



PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

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RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES

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BID ID #2758

IFB #2758 Pump & Treat Force Main

The following information is in response to inquiries received regarding this solicitation.
Any actual amendments to the solicitation will be issued via an Addendum:

Q1. *Will the Contractor be required to provide Owner's Protective Liability Insurance?*

RESPONSE: No, the contractor will not be required. Section 5.05 *Owner's Liability Insurance* states "In addition to the insurance required to be provided by Contractor under Paragraph 5.04, Owner, at Owner's option, may purchase and maintain at Owner's expense Owner's own liability insurance as will protect Owner against claims which may arise from operations under the Contract Documents.

Q2. *Confirm that the warranty period/bonds will extend for 1 year after final completion?*

RESPONSE: Per GENERAL CONDITIONS clause 41 CORRECTION OF FAULTY WORK AFTER FINAL PAYMENT, Item 41.1 – "The Contractor shall promptly replace any such defects, as determined by the Engineer, discovered within two years from the date of final payment of the work."

Q3. *The bid documents mention that the Contractor will be subject to liquidated damages if the project is not complete on time, but the value of the liquidated damages is not provided. What is the value of any possible liquidated damages?*

RESPONSE: Reference Addendum 2. Liquidated damages will not be required and shall be removed from the contract documents.

Q4. Please clarify the requirement for an "Indemnity Bond"? There is no such thing as an "Indemnity Bond" in our business. An indemnity bond is a type of insurance policy. It ensures that you—not the bank—will be liable for any losses if the lost check is found and presented for payment. Otherwise, the bank could be liable for both checks.

RESPONSE: A Performance and Indemnity Bond is essentially a performance bond. The county is looking for a standard performance bond and payment bond if subs are used. The two bonds are required for the project and instructions are provided in Section 21 of the Information to Bidders. It states:

21. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

21.1. Simultaneously with his delivery of the executed Contract to the OWNER, a Bidder to

whom a Contract has been awarded must deliver to the OWNER executed Performance and

Indemnity and Payment Bonds on the prescribed forms each in an amount equal to one hundred

percent (100%) of the total amount of the Contract Amount, as security for the faithful performance of the Contract and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing

materials in connection therewith. The Performance and Indemnity and Payment Bonds shall

have as the surety thereon only such surety company or companies as are authorized to write

bonds of such character and amount under the laws of the State of South Carolina and with a

resident agent in the county in which the project is located. The Attorney-in-Fact, or other officer

who signs the Performance and Indemnity and Payment Bonds for a surety company must file

with such bonds a certified copy of his Power-of-Attorney authorizing him to do so.

21.2. The Performance and Indemnity and Payment Bonds shall remain in force for two (2)

years from the date of final payment of the Work as a protection to the OWNER against losses

resulting from latent defects in materials or improper performance of work under the Contract,

which may appear or be discovered during that period.

21.3. Qualification of Sureties shall be as described in the General Conditions.

Q5. Will the Contract Time start after the procurement of the required SCDOT Encroachment Permits, Building & Electrical Permits, and submittal approvals? If not, the 120 days will not be adequate and the time to complete the project should be increased accordingly.

RESPONSE: Reference Addendum 2. The Contractor will need to apply for the SCDOT Encroachment Permit, Building Permit, and Electrical Permits. To ensure the Contractor has adequate time to obtain these necessary permits, the project duration will be revised for a total of 180 days upon receipt of a Notice to Proceed.

Q6. Will Pay Item No. 8.0 be limited to 4% or 5%? Both limits are specified.

RESPONSE: Reference Addendum 2. The correct amount is 4%.

Q7. *Can waste generated on the project be disposed of onsite at no charge to the Contractor?*

RESPONSE: The waste may be disposed of if the waste falls within the DHEC guidelines for our site. But the contractor will need to pay all disposal fees.

Q8. *Confirm that the removal of unsuitable materials and replacement with suitable material will be paid for via change order?*

RESPONSE: If unsuitable materials are encountered, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer of the nature and extent of the unsuitable material. The Engineer and the Contractor will discuss the issue to determine the most cost-effective solution for addressing the encountered conditions. The Contractor will then prepare a Change Order request for consideration and approval.

