

December 11, 2015



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
PHYSICAL SUICIDE DETERRENT SYSTEM
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(051)
and
WIND RETROFIT
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(052)

Contract No. 2016-B-1

To: Prospective Bidders

RE: **Response to Bidders' Questions No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following are the responses to questions submitted by prospective bidders and designated as Bid Questions No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18:

BID QUESTION No. 11:

As a clarification to Bidder Questions 7 & 8, can DBE firms as well as Insurance/Sureties be added to our company Exhibit C and D as long as we submit Exhibit A and B to you for approval? If yes, are you requiring original signatures or can we submit photo ID's and Exhibits A and B via email to you for approval?

RESPONSE:

No, DBE firms and Insurance/Sureties, as well as all subcontractors, suppliers and consultants that require access to the Contract Documents, must sign and complete the Non-Disclosure Agreement for Release of Security Sensitive Information for Bidding Purposes, provide a \$5,000 security deposit and receive notification from the District that they have been approved to access the Contract Documents.

BID QUESTION No. 12:

Plan sheets S004 thru S008 call out 60 locations for Access Ladder 30 on the west & 30 on the east. Are all 60 of these Ladders new?

RESPONSE:

Yes, all 60 access ladders on the east and west sides of the bridge are new. The access ladders' call outs are as follow:

- 20 designated as L1
- 20 designated as L2
- 10 designated as Cw
- 10 designated as Ce

BID QUESTION No. 13:

Referencing Volume IV, "United States Department of Interior Revocable Permit to Enter and Use Property", Section G – Special Conditions, Sub-section 2 "Administrative Cost Recovery" outlines the annual payment requirements for the Permittee. Please confirm that the payments required by this Section are the responsibility of the District and not the Contractor.

RESPONSE:

The annual permit fees to the United States Department of Interior required by this Section are the responsibility of the District.

BID QUESTION No. 14:

Will the District please consider issuing the Supplemental Project Information listed in Section 2-1.06B as "For Information Only" documents via addendum for use by prospective Bidders? If no, will prospective Bidders that have fulfilled the Non-Disclosure Agreement be provided the opportunity to make copies of the Supplement Project Information that is available for inspection in the District's office?

RESPONSE:

The District will not issue the Supplemental Project Information listed in Section 2-1.06B via addendum as "For Information Only" documents. Prospective bidders who have been approved to access Security Sensitive Information may make an appointment to review the Supplemental Project Information at the District's offices and will be provided the opportunity to make copies of the Supplemental Project Information in accordance with the terms of the Non-Disclosure Agreement for Release of Security Sensitive Information for Bidding Purposes.

BID QUESTION No. 15:

Section 48-3.01D(3)(d) requires the protection of the Seawall near Pylons S1 and S2. The plans for the seawall are only available for inspection in the District's office. Will the District please release, via addendum, the applicable plans that show the Seawall near Pylons S1 and S2 that will require protection?

RESPONSE:

Prospective bidders who have been approved to access Security Sensitive Information may make an appointment to review the applicable plans that show the Seawall near Pylons S1 and S2 at the District's offices. The District will not issue these plans via addendum.

BID QUESTION No. 16:

Can the District please provide a value for the cost that the Contractor will be responsible to pay for the application fees and site inspection costs that are due at the time of obtaining the Encroachment Permit that is described in Section 5-1.20B(1)?

RESPONSE:

The California Department of Transportation Encroachment Permit described in Section 5-1.20B(1) will be issued to the successful bidder by Caltrans as a rider to the District's Encroachment Permit. Bidders should contact the Caltrans District 04 Permits Department to obtain information on the cost of the Encroachment Permit.

BID QUESTION No. 17:

1st Paragraph of Section 5-1.20B(4) of Contract Document Volume 1 of 5 describes, "Before Procuring material from or disposing of **Error! Bookmark not defined.**" Please provide the correct sentence.

RESPONSE:

This is an error. The correct sentence is "Before Procuring material from or disposing of material on non-highway property..." An Addendum will be issued for this correction.

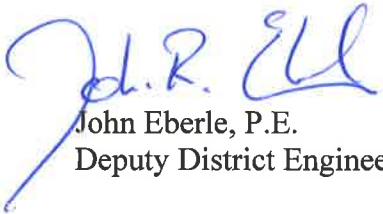
BID QUESTION No. 18:

Section 6 of Attachment N describes "summarize all of the bridge and major construction projects your organization has been involved with during at least the last ten (10) years." We are the subsidiary of an oversea construction company, and have the experience in the United States construction market less than 10 years. Can our parent company and our subcontractor (the local steel erector) be considered as our organization, and is it possible to describe their experience in this section? We also recognize the requirements, regarding the Bidder's Organization, in Section 17 to 22 of Attachment N.)?

RESPONSE:

As stated on page P-30 of the Proposal Forms in Volume 5 of the Contract Documents, answering questions of "Section I: General Background Information", a bidder should provide information about its company and employees as they would be involved in Contract 2016-B-1. Answers to questions in Section I should not refer to subcontractors or consultants or suppliers. Question 6 does not limit a bidder to listing only the bridge and major construction projects completed in the United States.

Sincerely,



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