

January 21, 2016



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. 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following are the responses to questions submitted by prospective bidders and designated as Bid Questions No. 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50:

BID QUESTION No. 40:

Is there any removal of existing access ladders or platforms?

RESPONSE:

No, there are no existing access ladders or platforms being removed from the bridge.

BID QUESTION No. 41:

DWG. S362, Upper platform between lines 1 & 2 & similar between lines 4 & 5 shows bar grating with bearing bars oriented west-east. However, sections D & E on DWG S363 suggest south-north orientation. Please clarify.

RESPONSE:

For the upper platform between lines 1 & 2 and between lines 4 & 5, the bearing bars orient north-south. Revised Contract Drawings S362 and S363 will be issued in an upcoming addendum to clarify the grating orientation.

BID QUESTION No. 42:

DWG. S362, Upper platform between lines 2 & 4 shows bar grating with bearing bars oriented south- north. However, sections B, C & F on DWG S363 suggest west-east orientation. Please clarify.

RESPONSE:

For the upper platform between lines 2 & 4, the bearing bars orient east-west. Revised Contract Drawings S362 and S363 will be issued in an upcoming addendum to clarify the grating orientation.

BID QUESTION No. 43:

There is a similar miss-match between DWGS S362 & S363 for center, battery and bottom platform gratings. Please clarify.

RESPONSE:

For the center/battery and bottom platform, the bearing bars orient east-west. Revised Contract Drawings S362 and S363 will be issued in an upcoming addendum to clarify the grating orientation.

BID QUESTION No. 44:

There are similar miss-matches between the plan & section drawings for the bottom & interior travelers. Please clarify.

RESPONSE:

Revised Contract Drawings will be issued in an upcoming addendum to clarify the grating orientation.

BID QUESTION No. 45:

Would it be possible to waive the requirements in 7-1.06L – Protection and Indemnity/Jones Act; 7-1.06M – Hull and Machinery Insurance; 7-1.06N – Vessel Pollution Liability Insurance; and 7-1.06O – US Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act (USLH) Insurance, if it does not apply.

RESPONSE:

If at the bid submittal, the Contractor does not plan on conducting its operations under this Contract (e.g., delivery of materials) on a vessel (e.g., a barge or a boat) staged on the waters of the Golden Gate channel, the Contractor is not required to obtain the insurance coverage specified in Special Provisions Sections 7-1.06L, "Protection and Indemnity/Jones Act," 7-1.06M, "Hull and Machinery Insurance," 7-1.06N, "Vessel Pollution Liability Insurance," 7-1.06O, "U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (USLH) Insurance," and 7-1.06P, "Cargo Insurance." If after award of the contract, the Contractor decides to use a vessel staged on the waters of the Golden Gate channel to perform work under this Contract, the

Contractor must obtain, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, and with no cost to the District, the insurance in accordance with all of the above listed Special Provisions sections prior to using the vessel.

BID QUESTION No. 46:

Need clarification of Completed Operations extension to either be "i" or "ii" between:

- i. Page 7-20, 7-1.06A, item 3., states "Maintain completed operations coverage with a carrier acceptable to the District through the expiration of the patent deficiency in construction statute of repose set forth in Civ Pro Code S 337.15
- ii. Page 7-21, 7-1.06D(1), states "Products and Completed Operations for a period of 2 years following final acceptance".

RESPONSE:

The Contractor's Commercial General Liability Insurance must include Products and Completed Operations coverage for a period of 2 years following final acceptance in accordance with Special Provisions Section 7-1.06D(1), "General." The requirement in Item 3 in Special Provisions Section 7-1.06A, "General," does not pertain to this Contract. An Addendum will eliminate the requirement in Item 3 of Section 7-1.06A.

BID QUESTION No. 47:

Since the bid date for the Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit has been pushed back to March, will the mandatory site visit dates also be extended to March? I believe the approved personnel could attend the site visits every Tuesday up to the bid, will this continue beyond the original bid date of January 12th?

RESPONSE:

Yes, based on the current bid opening date of March 8, 2016, the dates for the mandatory job walk-throughs are extended through Tuesday March 1, 2016.

BID QUESTION No. 48:

Will the owner be handling the quality assurance testing or will the GC be asked to provide?

RESPONSE:

In accordance with Special Provisions Section 6-3.05, "Quality Assurance," the District will, at its sole discretion, conduct its own quality assurance (QA) testing and inspection of the

Contractor's work as determined necessary for the District to verify the Contractor's compliance with the terms of the Contract.

Under a separate contract, the District will employ a testing laboratory for the District's QA testing. In conformance with Section 6-3.05A of the Special Provisions, the Contractor must cooperate and provide access and labor as required to facilitate the sampling and testing by the Engineer at no cost to the District, and must schedule work to allow time for QA. The District expects the QA testing will be at a frequency about, but not less than, 10% of the frequency specified for the Contractor's Quality Control. To provide for independent testing, the District's testing laboratory will be a separate firm from the testing laboratories performing quality control testing for the Contractor.

Note that the District's QA testing and inspections will be in addition to the Quality Assurance that the Contractor must perform to assure its Quality Control Program implementation conforms to the Contract provisions. In accordance with Special Provisions Section 6-3.04, "Quality Control," the Contractor is solely responsible for controlling the quality of all materials and the quality of all workmanship, including the finished construction.

BID QUESTION No. 49:

As the named Permittee, please confirm that the District is responsible to fulfill the requirements of the Permittee described in Volume IV, National Park Service Special Use Permit, Section G, Items 1 through 3?

RESPONSE:

With regard to Section G, Items 1 through 3 of the National Park Service Special Use Permit, the Contractor will be responsible for ensuring that its construction operations comply with the conditions of the Permit listed in these sections, such as attending an environmental training by all Contractor's on-site personnel; maintaining Permitted Project areas in a safe and orderly condition so as to prevent damage to the Park; not engaging in any activity that constitutes or results in waste or that causes or results in a nuisance outside the Permitted Project Area; preparing and submitting for approval The Traffic Management Plan that includes measures, such as signage, striping and other elements for visitor safety along the permitted transportation routes and near the permitted staging areas.

All other conditions stated in this section will be fulfilled by the District.

In accordance with Special Provisions Section 5-1.20B, throughout the term of the Contract, and until the date of the District's acceptance of the Contract, the Contractor must comply with the provisions of the Project permits and other Project authorizations as they pertain to the Contractor's operations.

BID QUESTION No. 50:

In the various portions of Volume IV, specific responsibilities are described of the Permittee, District, or other similar designation. A number of specific responsibilities required of the Permittee have been incorporated into Volume I within Section 5-1.20B or by specific contract Bid Items, such as Post and Cable Fence, Temporary Chain Link Fence, etc.

Will the District please confirm that Contractor will only be required to conform with the requirements of the permits within Volume IV and that any other responsibilities of Permittee, District or other similar designations will be borne by the District?

RESPONSE:

Special Provisions Section 5-1.20B lists permits and authorizations applicable to the Contract. The Contractor's responsibilities with regard to the Project permits and authorizations are not limited to those specified in Volume 1 of the Contract Documents. In accordance with Special Provisions Section 5-1.20B, throughout the term of the Contract, and until the date of the District's acceptance of the Contract, the Contractor must comply with the provisions of the Project permits and other Project authorizations, which are included in Volume 4 of the Contract Documents, as they pertain to the Contractor's work.

Sincerely,



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