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Subject: Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape
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Pre-Bid Questions and Responses

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The City of Takoma Park has compiled the pre-bid questions received from potential bidders. Below we offer responses to each question. No more questions will be accepted prior to the Bid Opening / Award of Contract.

- (1) Item #2002, "Class 1-A Excavation" The specification says backfill with Geosynthetic Stabilized Subgrade using Graded Aggregate Base. The pay item does not match with the specification, please clarify.
Response: "Removal of Unsuitable Material and Refill" (Item #5012) should be used for backfill of Class 1-A excavation. SP 201 – Roadway Excavation will be revised to clarify.

- (2) Item #3009 & Item #3030, "Riprap class "0" for slope & channel protection". What is the reason there are two similar items? Also need the detailed plans to see where these stone be used with the dimension?
Response: Item #3009 for Class O Riprap is referenced on sheet 6 of 85. Construction notes will be added to include this item as part of Addendum No. 1. Item #3030 will be removed from the bid items.

- (3) Please provide the detailed plan & specifications for Item #3008, "Onsite Concrete Washout Structure".
Response: MDE Detail H-6 (Sheets 1 and 2 of 2) appear on Sheet 35 of 85.

- (4) Item#3001 & Item#3002, please provide the “approved source of material” (manufacturer & supplier) and detailed sections on the plan showing the thickness of using this material for all SWM Facilities.
Response: Material specifications for Item 3001 and 3002 may be found in Special Provision Section 920 – Landscaping Material beginning on Page 403 of the Invitation for Bids. Thickness of section appears on the Micro-Bioretenion Section appearing on Sheet 32 of 85.
- (5) What would be Asphalt Index to consider for the bidding purpose? This would require adjusting the asphalt binder price adjustment.
Response: The Maryland Asphalt Association, Inc. prevailing monthly price index shall be used at the time of bid.
- (6) The excavation for the bus pads and driveway will be incidental or will be paid under class 1 excavation item?
Response: Excavation for driveway aprons will be incidental to the “8 INCH PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT FOR DRIVEWAY MIX 9” pay item #5011. Excavation for PCC bus pads will be paid for under Class 1 excavation.
- (7) On the plan sheet under the sectional details at the Stn. 303+00 LT, at SHA BMP #15090, there is a Verizon cable running parallel to the SWM Filter, Can Verizon relocate it since it is very close to the excavation for the BMP to avoid any accident/damage?
Response: Verizon does not intend to relocate this fiber line. Please refer to Special Provision Section 875 - Utility Statement (pg. 322 of the IFB) which indicates, “Attention is called to the existing fiber optic cable that parallels the area of excavation for BMP #15970 (Sta. 303+00, LT). Test pit the utility and provide no mechanical excavation within 2 feet of the cable. Perform hand excavation only along the length of BMP #150970.”
- (8) Item#3003, “Mix #8 Conc. for SWM Structures”. Is this strictly to be used to construct a Gravity Wall for BMP #150971? Also, please provide the detail dimension of Stormwater Management Facility, BMP etc. on the plans.
Response: Item 3003 is used for both BMP #150970 and #150971. Stormwater Details on sheet 31 of 85 provide representative sections showing the location of the Concrete Gravity Wall placements.

- (9) Item #3004, "Mix#9 Concrete for miscellaneous Structures"; Item #3015, Mix#2 Concrete for Miscellaneous Structures" and Item#3018, "Mix#3 Concrete for Miscellaneous Structures" are confusing for their usage. Please clarify for each item is used for what purposes.

Response: SHA Standard Specification 305 and Special Provision 305 provide information under the payment section as to where each type of concrete mix will be utilized for the project.

- (10) On Plan sheet 27 of 85 under the drainage schedule table and the profiles of the drainage work states there are some Inlet Structures & pipes needs to be removed. How are these removals paid? Can we have separate payment items?

Response: Under SHA Standard Specification 303.04.02 and 305.04.07, removal of existing storm drain pipe and storm drain structures at location where new pipe and structures are to be constructed do not have separate payment. The removal is considered incidental to construction of the proposed work. Separate payment items will not be provided.

- (11) Can an MBE self-perform the entire project as a prime contractor? Or, are the use of sub-consultants required?

Response: Please be advised that the contract has a DBE goal. The MBE contractor is not prevented from bidding the project and will be required to meet the contract's DBE goal. For example, if the contractor is both MBE and MDOT DBE certified, then he must be MDOT DBE Certified for the work his company would perform under this contract.

- (12) When is NTP expected?

Response: The City anticipates contract award by May 10, 2017 with construction NTP to be provided in late June / early July.