



Xpress Hickory Grove Park and Ride Lot Construction Work
ITB Solicitation No. 20-012
August 8, 2019

Question 1. Is there a pre-bid conference?

Answer: Yes, a non-mandatory pre-bid conference was held on August 2, 019 at 10:30 AM.

Question 2. Is it possible to get a DWG file of the grading plan from the engineer for earthwork takeoff?

Answer: See Addendum #4.

Question 3. I have noticed in a couple of places in the bid documents you mention that bids must be valid for a period of time after the bid opening date; I have seen 120 Days, 180 Days and 60 Days. Which of these durations will be applied to this contract?

Answer: 120 days. See Addendum #3.

Question 4. What is the anticipated Notice to Proceed Date for this project? This date will impact the cost of the work and it will be necessary for developing a schedule for the work.

Answer: The anticipated Notice to Proceed date is September 27, 2019.

Question 5. I have not been able to find a Completion Date or Contract Duration anywhere in the bid documents. Will this completion date/contract duration be set by SRTA for all bidders to adhere to or will it be up to the Contractor to schedule the work and determine its own completion date/contract duration? I see the LD's for not meeting the milestone dates in table 26.2 but no milestones?

Answer 5: See Addendum #4.

Question 6. If the Contractor is to determine the completion date/contract duration are you expecting this to be declared on the bid form? Or are you expecting a schedule to be submitted with the bid?

Answer 6: No. SRTA is not expecting the contract completion date to be declared on the bid form nor is SRTA expecting a schedule to be submitted with the bid. Please see Addendum #4.

Question 7. If the Contractor is to determine the completion date/duration will this date have an impact on who will be deemed the low bidder or is this a low bid price only type of bid?

Answer: See Addendum #4.

Question 8. Can you please confirm that the DBE Goal for this project is 8%?

Answer: SRTA has an overall goal for DBE participation in federally funded contracts awarded during FFY'18

– FFY'20 of 8%. SRTA strongly encourages the participation of DBEs in all federally-assisted contracts and procurements in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation 49 CFR Part 26. While the 8% goal is not contract specific, the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to meet or exceed SRTA's agency-wide participation goal in order to ensure DBEs have an equal opportunity to participate in federally-assisted contracts.

Question 9. May we suggest that SRTA hold a Pre-Bid Meeting so it can convey all of its intent to the potential bidders and even allow for open discussions of better construction methods? It is our opinion that projects that have Pre-Bid Meetings tend to be bid more accurately than those that do not. And better bids mean better prices for the citizens of Georgia.

Answer: See answer to Question #1.

Question 10. Who will be responsible for hiring and paying for the Quality Control Testing for the work on the project? The Contractor? Or SRTA? If this is the Contractor's responsibility, then how do you intend to pay for it?

Answer: SRTA is responsible for hiring and paying for the quality control and testing for the work on the project. General quality control and testing is not a requirement of the contractor. However, meeting the GDOT requirements and specifications for materials sampling testing and certification under the GDOT Qualified Products List (QPL) and per the GDOT's latest Supplemental and Standard Specifications and per the project's Special Provisions, are the contractor's responsibility.

Question 11. Do you plan to utilize the GDOT Asphalt Cement Index for this project or will it be a Non-Indexed project?

Answer: No. This project is a Non-Indexed Project.

Question 12. Section 2.11, page 8- Can subcontractors certified as SVDBE be used to meet DBE participation as on standard GDOT projects?

Answer: Yes.

Question 13. Attachment 1 Plans, page 28- Can you verify that sheets 28-001 through 28-0008 are not part of the project and are for informational purposes only?

Answer: The Contractor shall install conduits, pull boxes, poles, and foundations under this Contract. The fiber optic cable, cameras, electronics, and CMS will be installed by the third-party integrator.

Question 14. Exhibit C-Pricing, page 46- Can you please add Pay Items for Lighting work that is required and not just 1 LS item?

Answer: The Lump Sum cost for Lighting work is for materials and labor complete. Individual items will not be provided; however, the proposed lighting components are detailed in the construction plans.

Question 15. Exhibit C-Pricing, page 46- Can you please add Pay Items for the Underground Detention System and not just 1 LS item?

Answer: The Lump Sum cost of the underground detention structure is for materials and labor complete. Individual items will not be provided. However, the proposed underground detention system components are detailed in the construction plans.

Question 16. Attachment 1, page 28- A detail for FloGard Catch Basin Inserts are shown on 38-0007 of the plans. Are these required for each Catch Basin?

Answer: There are notes on Sheet 22-0003 that call out the inserts at structures D1 through D8. The inserts noted or equal are required.

Question 16. Exhibit C-Pricing, page 46- Pay item 33 Aggr. Surf Crs, 8 inch thick is listed as 1,175 SY. The Plans list 1,175 tons. Which one is correct?

Answer: See Addendum #4. The Offer Document #5 - Bid Form, has been revised to show tons instead of square yard as the unit of measure for the line #33 (GDOT Pay item 318-3000, AGGR SURF CRS, 8 IN THK).

Question 17. Does the DBE form need to be notarized?

Answer: Yes.

Question 18. Is the mentioned 10% retainage for the entire duration of the project or applies only up to 50% of the project completion cost?

Answer: See Addendum #4.

Question 19. When does the Landscape Bond starts?

Answer: The Landscape Bond coverage shall begin on the date of the approved project Final Acceptance.

Question 20. Can SRTA provide a geotechnical soils report?

Answer: See Addendum #4.

Question 21. Can contractor get access to the project site to do minor investigations?

Answer: See Addendum #4.

Question 22. Will SRTA provide the engineer's estimate?

Answer: No, SRTA will not provide an engineer's estimate.

Question 23. Explain rounding instructions for the Bid form?

Answer: The instructions for rounding up to the dollar value have been removed and replaced with instructions for rounding up to the cent value. For additional information, see Addendum #4.

Question 24. Do utility contractors need to be Cobb county approved?

Answer: This Project will allow only Cobb County approved contractor(s) to perform water installation work under the contract.

Question 25. Should concrete paving be changed from Class 1 to Class 3?

Answer: See Addendum #4.

Question 26. If necessary, can grades be changed?

Answer: The project shall be built per the provided plans. Any request for changes must be done per the Section 21.4 – Value Engineering Proposals, of the Contract.