Q9. *Will there be extra payment if rock excavation is required?*

RESPONSE: If unsuitable materials are encountered, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer of the nature and extent of the unsuitable material. The Engineer and the Contractor will discuss the issue to determine the most cost-effective solution for addressing the encountered conditions. The Contractor will then prepare a Change Order request for consideration and approval.

Q10. *Confirm that field density and moisture content testing will be handled by the Owner's CQA consultant?*

RESPONSE: Correct.

Q11. *Confirm that this project will be covered under the site's current storm water pollution prevention plan?*

RESPONSE: The total disturbance associated with the force main project will be under 1-acre. The appropriate notice is being submitted to York County Planning and Development by the Engineer. The erosion and sedimentation control measures that were in the specifications and drawings that were included in the bid documents are to be implemented by the Contractor.

Q12. *Where are we to pull electrical power from?*

RESPONSE: York County will arrange with the power company for providing the power service. The contractor is responsible for scheduling and coordinating with the power company for the power service hook-up.

Q13. *Can cleared material be left onsite?*

RESPONSE: No, the Contractor is to dispose of all material from the site, trees, stumps, soil, etc. C&D disposal fee is \$38.00 per ton and brush disposal fee is \$34.00 per ton clean brush only no dirt mixed in.

Q14. *Can the bid date be extended a couple of days to Friday, 6/4/21? Recently, two (2) days have to be used when mailing bid packages via overnight services to account for the delays in shipping products/items.*

RESPONSE: Refer to Addendum 2. Bid date has been pushed out 1 week.

Q15. *Is there an overall project budget you can share? What about the engineers estimate for just the construction costs?*

RESPONSE: This information is not released.

Q16. *With the owner/engineer requiring the contractor to obtain the SCDOT encroachment permits, what if this process takes a significant amount of time to be approved by the SCDOT by no fault of the contractors? The overall contract period is only 120 days, and much of this time could be used up with any delays experienced in obtaining these encroachment permits. If so can the overall schedule be adjusted to add time so as not to impose liquidated damages*

RESPONSE: Reference Addendum 2. There will be no liquidated damages.

Q17. *For the encased crossing under the roadway, can you confirm if it is to be a jack & bore or a horizontal directional drill/dry bore? Also, please specify the material type and size as well.*

RESPONSE: The casing needs to follow York County standards as noted on the detail. The standards describe the pipe type and suggest that jacking is the installation method (copy located here:

H:\Projects\York County\York-19-8 (Implementation of Corrective Action Plan)\P&T System Force Main Bid & Construct\York County Standards). The casing diameter is to be 8 inches, minimum.

Q18. *Please confirm that if the contractor were to encounter any trash/refuse, rock, unsuitable soils or contaminated/hazardous materials that these conditions would be outside the base contract.*

RESPONSE: If any trash/refuse, rock, unsuitable soils or contaminated/hazardous materials are encountered, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer of the nature and extent of the this material. The Engineer and the Contractor will discuss the issue to determine the most cost-effective solution for addressing the encountered conditions. The Contractor will then prepare a Change Order request for consideration and approval.

Q19. *Item 12.2 Are you requesting our South Carolina Well Contractors License that is required to install pumps in extraction wells in the state of SC?*

RESPONSE: Contractor should have a General contractor's License as referenced in 12.2

Q20. *It will be difficult to get a bid bond coming off a holiday weekend. Can we get an extension on the due date for this bid?*

RESPONSE: Refer to Addendum 2. Bid date has been pushed out 1 week

Q21. *Are you going to send out a list of the bidders that attended the meeting on May 18, 2021?*

RESPONSE: This information went out on Addednum 1

Q22. *Have you already sent out an email addressing the questions at May 18, 2021 meeting?*

RESPONSE: This information went out on Addednum 1

Q23. *What make and model transducer do you want? Type of material, Will need length of cord, vented or sealed, output, pressure connection, electrical connection, lightning protection, level range min & max, moisture protection if needed, cable type & cable length, along with label (psi, Ft H2O, etc)?*

RESPONSE: Per the technical specifications, the submersible pressure transducer shall be provided and installed for each extraction well. Pressure transducers shall be Geotech Environmental Equipment 0-15 psi, 4-20 mA or approved equal.

