

TO: Prospective Bidders

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SUBJECT: Contractor Questions and Answers

DATE: June 15, 2018

PROJECT: N. Burseson Street Improvements

The following are answers to questions received from contractors regarding the N. Burseson Street Improvements. ***Note that some of the answers have received additional clarification since the previous Q&A document was provided after the Pre-Bid Conference.***

Q: What are the limits of utility work to be done earlier in the project than currently shown in the TCP?

A: The wastewater line from Marketplace to the northern project limit **must** be constructed at the beginning of the project. This can be concurrent with other phases of work or prior to beginning other phases of work. This has been clarified in Addendum No. 1.

Q: When will the addendum be sent out?

A: Addendum No. 1 will be issued by June 15, 2018.

Q: Does the project staking need to be performed by a licensed surveyor?

A: Yes.

Q: How many calendar days is the project duration? What is the project duration for the base bid versus the bid alternate?

A: ***This answer has been clarified from the previous answer provided after the Pre-Bid Conference.*** The project duration is 504 days for the Base Bid and 60 days for the Bid Alternate. If the two projects are awarded to the same contractor, the project duration shall be 548 days.

Q: Do bidders have to bid both the base bid and the bid alternate?

A: No, bidders do not have to bid the bid alternate if they do not want to. This will be clarified on the Bid Form in the addendum issued later this week.

Q: Will the City pay for the railroad flagging?

A: ***This answer has been clarified from the previous answer provided after the Pre-Bid Conference.*** An allowance has been added to the Base Bid for the railroad flagging. The contractor will pay Union Pacific for the flagging and then be reimbursed for this cost, which may vary from the amount of the allowance.

Q: A bid item indicates that the contractor is to supply and install the railroad arms and crossing. I cannot find any plans or specifications for this work. Isn't this work typically performed by the UPRR?

A: This bid item has been removed from the Bid Form in Addendum No. 1. UPRR will construct the railroad arms and crossing surface. The Contractor will be responsible for constructing the road improvements up to the edge of the ties/crossing surface.

Q: Does the City have information on railroad (number of trains, train speed, etc.)?

A: Yes:

- Tracks are active
- Railroad will not issue slow orders or divert rail traffic
- Number of trains per day: 2 passenger, 25 freight
- Maximum train speed: 79 mph (passenger), 60 mph (freight)
- UPRR does not provide Hazmat contingency or assign any employees to the project

Q: What is the address of Union Pacific Railroad?

A: Union Pacific Railroad's address is:

Union Pacific Railroad Company
1400 Douglas Street, STOP 1690
Omaha, Nebraska 68179

Q: Are there any utilities that still need to be relocated?

A: ***This answer has been clarified from the previous answer provided after the Pre-Bid Conference.*** Yes, the status of the utility relocations is as follows:

- PEC: relocations are complete
- Frontier: has committed to completing relocations by the end of August 2018
- Time Warner: has committed to completing relocations by the end of August 2018
- Qwest: have not had success contacting them yet; their facilities are near the railroad ROW. Union Pacific Railroad has a section that coordinates fiber optic cable parallel to their tracks. Contractor should call 1-800-336-9193 for fiber optic locate well in advance of construction near the railroad.

Q: Is there an anticipated start date?

A: It is anticipated that construction would start no later than mid-September.

Q: Will the contractor be required to stockpile Type C embankment to 500 CY before bringing the material on site?

A: Yes, a stockpile of Type C embankment between 500 CY and 5,000 CY must be approved prior to bringing the material on site. This stockpile can be at the material provider's facility with the stockpile testing information submitted for review and approval.

Q: Does the geotechnical report indicate the presence of groundwater under the road?

A: The geotechnical report outlines assumptions regarding the groundwater level, including where groundwater was encountered in Boring B-4.

Q: Who pays for materials testing?

A: The City has hired an independent company to perform the materials testing. The City will pay for the testing.

Q: What materials must be salvaged and provided to the City? Does excess spoil material need to be salvaged at the Public Works yard?

A: *This answer has been clarified from the previous answer provided after the Pre-Bid Conference.*

Ductile iron pipe, corrugated metal pipe, handrail, fire hydrants, and manhole covers and rings. The City does not want any other waste material. The Contractor should coordinate the material salvaging with the City's inspector, Jimmy Haverda.

Q: Can bidders get an Excel version of the Bid Form?

A: Yes, an Excel version of the Bid Form has been provided with Addendum No. 1. A signed paper bid must still be submitted. Additionally, the City requests the bid be submitted in Excel format. It is the Contractor's responsibility to check accuracy of all inputs to the spreadsheet and any formulas used.

Q: Can you clarify when a construction schedule is required?

A: The Contractor will be required to submit a construction schedule at or before the Pre-Construction Meeting, with the schedule updated on a monthly basis or as requested by the Project Manager.

Q: Can you clarify the redline expectations?

A: The Contractor is responsible for keeping detailed and accurate redline as-built plans to reflect all changes made to the contract documents.

Q: The description for Items 125 & 126 are confusing? Can you remove the number "2" for Item 123 to just read #6 XHHW and remove the number "1" from item 126 to just read #8 GRD XHHW?

A: Yes; these item descriptions have been revised on the Bid Form in Addendum No. 1.

Q: Normally TxDOT illumination has a bid item for the illumination foundation. Can a pay item with size and depth be added?

A: Yes; this item has been added on the Bid Form in Addendum No. 1.

Q: Is there a reason that cross sections for stations 63+00 through 66+50 and 67+50 through 77+00 are missing?

A: Per the P&P Sheets 86-87, within the station range of 63+00 to 66+50 there are no proposed improvements as part of this project. There are recently constructed improvements, including a roundabout, that were constructed as part of the adjacent Marketplace project. Per the P&P Sheets 87-89, within the station range of 67+00 to 77+00, the improvements are limited to a mill and overlay of the existing roadway.

Q: Can we get a copy of the Geotechnical Report for this project?

A: Yes, a copy of the report is available for download at the City's website:

<https://www.cityofkyle.com/rfps>

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Q: May we get a Time Determination Schedule of the Project?

A: Yes, a Time Determination Schedule for the project will be posted to the City's website:

<https://www.cityofkyle.com/rfps>

Q: Sheet E of the General Notes specifies Liquidated Damages of \$1,000.00 per day. The Agreement specifies \$500.00 per day. Which is correct?

A: Liquidated damages will be \$1,000.00. The Agreement has been updated in Addendum No. 1.

Q: Can we get a copy of the pre-bid attendees?

A: Yes; the sign-in sheet has been posted to the City's website: <https://www.cityofkyle.com/rfps>

Q: Will CAD files be provided for this project?

A: Yes, the successful low bidder can be provided the CAD files.

Q: When is the deadline for questions?

A: **The deadline for questions is June 19, 2018.**