CONTRACTOR'S INQUIRY RESPONSES

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The responses to contractors' inquiries, unless incorporated into a formal addendum to the contract, are not a part of the contract and are provided for the contractor's convenience only. In some instances, the question and answer may represent a summary of the matters discussed rather than a word-for-word recitation. The responses may be considered along with all other information furnished to prospective bidders for the purpose of bidding on the project. The availability or use of information provided in the responses to contractors' inquiries is not to be construed in any way as a waiver of the provisions of section 2-1.03 of the Standard Specifications or any other provision of the contract, the plans, Standard Specifications or Special Provisions, nor to excuse the contractor from full compliance with those contract requirements. Bidders are cautioned that subsequent response or addenda should be taken into consideration when submitting a bid for the project. Inquiries submitted within seventy-two (72) hours of the scheduled bid opening might not be addressed.

Inquiry No.	Inquiry	Response
1.	Are analytical tests results available determine if the material is suitable for a CL II or CL III disposal facility?	Section 14.11, Disposal of Materials, describes the Contractor's responsibility to obtain analytical test results for Class II or III as included in the contract
2.	Sheets 48 and 50, note 5 lists incorrect storm drain items.	These notes have been revised in Addendum #1
3.	Is there a SWPPP plan for this project?	The conceptual SWPPP is on sheets 32-34
4.	Are cross sections available for this project?	Cross sections are not included with the plan set.
5.	Are the CAD files available to bidders for earthwork purposes?	The Public Works Agency does not provide the CAD files to bidders. Bid quantities are shown on the plans and in the bid documents. CAD files are provided to contractors after award to facilitate layout and elevation control.

This document will be continuously updated. It is the contractor's responsibility to check for updates.

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6.	Verify if the County's cut/fill volumes reflect only cut/fill to top of FG and not to bottom of subgrade?	The County's volumes are based on the volume between the original ground surface and the top of finished grade.
7.	What is the depth of the AC tie-in at the edge of the new curb and gutter?	The plans indicate that the AC tie-in thickness shall match the existing AC thickness (Paving Plan Legend, plan sheets 29-31). The actual thickness may differ by location, but generally, the AC thickness can be determined by referring to the Pavement Coring Table on the Demolition Plan, sheet 16.
8.	Clarify what is an approved equal to 6" to 8" cylindrical for the Log Check Dam.	Section 17.18, page SP-177 is revised in Addendum #1 to allow four inch by six inch (4" x 6") nominal lumber.
9.	Wonder Tree Ties is no longer in business and the telephone number listed in the specifications is invalid. Please provide an alternate tree tie to retain similarity in bids.	Section 17.15, page SP-174 is revised in Addendum #1 to indicate the new vendor , product name and phone number for spring loaded tree ties.
10.	Asphalt Concrete Base Failure Repair: Is it possible to give outlines on the plans to give us exact dimensions (and depths)?	It is not possible to give exact locations and dimensions for the base repair. The County does not mark base repair on overlay projects until the contractor is ready to perform the work in the field. Section 14.16, page SP-35 is revised in Addendum #1 to indicate the maximum excavation depth for base repair to be twelve inches (12")
11.	Is there a minimum percentage that the prime subcontractor must perform for this project?	Refer to the Standard Specifications section 8-1.01 for subcontracting percentage.

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12.	What is the award period for this job? When would the agency like to start work?	The project is planned to be awarded in late February, 2014. Construction will commence upon the execution of the contract, the pre- construction meeting and the issuance of the notice to proceed
13.	Clarify if all asphalt concrete paving shall receive a fog seal or only the pedestrian path.	Only the pedestrian path will be fog sealed. Section 14.17, page SP-37 is revised in Addendum #1 to state that the Contractor shall apply a fog seal coat to the pedestrian path.