

April 1, 2020

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SET # 2

TO : All Prospective Bidders
FROM : Ehab Azab, Contracts Administrator
SUBJECT : Set #2 - Contract C20004 – US 101/Blossom Hill Road Interchange Improvement

Q5. I'm having a really hard time downloading some bid documents. Maybe they are too big? Is there an issue with downloading the plans and specs? The larger files will only download the first page.

I am trying to download the documents for the above project and the following 5 files will only download as HTML documents. Also when I try to view them on my browser only the first page shows up, the rest are not there.

A5. Some vendors have downloaded each of the documents. However, some vendors are having issues with the download.

To test the issue, VTA removed and reloaded the exact same file documents, which were uploaded on March 25, 2020. This reload to the website was on March 29, 2020.

To quality check your download, the complete documents from March 25th or March 29th are as follows:

1. C20004 - Bid Documents - Volume 1: pdf file 276 page,
2. C20004 - Bid Documents - Volume 2: pdf file 152 page,
3. C20004 - Bid Documents - Volume 3 - Part 1: pdf file 176 page,
4. C20004 - Bid Documents - Volume 3 - Part 2: pdf file 171 page,
5. C20004 - Handout - Volume I: pdf file 738 page,
6. C20004 - Handout - Volume II: pdf file 760 page, and
7. C20004 - Handout - Volume III: pdf file 54 page,

You do not need to download this newly uploaded document if you received the files listed above. Each plan holders and other vendors should have been notified of the newly updated attachments via email.

If you have issues with the download, please do the following: 1) Try to use Google Chrome as your internet browser, 2) On VTA website, Right click on the green "Download" button and choose "Save target as" and select where you want to save your files.

VTA will continue to monitor documents for this problem and investigate why this happened.

Q6. Do you have the approved prequalification list available?

Is there an updated list of prequalified contractors for C20004? Will the VTA be posting a current list of prequalified bidders for this contract?

Our company is a pre-qualified bidder for the subject project. We request to see the list of other pre-qualified bidders because this project is a split between the roadwork and bridge structure work. We need to see which structure contractors have been pre-qualified.

Can you please update us on the status of our Prequalification for the US 101 Project?

A6. VTA regularly updates the “Pre-Qualified Construction Contractors List”. If you have received a “Pre-Qualification Notification” by mail, it means your firm has successfully pre-qualified for participation on the subject project as a Prime contractor, even though the list does not show this information yet.

VTA faces some difficulty checking reference for some vendors. VTA understands this unprecedented time containing COVID-19, shelter-in-place directives and that most of your references may work from home. Therefore, VTA plans to notify Bidders of selected references so Bidders can touch base with its own references and ask them to respond to VTA’s reference check ASAP.

To date, VTA received Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from the following vendors:

- Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc.
- De Silva Gates Construction
- Ghilotti Construction Co.
- Granite Rock Company
- OC Jones & Sons Inc
- OHL USA, Inc. dba Group OHL North America
- Walsh Construction Company II, LLC

Q7. Is are in receipt of the notice inviting bids for the above referenced project. The bid date of 5/7 will not be possible with other current project commitments. There is a significantly larger project current bidding on 5/7 for \$xxxxM that advertised prior to this VTA project. The bid date of 5/14 is what has been advertised for weeks now to the contracting community. To change the date, and actually move it up, without the contracting industry input is not a good idea. There is no way to bid two projects as complex as these on the same day. Please seriously consider moving the bid date back to 5/14.

You should also be aware that we are currently having a difficult time getting quotes from subs and suppliers for the projects we are currently pursuing because of the shelter in place orders. The quotes we are getting are trending higher. Sub and supplier firms are aware of some of their competitors not working right now.

A7. Bid Opening date will be changed by an addendum very shortly. The new Bid Opening date will be Thursday May 28, 2020 2:00PM.

- Q8. In the Specifications, we are unable to locate the % of work requirement for work performed by the contractor's own forces. The CA Dept of Transportation requirement is 30%. What is it for this project?
- A8. *Since the project is not federally funded, a 30% Contractor self-performance criteria is not required.*
- Q9. Are there any cross sections available for the Earthwork?
- A9. *Cross sections were uploaded to VTA Procurement website on March 26, 2020 under file document "C20004 - Handout - Volume III".*
- Q10. We would like to get credit for your pre bid meeting, but the current Covid-19 Scenario does not allow us to all get together in the way we used to. Can you please advise on your pre bid, and consider some type of web meeting?
- A10. *Agree. Please refer to Section 1.10 "Pre-Bid Meeting" that states "It is possible that VTA will conduct the Pre-Bid Meeting electronically. VTA will provide advance notice with additional details to all Prospective Bidders if there is a change in the Pre-Bid Meeting format".*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (408)321-5835.

Sincerely,



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