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April 4, 2017

City of Wimberley
Wastewater Treatment Plant 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 11:00 a.m. local time on the Wednesday of April 19, 2017. See Addendum 1, Section 00020 “Invitation to Bid.”

2. Are there bid items for both an open and closed tank?
   a. Yes, in the bid schedule, an open top tank is listed as an alternate bid item to the bid item for the cone roof tank.

3. Is gravity pipeline included in this project?
   a. Yes, there is a gravity line, the 8” effluent pipe to Deer Creek.

4. Where do fence and pavement go in the bid schedule?
   a. Everything shown on C-200 that is not itemized in the bid schedule, including the fence and pavement, are part of the Lump Sum for Bid Item No. 1 Package MBR Treatment Plant.

5. E-200, Note 2, indicates that the package plant supplier is designing the electrical system; are they okay with this requirement?
   a. Yes, the package plant suppliers are aware of this requirement.

6. Who is responsible for sealing electrical drawings for the package plant?
   a. The package plant supplier is responsible for sealing their own drawings.

7. Does buying from a Canadian manufacturer conflict with the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements?
   a. No, there is no conflict. Canadian manufacturers are able to meet AIS requirements.

8. What are the minority requirements?
   a. See Section 00020 “Invitation to Bid” and “EDA Requirements for Affirmative Action” in project manual.

9. What is required to satisfy “good faith effort”?

10. Is the City open to using different technologies than an MBR Plant?
    a. The City is open to other manufacturers than those listed in the specification, but is not open to technologies other than membrane bioreactor plants. Per Section 11390 “Package MBR Wastewater Treatment Plant,” suppliers other than those listed must submit written request for pre-approval with package demonstrating compliance seven (7) days prior to bids. Those not approved will not be considered and their bids will be rejected.
11. Is the site currently staked and are there pictures of the existing conditions available?
   a. No, but the area can be accessed through Blue Hole Regional Park.
12. Has there been any subsurface investigations in the project area?
   a. Yes, the geotechnical report is included in the project manual.
13. Where is the current staging yard for the package plant?
   a. See Addendum 1 for updated drawings.
14. Is there room at the package plant site for overhead cranes, tractors, and other large vehicles?
   a. Yes.
15. What coordination has been completed with PEC?
   a. PEC will provide a power connection for the contractor at 3237. The contractor is responsible for bringing power from 3237 to the package plant and pumps. See Addendum 1 for updated drawings.
16. Have all the easements been procured?
   a. Yes.
17. Has a survey been completed?
   a. Yes; this will be provided to the contractor after the bid opening.
18. Will the proposed pipe alignment be staked for the contractor?
   a. No.
19. Are you open to a corrugated steel tank?
   a. Yes, information can be submitted on any alternates for pre-approval with a package demonstrating compliance with the applicable specification seven (7) days prior to bids in order for the Engineer to consider modifying the specification. If applicable, package must include letter identifying deviations from the specification.
   b. 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.”
20. Will you send the sign in sheets along with the first addendum?
   a. Yes.
21. Are plans available today?
   a. Yes, please email me at csyvarth@apaenv.com to receive the plans.
22. Drawing M-303 references a welded steel tank. Are you accepting either welded or bolted steel tanks?
   a. No. See Addendum 1 for updated drawing.
23. Who are alternate bid items sent to to be reviewed?
   a. Steve Coonan per Section 00200 “Invitation to Bid.”
24. What is the fire protection requirement on the tank referring to?
   a. The plant will not have a fire hydrant; therefore, the tank must comply with NFPA 22 “Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection” for surface water-storage tanks for fire-suppression water supply.
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