Questions and Answers

City of Tacoma

Leach Creek Stormwater Holding Basin Modification
RFB Specification No. ES22-0242F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Dawn DeJarlais, Senior Buyer by date questions were due. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City’s website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org; Navigate to Current Contracting Opportunities / Public Works and Improvements Solicitations, and then click Questions and Answers for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: BXWA didn’t show a site meeting was being held yesterday after the prebid. Will another site walk be scheduled for this project and if not, how can the Contractor access the site for a pre-site visit?

Answer 1: There is no additional guided site walk throughs scheduled. There is a cable across the access road to Leach Creek Stormwater Holding Basin that prevents unpermitted vehicular access to the site. Prospective bidders can park at the entrance and access the site by foot if needed.

Question 2: Is there a design for the ecology walls or is the intent to keep them 4’ or less in height to avoid any necessary engineering and permitting?

Answer 2: The proposed ecology block walls will be less than 4 feet in height upon completion of the project. Refer to Drawing C-003.

Question 3: What is not 13 on sheet 4 referring to and how many “stabilizing track mats” should the Contractor assume to provide for the project?

Answer 3: Key Note 13 is a reference note to bidders/contractors that soft soils are present within the holding basin. Contractor to use stabilizing track mats were necessary.

Question 4: Note 3 on sheet 6 states that excess material for the holding basin is estimated at 150 CY. How does the contractor get paid for removal and is it considered contaminated? How does the Contractor get paid if it is more than 150 CY?

Answer 4: There is no work identified on sheet 6 for Key Notes 3. Key Note 3 is unused on sheet 6 of 11. Refer to specification 01010.1.08 - Bid Items for information on bidding and payment structure of excavated material. Soil removed from within the holding basin is considered contaminated and shall be hauled to LRI as identified in the contract documents and will be paid for by the tonnage delivered to the disposal site.

Question 5: Does the City have earthwork takeoff that you can provide or how the City came up with the excavation and hauling off of contaminated soils quantities?
Answer 5: The Owner has provided an estimated quantity of 10,500 ton to be used by each bidder. Refer to specification section 01010.1.08.

Question 6: What is the water treatment system treating for? Is there any analytical data showing the contaminate levels in the water to base pricing on?

Answer 6: Reference contract specification section 02710 for site water discharge requirements.

Question 7: Is there any data for the flowrates of incoming flows for bypassing around the site while completing the improvements?

Answer 7: Reference contract specification section 01126 for bypass requirements.