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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' Question No. 237 through 240**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following are the responses to questions submitted by prospective bidders and designated as Bid Question No. 237 through 240:

BID QUESTION No. 237:

14-6.03A

The third paragraph reads, "The District anticipates nesting or attempted nesting by Peregrine Falcon from January 1 to July 31."

Please, confirm that if nesting birds are encountered that require "stop work", that any delay to the project critical path associated with the work stoppage will be treated as a compensable delay for the Contractor.

RESPONSE:

Section 8-1.07B, Time Adjustments, specifies conditions under which the Contractor may be entitled to a Contract time extension. If nesting birds, including Peregrine Falcons, are encountered and the Contractor is required to stop work within a 100 foot radius of the discovered nest, as specified in Section 14-6.03, Bird Protection, the Contractor may be granted a time extension. In order to be granted a time extension, the Contractor must substantiate, as specified in Section 8-1.07B, that such work stoppage will delay the actual performance of the work beyond the current Contract completion date.

If a Contract time extension is granted due to the stoppage of work caused by nesting birds, the Contractor will not be entitled to recover additional costs for such delay. In accordance with Section 8-1.07C, Payment Adjustments, compensable Contract time extension can only be granted if a delay was solely caused by the District. A delay caused by the stoppage of work due to nesting birds will not be deemed a delay caused by the District, as the District has no control over the nesting birds, and such delay will not be deemed a compensable delay.

BID QUESTION No. 238:

Missing Record Drawings; 2-1.06B

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE RECORD DRAWING INDEX

We have reviewed all the available Record Drawings listed. We cannot find any record drawings for the existing catwalk below the main tower sidewalks. Please provide the Contract Number and make available the record drawings for the existing catwalk below the main tower sidewalks.

RESPONSE:

The District has reviewed the record drawings and is not able to locate any drawings with details of the existing catwalks below sidewalk level around the North and South Towers.

BID QUESTION No. 239:

Please reference specification section 2-1.36B – Contractor's Project Management Teams. With regard to the Lead Construction Engineer, it is understood that a construction engineer with a California PE license must be present on the site during construction activities, however:

- a. Is it required to have the construction engineer at the jobsite full-time or may the engineer be available on an on-call basis if no construction activities are active?
- b. Does the construction engineer need to be a direct employee of the contractor or can a third-party engineer be hired?

RESPONSE:

- a. *In accordance with Section 2-1.36B, Contractor's Project Management Team, the Lead Construction Engineer must be assigned full time to the Project and must be present at the job site whenever the Contractor is performing work that falls within the Lead Construction Engineer's duties and responsibilities. If there is no work being performed at the job site that falls within the Lead Construction Engineer's duties and responsibilities, the Lead Construction Engineer does not have to be at the job site.*

If the Lead Construction Engineer is not able to be present at the job site when work is being performed that falls within the Lead Construction Engineer's duties and responsibilities because of illness, vacation or other short term absence, the Contractor must inform the District in writing of the duration of such absence and its reason and of the person who will act on behalf of the Lead Construction Engineer during the absence. This applies for all periods of absence including during night work.

- b. *In accordance with Section 2-1.36B(2), Lead Construction Engineer – KEY MEMBER POSITION, the Lead Construction Engineer does not have to be a direct employee of the Contractor. The Lead Construction Engineer may be an employee of a qualified independent engineering consultant retained by the Contractor. Such engineering consultant must specialize in engineering temporary structures for heavy construction. The Lead Construction Engineer cannot be employed or compensated by any other consultant or subcontractor or fabricator or supplier of any tier, or other person or entities hired by these consultants, subcontractors, fabricators or suppliers to provide services or materials for the project.*

BID QUESTION No. 240:

Based on Book 2, Page SDS 48-1, Section 48-3.01A, 6th Paragraph, "Protective covers must be constructed over Fort Point to protect it from falling debris. Protective covers at the North Approach Viaduct must be constructed over Conzelman Road and 25 Feet beyond the edge of pavement. "; And Page SDS 48-2, 9th Paragraph, "Pile foundations for the temporary structures must be cast-in-drilled-hole concrete piles and must conform to section 49 of the standard specifications. The use of post tensioned tie down anchors will not be allowed".

- a. Please confirm if it is the authority's intent to have a self-standing protective shield over Fort Point and Conzelman Road installed?

RESPONSE:

The Contractor is responsible for designing the protective covers over Fort Point and Conzelman Road. The protective covers may be self-standing or may be supported by the bridge structure itself and must comply with Section 48-3, Temporary Structures.

Sincerely,



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