> Will camping on site be allowed? <b>Answer:</b> Camping is under the jurisdiction of the US Forest Service.
2.12		<b>Question:</b> What is the distance from US Highway 50/Ice House Road to the job site? <b>Answer:</b> Approximately 38 miles.
2.13	SP-83	<b>Question:</b> For Develop Water Supply can we use water from the creek or do we have to truck it in? <b>Answer:</b> See the 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> paragraphs of <b>Section 10-1.16 “Develop Water Supply”</b> of the special provisions. <b>Question:</b> Is the hook-up that is available a SMUD facility? <b>Answer:</b> Yes
2.14	AA-54 and AA-60	<b>Question:</b> Given the remoteness of the site, how will we be able to meet the requirement that the concrete be delivered within 90 minutes of batching? <b>Answer:</b> See <b>Section 90-4 “Admixtures”</b> and <b>Section 90-6.03 “Transporting Mixed Concrete”</b> of the Amendments to the Standard Specifications included as <b>Appendix A</b> of the Contract Documents.
2.15	SP-82	<b>Question:</b> Can excess material be disposed of on site? <b>Answer:</b> No. See the 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph of <b>Section 10-1.14 “Earthwork”</b> of the special provisions.
2.16	SP-30 and SP-82	<b>Question:</b> Are there any issues with equipment crossing the creek when there is water in the creek? <b>Answer:</b> See the 2 <sup>nd</sup> to last paragraph on page SP-30 of <b>Section 5-1.44 “Areas for Contractor’s Use”</b> of the special provisions and the 6 <sup>th</sup> paragraph of <b>Section 10-1.14 “Earthwork”</b> of the special provisions.
2.17		<b>Question:</b> What is the length and width of the existing bridge to be demolished? <b>Answer:</b> Although the project title includes “Bridge Replacement”, the new bridge will replace an existing low water crossing. There is no existing bridge.
2.18		<b>See Response to Bidders’ Inquiries No.1 for tips for preparing a responsive bid.</b>
2.19		<b>The last time for questions that will require an addendum is noon Thursday, May 2, 2013.</b>

Holders who have already mailed their proposal can contact Janel Gifford at (email: [janel.gifford@edcgov.us](mailto:janel.gifford@edcgov.us)) to arrange return of their proposal.

Inform all suppliers and subcontractors as necessary.

The DOT is only sending this Response to Bidders’ Inquiries by posting on the following website: <http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/Bids.aspx>.

**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 as amended by the special provisions, 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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