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# February 5, 2016

TO: All Interested Bidders

SUBJECT: Invitation for Bids #16-1034CD

Wares Creek Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

#### **ADDENDUM #1**

Bidders are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be acknowledged on page <u>Bid Form-1</u> of the Bid Form and made a part of the above named bidding and contract documents. Bids submitted without acknowledgment of the Addendum will be considered incomplete.

The following items are issued to add to, modify, and clarify the bid and contract documents. These items shall have the same force and effect as the original bidding and contract documents, and cost involved shall be included in the bid prices. Bids to be submitted on the specified bid date, shall conform to the additions and revisions listed herein.

1. CHANGE Article C.01, Minimum Qualifications of Bidders, on page C-1 of the bid documents to read as follows:

No person who is not certified or registered as a <u>General Contractor</u> pursuant to Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, on the day the bid is submitted, and who has continuously held that certification or registration for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted, may be qualified to bid on this Work. In the event that a bidder is a business organization, including a partnership, corporation, business trust or other legal entity as set forth in Section 489.119(2), Florida Statutes, then the bidder shall only be qualified to bid on this Work if: 1) the bidder (the business organization) is on the day the bid is submitted, and for at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted has been, in continuous existence, properly licensed and registered as required by Florida law; and 2) the bidder, on the day the bid is submitted, has a certified or registered Qualifying Agent, as required by Section 489.119, Florida Statutes, and that Qualifying Agent has been the same Qualifying Agent of the bidder for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years immediately prior to the day the bid is submitted.

### OR

The bidding Contractor (company supplying the bid) shall be an FDOT Pre-Qualified Contractor in the category of "Minor Bridges". The bidders corporate name must appear in the State FDOT database in this category on the Bid due date and the certification must be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

The Bidding Contractor (company supplying the Bid) shall have a minimum of three (3) years' experience in successfully completing the installation of <u>pre-fabricated/pre-cast</u> <u>bridge construction</u>, which is the subject of this Invitation for Bid, to be considered for award.

2. **CHANGE** Artilce 1.03.C, Measurment and Payment- General, on page 01 29 01-1, of the Technical Specifications to read as follows:

The prices for those items which involve excavation shall include compensation for disposal of surplus excavated material, permitting (FDOT, SWFWMD, Manatee County, City of Bradenton), dewatering, handling water, and installation of all necessary sheeting, bracing, and protection of nearby structures per local, State, and Federal Government/OSHA requirements.

3. **CHANGE** Artilce 3.10.A, Concrete Tests, on page 03 30 00-7 of the Technical Specifications to read as follows:

Concrete quality testing will be performed on the concrete by the Owner's Geotechnical Engineer. Contractor to coordinate the required sampling and testing requirements with the Owner's Geotechnical Engineer.

## The following questions have been presented by potential bidders:

Question 1: Reference specification Section 03 30 00, page 03 30 00-7, par. 3.10 Concrete Tests, sub. Par. A, this paragraph tells us concrete testing will be performed by the Contractor, that contradicts what we were told at the pre-bid meeting, please revise the language in this paragraph accordingly.

Response 1: See item #3 above of this Addendum #1.

Question 2: Reference plan sheets S-102 and S-104, Sections "C" and "L" respectively, the height of the railing shown in these details is 4'-6", according to F.D.O.T. Index 862, sheet 9 of 9, the Special Height Bicycle Railing is 48-inches, what are we bidding on? Please clarify.

Response 2: The height of the railing shall be 4'-6" as identified in the plans.

Question 3: Reference plan sheet C-102, at the west bank of Ware's Creek there is a 42" diameter laurel oak tree that appears to be in direct conflict with the new bridge, will we be allowed to take the tree down and leave a stump twelve (12) inches above existing ground?

Response 3: Tree shall be removed and the stump grinded to twelve (12) inches below existing embankment.

Question 4: Reference plan sheets C-101 and C-102, will the vegetation on the west bank of Ware's Creek have to be stripped prior to placing the filter fabric for the riprap rock, or can we just place the fabric over the vegetation and then place the bedding stone and rip-rap rock?

Response 4: Yes, the vegetation have to be stripped to a depth that would allow the surface of the new rip-rap match the existing rip-rap surface, prior to placement of filter fabric. This is estimate to be between 12-18 inches below the existing embankment elevations.

Question 5: Reference specifications Section 01 29 01, page 01 29 01-4, Bid Item No. 515-2-321, PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE RAILING, the last sentence refers us to Section 05 50 00, this section references both aluminum and galvanizing, what are we to furnish for these railings, aluminum or galvanized?

Response 5: All railings to be aluminum.

Question 6: In reference to the required experience related to bridges, will FDOT Certification for the scope of work bidding (Minor Bridges, Rip-rap, etc) fulfill the county's requirement considering the plans/specs follow FDOT guidelines.

Response 6: Please see item #1 above of this Addendum #1. Accordingly, contractor must demonstrate experience with construction of similar pre-fab/pre-cast bridges, and FDOT certification by itself is not a qualification meeting the IFB requirements.

Question 7: David Metivier, the sales representative with Gator Dock and Marine indicates a lead time of 91 days for fabricating and delivery of the two (2) pedestrian bridges. Worst case scenario looks like eleven (11) weeks and that does not include shop drawing review time on the County's part, plus installation time and final dressing. A July 15th completion time does not look practical.

Response 7: Contract allows for 136 days of construction time between Notice to Proceed and Substantial completion. Even if the fabrication time is 91 days, contractor would still have more than 45 days to complete the project within the allotted time frame. Contractor has the ability to complete other aspects of the project such as sidewalks, ramps, rip-rap, foundations, etc. during the bridge lead time. Additionally, Vendor has indicated that they would be willing to expedite the process in order to meet the project requirements.

# **Question 8: Clarify Site Access.**

Response 8: Construction access is from 21st Avenue at 16th Street West. This is a shared access with another contractor constructing 16th Street West. Contractor is to coordinate access and construction activities with the 16th Street West contractor.

Question 9: Is there any as-built drawings for tie-backs?

Response 9: Please see attached as-built drawings for tie-back locations provided by USACE.

Question 10: Does rip-rap need to match the existing granite rip-rap on-site?

Response 10: Yes.

Question 11: Will an office trailer be required?

Response 11: No.

**Question 12:** Please clarify dewatering requirements.

Response 12: Please see item #2 above of this Addendum #1.

### **END OF ADDENDUM #1**

Bids will be received at Manatee County Purchasing, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205 until Friday, February 12, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

Sincerely,

Melissa M. Wendel, CPPO

**Purchasing Official** 



















