

**ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY
OPERATED EQUIPMENT SUPPLY FOR ENGINEERED REPAIRS AND UPGRADES TO
FLOOD PROTECTION FACILITIES
CALIFORNIA
Project 305-24
April 29, 2024**

**PROJECT MEMORANDUM - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
DOCUMENT #1**

Purpose

To provide responses to inquiries submitted by Bidders.

Questions and Answers

Question 1: Do you have any projects that will be worked on under on-call construction this year or anytime soon?

Answer 1: Zone 7 Staff currently plans to have this on-call contract tasked with repairing an access road repair at Line E-Arroyo del Valle (near Nevada Street in Pleasanton), which is currently undergoing design plan revisions and is pending permits. To that end, this site could potentially go into construction this year. This project was visited on the optional site visit tour and was described as Site 2.

Question 2: What is the process of issuing task orders under this on-call contract and what is the expectation for providing estimates at the beginning of each task order?

Answer 2: For each new task order, the assigned Zone 7 Project Manager may request the contractor to provide a scope and cost estimate for task prior to start of work. Once the scope is provided, a Task Order will be initiated.

Question 3: With this on-call contract being a 3-year contract, how will you like for the bidders to fill the bid price estimates on Doc 400 (Bid Form) to account for the 3-year duration of varying prices?

Answer 3: All Bid items, including lump sums and unit prices, must be filled in completely to represent the current prices at the time of bid submittal. With potential year-to-year market changes of these bid items prices, the awarding contract may be adjusted each year based on changes in the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area, published by McGraw Hill Publishing Company. The April 2024 Construction Cost Index for San Francisco Bay Area would

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serve as the baseline for updating the contract fiscal year price for years two and three. Please refer to Section 1200, 5. Scope of payment, paragraph B.

Question 4: Since the total hours, material costs and subcontractor costs on the bid form are stated to be annual estimates, but Note 5 states the total bid price will serve as the basis for the contract value, will change orders be issued to cover the cost for additional years?

Answer 4: Document 00400 – Bid Form will be used to establish the annual contract value. The awarded contract may be adjusted each subsequent Fiscal Year utilizing the aforementioned Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area as the basis for adjustment. See answer to Q3.

Question 5: Is there an escalation factor to be used for years 2 and 3, or should contractor provide higher pricing that is an average of expected costs for the entire contract duration?

Answer 5: See answer to Q3.

Question 6: Prevailing wage rate increases occur on an annual basis in late June/early July, and future increases are only provided through June of 2026. Since this contract is for 3 years, how is the contractor to include these increases in their hourly pricing? Or will a labor price adjustment be allowed each year when the new wage determination increases occur?

Answer 6: The contractor must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the project, and related requirements contained in the Contractor Documents throughout the term of the contract. See answer to Q3. Please refer to Document 700,16.7 Prevailing Wages.

Question 7: Should contractors assume an 8-hour minimum each day for equipment rentals, or will there be partial days of work?

Answer 7: Please see Section 01250, Part 1, paragraphs 4 & 5 for provisions on equipment rentals. Please also refer to Section 1100, 1.11 Equipment. Contractors should bid based on the Estimated Quantity required, as specified in Document 00400 – Bid Form, assuming 8-hour regular work days with no overtime.

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Question 8: Section 00700-10.2 calls for contractor to maintain an office at the site. Is this cost included in bid item 21? What duration should contractor assume since the work is on-call as needed?

Answer 8: Currently, tasks under this on-call contract will not be requiring the contractor to maintain an office on the project site. We will still require a contractor representative authorized to transmit to and receive from District, communications, instructions or Drawings, to be responsive throughout the project tasks. Please refer to **Addendum No. 1** for the supplemental conditional edits made in reference to Document 700, paragraph 10.2 CONTRACTOR'S OFFICE AT THE WORK SITE and Section 01500, Subsection 1.2 Field Office.

Question 9: Without having a defined scope of work or known work locations, how is contractor to determine the amount to budget for permits, business licenses, construction water, hydrostatic testing, flushing and other costs to be included per spec section 00800-7.10.A and B? Can an additional bid item be created for permits, licenses, and construction water with an allowance to be used like bid items 17 to 20 for materials and subcontractors?

Answer 9: Document 00400 – Bid Form will be used to establish the annual contract value. Bid Item 21 is meant to cover **All Work of Contract Documents Other than Work Separately Provided for Under Other Bid Items**, and should be utilized to account for costs not specifically called out in the Bid Form. Please provide the best estimate utilizing the estimated quantities for the given Bid Items. Actual costs will vary depending on the actual task assigned. Please refer to Section 01800, 7.0 Modifications to section 1410.