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April 4, 2017

City of Wimberley
Collection System Project
Prebid Conference

Re: Answers to Bidders' Questions

THE FOLLOWING ANSWER(S) TO BIDDERS' QUESTIONS ARE IN REFERENCE TO THE PROJECT LISTED ABOVE. THESE ANSWERS DO NOT MODIFY THE CONTRACT. ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONTRACT WILL BE THROUGH ADDENDA.

1. Will the bid due date be extended?
 - a. **The bid closing time has been extended to 10:00 a.m. local time on the Wednesday of April 19, 2017. See Addendum 1, Section 00020 "Invitation to Bid."**
2. Who is responsible for staking lots during construction?
 - a. The Contractor.
3. Are you set on using E-ONE grinder pumps? E-ONE pumps can only be installed, maintained, and repaired by E-ONE representatives. Liberty Pump and Flygt make similar equipment.
 - a. While E-ONE does have a service department in Buda, TX, their pumps can be installed by non E-ONE representatives. E-ONE provides an optional 20 minute training class to install their equipment. Once installed, an E-ONE representative inspects the installation to authorize the 3 year factory, NON-PRORATED warranty. This warranty includes 100% of the parts, labor, and travel required to repair or replace equipment under warranty.
 - b. Equipment suppliers other than those listed in the applicable specification may submit written request for pre-approval with package demonstrating compliance seven (7) days prior to bids in order for the Engineer to consider modifying the applicable specification to include the supplier. If applicable, package must include letter identifying deviations from the specification.
 - c. 00200 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, paragraph 29.1 reads:
"The specifications for of these Documents have been written around the manufacturers listed in the various sections of the specifications. The equipment of these manufacturers comprises the Contract base Bid. It is the option of each Bidder to submit alternative pieces of equipment from manufacturers not named in the various sections of the specifications. In the event that a Bidder so chooses to submit alternates to the Base Bid, he must submit a letter to accompany Section 00450 "Equipment Supply Manufacturers" identifying alternate pieces of equipment and enter the appropriate deductive amount under corresponding Bid Item(s) in the Bid Proposal. The alternative bid shall include the cost for all civil, mechanical, structural, electrical, and instrumentation modifications necessary including the cost of any engineering design work deemed necessary by the ENGINEER due to the modifications."
4. Where are the grinder pump stations located within Wimberley?
 - a. Looking at the site map on drawing G-005, the grinder pump stations are on Blue Hole Road in drawings C-113 and C-114.

5. How much of the electrical shown on the grinder pump station drawings is the Contractor responsible for? Drawings are unclear.
 - a. The Contractor is responsible for all electrical work identified as "CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY" in drawing E-152. This electrical work shall be included in the grinder pump station bid item. An allowance of \$2,000 per residence has been added to Section 00411 "Bid Schedule" for the Contractor to complete work identified in drawing E-152 as "HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY." City authorization required to access allowance. Any electrical work needed in excess of \$2,000 will require a change order. See Addendum 1.
6. Who is responsible for electrical upgrades needed if the proposed grinder pump station property owners have an electric panel that cannot handle the new equipment?
 - a. The grinder pump station allowance added to Section 00411 "Bid Schedule" may also go towards upgrades needed at homeowner's main panel to bring up to code. Any electrical upgrade needed in excess of \$2,000 will require a change order. See Addendum 1.
7. Who is responsible for property owner notifications and timing coordination for access to properties?
 - a. City of Wimberley.
8. Who is responsible for construction material testing and is the City accepting bids on this?
 - a. The Contractor is responsible for density testing per sections 02320 "Excavation, Trenching, and Backfilling for Utilities," 210S "Flexible Base," and 340S "Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete Pavement."
9. Who is responsible for creating traffic control plans?
 - a. The Contractor is responsible for creating unique, site-specific traffic control plans, as needed, using the traffic control standard details included in the drawings.
10. Do traffic control plans have to be submitted for review?
 - a. Yes, traffic control plans have to be submitted for review.
11. Plans need to be updated to identify staging areas, especially at Wimberley Square.
 - a. The City and the Engineer are evaluating staging area options near Wimberley Square.
 - b. Sheet G-002, General Construction Notes, Note 34:
"CONTRACTOR SHALL CONFINE CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS TO AVAILABLE STREET AND PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY UNLESS OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS ARE OBTAINED AND SECURED BY THE CONTRACTOR AT HIS EXPENSE. WRITTEN PROOF AND APPROVAL OF LANDOWNERS AND TENANTS IS REQUIRED FOR OTHER PROPERTIES USED BY CONTRACTOR FOR ANY REASON."
12. What time are questions due on Monday, April 3, 2016?
 - a. 11:59 PM
13. At RR12, consider boring under road.
 - a. A note has been added to applicable sheets to allow the Contractor to bore under RR12 or open trench. See Addendum 1.
14. What are the allowed construction hours and road closure times? Contractors prefer unlimited working hours.
 - a. Per Section 00800 "Supplementary Conditions," paragraph SC-1.02 A.C.2:
"A "working day" shall be a day, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, in which weather or other conditions not under the control of the Contractor will permit construction of the principal units of the work for a period of not less than seven hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m."

- b. Sheet G-002, General Construction Notes, Note 13:
"ANY ROAD CLOSURE MUST HAVE WORK PERFORMED AT THAT LOCATION AT LEAST FOUR (4) HOURS PER DAY. IF WORK CEASES FOR FOUR (4) OR MORE HOURS, THE ROAD MUST BE OPENED UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE OWNER AND THE CITY."
15. What are the City's noise limits?
a. The City of Wimberley does not have noise limits.
16. Are the locations of septic tanks to be decommissioned known?
a. No, the locations of septic tanks to be decommissioned are not known.
17. Is the lateral bid item for service connections from the collection main to the property line OR from the collection main to the dwellings located on private property?
a. The lateral bid item is for service connections from the collection main to the dwellings located on private property.
18. Is a licensed master plumber needed to complete the work on private property?
a. No, a licensed master plumber is not need to complete the work on private property.
19. Is testing service laterals required, and who is responsible for this testing?
a. Testing service laterals is not required. However, latera
20. Are permits required to complete work on each private property?
a. No, permits are not required to work on private property.
21. What is the agreement between the City and each property owner regarding property damage?
a. The Contractor must have written approval from the City's Representative on the proposed alignment for each service lateral prior to construction on each property. The Contractor is responsible for taking photographs of each property with a proposed service connection prior to construction. Particular attention must be devoted to pre-existing damage to structures; landscape features, streets, curbs, sidewalks, driveways, signs, mailboxes, retaining walls, etc. shall be documented. The Contractor is responsible for repairing the property after construction to pre-existing site conditions, as photographed. Repair of damaged improvements is the Contractor's responsibility until accepted by the City's Representative. Should the property owner not be satisfied, an allowance of \$50,000 has been added to the Section 00411 "Bid Schedule" to cover additional repairs needed. The City's Representative will perform all coordination with private property owner related to property damage.
22. Is restoration by the Contractor required beyond the right of way?
a. Yes, see question above.
23. How do we handle septic tanks under foundations that cannot be accessed?
a. All decommissioned septic tanks shall have wastewater removed. Septic tanks with no access shall be abandoned in place.
24. How do we handle service connections on properties where the sewer line cannot be accessed?
a. The service lateral allowance added to Section 00411 "Bid Schedule" may also go towards creating access to existing dwelling sewer lines with City authorization. See Addendum 1.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen J. Coonan".

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cc: Mayor Mac McCullough, City of Wimberley