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DATE: August 29, 2014

TO: All Prospective Bidders

**SUBJECT: Response to Bidder's Inquiries No. 1
Latrobe Road Gabion Wall Retrofit Project
Contract No. PW 14-31074, Project No. 48145**

The following was discussed at the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Thursday, August 28, 2014.

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1.01.		Question: Is there a DBE Goal? Answer: No
1.02.	SP-16	Question: How is the access road, rock slope protection, and dike outfall paid for? Answer: See Section 9-1.16D of the special provisions.
1.03.	Notice to Bidders, SP-30	Question: Are the submittals due prior to the working days starting? Answer: Please see the Notice to Bidders submittal table as well as Section 46-4.01C(1) of the special provisions for submittal requirements.
1.04.		Question: What is the reason for only having 15 working days? Answer: the County wants to construct this project prior to the rainy season.
1.05.		The County pointed out the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That contract documents must be purchased from the County in order to bid on the project. • Please read through the proposal carefully to ensure you comply will all requirements. • An Addendum will be issued, please check the DOT Bids website for this information. Please read the submittal table carefully.

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1.06.		<p>There are a number of common mistakes that are made by bidders when submitting their bids to the County of El Dorado. All of these issues are addressed in the bid documents, but they are provided here to highlight some of the most common mistakes made that lead to bids being found to be non-responsive. Our intent is to assist all bidders in submitting a responsive bid.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The County of El Dorado has its own set of requirements for bidding projects. Federal, State or other Local agencies may have different requirements. The requirements listed in the contract document specification book sold to you by the County of El Dorado are the only requirements to be considered for this bid process. 2. Contractor's attention is directed to the three sections within the specifications that require the Proposal to be attached to the entire bid document book before being submitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2-1.33 of the special provisions states, "Failure to submit the Proposal bound to the Contract Documents book results in a non-responsive bid." • The second paragraph of the Notice to Bidders states in part, "The Proposal must not be detached and must be submitted with the Contract Documents bid package in its entirety." • The underlined parenthetical at the top of the first page of the Proposal states, <u>"PROPOSAL (to be attached to and submitted with this bound Contract Document bid package)."</u> <p>The entire Contract Document Specification Book must be returned with all documents and pages securely attached for the bid to be considered. Do NOT submit <u>just</u> the Proposal; your bid will be determined to be non-responsive. You may disassemble the booklet and/or copy any pages such as the bidder's bond forms, but they must be reattached by either stapling or reinserting into the comb binding.</p> 3. Contractor's attention is directed to the paragraph at the top of page P-1. Corrections must only be lined-out, initialed by bidder's authorized representative, with the corrected information placed next to the lined

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		<p>out information. Use of erasures, correction fluid, correction tape, pencil, or line-outs without initials can NOT be accepted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Contractor's attention is directed to the paragraph at the top of page titled, "SUBCONTRACTOR LIST" in the Proposal. In the past bidders have had difficulty providing the Subcontractor Listing information described in this paragraph and in the "SUBCONTRACTOR LIST" section on page N-2 of the Notice to Bidders. Please read these paragraphs carefully. 5. Contractor shall list their license number(s) and classification(s) on the lines indicated on the Proposal signature, and attach a copy of the license to the Proposal signature page. 6. Contractor's attention is directed to the PROJECT ADMINISTRATION section on page N-6 of the Notice to Bidders regarding the issuance of Addenda and Responses to Bidders' Inquiries. Addenda and Responses to Bidders' Inquiries will be posted on the DOT Bids Website only, and no other special distribution (i.e. mailing/faxing to plan holders) will be made. <u>All project addenda must be acknowledged on the line provided on the signature page of the Proposal. Failure to acknowledge an addendum will be considered as a non-responsive bid.</u> 7. Please note that the special provisions govern if there is a discrepancy between the special provisions and the Standard Specifications and/or the special provisions and the Revised Standard Specifications. (See Section 5-1.02 Contract Components" of the Standard Specifications.) 8. Calling Transportation Division staff after the bid opening is discouraged. We will make every effort to publish the summary of the bids on the DOT/bids website as soon as we can after the bid. This document only lists the dollar values of the bids submitted and in no way reflects any decision to award. Every bidder will receive by FAX an "All Bidders" letter identifying our recommendation for award as soon as we determine the "lowest responsive responsible bidder." Transportation Division staff can NOT discuss the status of the award, or their recommendations, or what issues may have arisen with the bids.

Holders who have already mailed their proposal can contact Jennifer Rimoldi at (email: Jennifer.rimoldi@edcgov.us) to arrange return of their proposal.


Inform all suppliers and subcontractors as necessary.

The Community Development Agency, Transportation Division 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 2-1.30, "Job Site and Document Examination," 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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