Q24. *Do you have the name of the surveyor that has done some of the work at the site?*

RESPONSE: Steven G. Branyon
Branyon Land Surveying, LLC
119 Oneal Street
Belton, SC 29627
864-314-6400

Q25. *Can the bid due date be extended by one (1) week?*

RESPONSE: See Addendum 2

Q26. *Can the County accept emailed or electronic bids?*

RESPONSE: No, a hard copy has to be hand delivered or mailed.
Reference the cover page of the solicitation document

Q27. *Will the contractor be responsible for installing a new breaker or disconnect at the Owner provided electrical drop?*

RESPONSE: Yes, Reference Project Manual 16130-2

d. Electrical boxes are shown on the Contract Drawings in approximate locations unless dimensioned. Adjust box location up to 10 feet if required to accommodate intended purpose.

Reference Addendum 1 Question 10:

Question 10 Where will the electrical be supplied from the utility?

Response: There are power distribution lines along McFarland Road, near the location where the force main Sampling Station is to be constructed.

Q28. *How close can we assume the new electrical service will be from the proposed sampling station and wells? Can we assume the drop will be at McFarland Road?*

RESPONSE: Yes, assume the drop will be at McFarland Road.

Q29. *Please confirm that the asbuilt survey can be performed through survey risers? Will there be a minimum number of as-built survey trips for the project?*

RESPONSE: The contractor is responsible for providing Record Drawings of the force main and related structures per Specification Section 11319 D. 2. h. There are no specific requirements regarding the use of risers, or the minimum number of as-built survey trips for the project.

Q30. *Will this project be tax exempt?*

RESPONSE: No, York County is required to pay all state taxes.

Q31. *Is there any rock anticipated while trenching outside limits of waste?*

RESPONSE: None anticipated, but possible.

Q32. *Can trenching be performed using excavators?*

RESPONSE: Excavation, including trench excavation, is covered by Specification Section 02222 Excavation. The equipment that is used to conduct the excavation work in accordance with that specification section is the contractor's choice.

Q33. *Are there any prevailing wages for the project?*

RESPONSE: No prevailing wages on this project.

Q34. *Will there be any offsite bedding required in the trench?*

RESPONSE: It is not anticipated that offsite bedding will be required in the trench.

Q35. *Will a cover structure be required at the sampling station?*

RESPONSE: No cover structure is required.

Q36. *Will the Contractor operate under the site's existing SWPPP?*

RESPONSE: The total disturbance associated with the force main project will be under 1-acre. The appropriate notice is being submitted to York County. The erosion and sedimentation control measures that were in the specifications and drawings that were included in the bid documents are to be implemented by the Contractor.

Q37. *Will the Contractor need to include for a water truck for dust control?*

RESPONSE: No water truck will be required for dust control.

Q38. *Will the county enforce liquidated damages with this project if so, what amount?*

RESPONSE: Reference Addendum 2. There will be no liquidated damages.

Q39. *Is the Contractor responsible for having a dedicated field office trailer or will job trailers/trucks be acceptable?*

RESPONSE: No field office required.

Q40. *Will the Contractor be responsible for permitting the boring under and trenching along McFarland Road? Can the county provide a list of required permits?*

RESPONSE: Contractor is responsible for any permits. There is not a list of permits to provide.

Q41. *Will a traffic control plan need to be developed and implemented for the work around McFarland and Langrum Branch Roads?*

RESPONSE: Minimal traffic control will be needed.

Q42. *Will there be any permits required to make tie-in to existing sewer manhole?*

RESPONSE: Contractor is responsible for contacting the City of York regarding the connection to their sanitary sewer system manhole.