



Oconee County Board of Commissioners

Addendum 2

DATE: October 13, 2023
TO: All Prospective Bidders
FROM: Procurement Officer
RE: Addendum 2, ITB# 24-09-003 Design-Build Culvert Replacement

The following changes are to be incorporated into the solicitation documents dated **September 21, 2023**. All those receiving this addendum should modify their documents to show the below described changes.

- 1. Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes/Questions & Answers**
- 2. Pre-Bid Meeting Sign-in Roster**
- 3. UPDATED Cost Proposal Form**

All questions shall be directed to Ms. Jessica Ellis, Procurement Officer via email at ocbids@oconee.ga.us

1. Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes/Questions & Answers

- Jessica Ellis opening the meeting. Listed below are notes from the meeting and additional procurement procedures.
- The meeting was held on October 3, 2023 at the Oconee County Administrative Building located at 7635 Macon Highway Watkinsville, Georgia 30677. The meeting began at approximately 2:00 pm and ended approximately at 2:45 pm. The bid number, description and timeline were announced.
- County Representatives included Jody Woodall Public Works Director and Jessica Ellis Procurement Officer.
- The meeting was optional and attendance was not required to qualify as a respondent.
- Any additional questions must be submitted in writing and can be emailed to ocbids@oconee.ga.us. The deadline for these questions is 5:00 pm on October 9, 2023.
- Any questions received will be answered via an addendum posted to the County's website by 5:00 pm on October 16, 2023.
- The deadline for bid submissions is 10:00 am on October 24, 2023. Submissions received after this time will not be accepted. Following that deadline, the bid opening will be held at the Administrative Building in the North High Shoals conference room where all submissions received will be opened publicly and announced out loud.
- Jody reviewed the project and opened the meeting up to questions.
 - Project includes removing the existing culverts and replacing with a single culvert with the hydrologic capacity for the stream and lake.

- The bottom of the current two culverts is deteriorating due to being in a constantly wet environment.
- Both culverts consist of 60 inch corrugated metal pipes.
- Due to the County's preference to replace the two culverts with a single, this project includes a design aspect as well as the actual construction.
- Approximately 75-100 feet of asphalt, paving and curb will have to be removed and replaced.
- Replacement culvert cannot be galvanized or asphalt coated.
- All materials and workmanship must meet GDOT specifications.
- Bid documents include a utility locate and Geotech report on soils for the area.

Q1 The bid documents mention dewatering two feet down. Will we be allowed to lower the lake level?

A1: Yes, this will be allowed.

Q2: Is the worksite contained within the County right of way? If not, will we need a temporary construction easement if the pipe ends extend beyond the ROW?

A2: The County currently maintains up to the ends of the pipe. Project doesn't include dredging so we don't anticipate the need of a temporary construction easement.

Q3: Any performance issues with the existing pipes?

A3: The HOA has received complaints of water backing up into the adjacent lots during heavy rains. HOA plans to dredge the lake so it currently doesn't have the volume it once had. One barrel end previously collapsed but the County was able to open it back up.

Q4: If the double culverts aren't a problem, why does the County want to replace with a single?

A4: As long as a single culvert is capable of supporting the area, one culvert is easier to maintain than two.

Q5: Is the County open to replacing with double culverts rather than a single?

A5: The County's preference is a single culvert replacement. Please see the attached UPDATED cost proposal form.

Q6: Can the roadway elevation change?

A6: No. That would require replacing curb end to end.

Q7: What is the preference on pipe end treatment?

A7: Beveled edges.

Q8: Does project require any storm outlook project or rip rap?

A8: It does not. Culverts are already half submerged in the lake so just the pipe.

Q9: Will design plans be approved by the County?

A9: Project includes a storm structure with less than acre disturbed so yes, our office will approve.

Q10: Do you anticipate only requiring a general permit for state waters?

A10: Yes. You shouldn't need an individual or anything more than replacing a drainage pipe.

Q11: Typically, for a culvert replacement, the area is dry and is analyzed during a storm event to make sure it safely passes. However, the current one is a part of overall hydrology of pond as well as the volume in the upper part isn't there because it hasn't been dredged. Should we run analysis with 'as is' conditions or how should we approach the design?

A11: Yes, you should run analysis with 'as is' conditions. The HOA plans to dredge the upper end of the lake to reclaim volume but wants the County to replace the culvert first. If the HOA ends up not dredging the lake, the design will work for current conditions.

Q12: Does the County or HOA have a copy of the original hydrology report for Jennings Mill?
A12: A copy of the original hydrology report cannot be provided.

Q13: There are currently two imminent structures over the pipe. Do we need to replace in kind to get water off the road?
A13: You can replace with a flume.

Q14: Does the pond have a functioning gate valve?
A14: The valve functions at this time. However, the HOA recommends using a portable pump discharging through the spillway. They can't guarantee the condition of the valve.

Q15: There are currently trees over the pipes. Do we need to have a landscape plan?
A15: No. Leave the trees out and use sod for final stabilization.

Q16: Is this an emergency project?
A16: It is not. Completion deadline is set for 6/30/2024 or the end of our fiscal year. While not an emergency project, it is advantageous to complete the project as expeditiously as possible.

Q17: Does the County want bottomless culverts?
A17: Please see the attached UPDATED cost proposal form.

Q18: Any beautification treatment to the beveled edge of the pipe?
A18: Does not require an esthetic treatment but something safe. No sharp edges.

Q19: Does the County know the condition of the water line that crosses? Ductile or valves on each end?
A19: This question has been forwarded to the utility companies. No information has been provided at this time.

Q20: Can you confirm if the utilities can be relocated or do that have remain in place and be worked around?
A20: The vendor should assume working around the existing utilities.

Q21: The water is Oconee County?
A21: Yes, that is correct.

Q22: Can you confirm if the gas pipe is poly or steel?
A22: This question has been forwarded to the utility companies. No information has been provided at this time.

Q23: Does the County know the sizes of the utilities? Water and gas specifically. Would like to confirm the flexibility of the material.
A23: This question has been forwarded to the utility companies. No information has been provided at this time.

Q24: Since this is a design-build, will the Contractor be allowed exclusions as long as they are spelled out beforehand in writing? Example if we run into stone or iron needs to be replaced?
A24: Any exceptions should be noted in the bid submittal.

Q25: What are the paving requirements?
A25: Contractor should follow the County's requirements for a local street. 6" GAB, 2" 19mm asphalt, and 1.5" 9.5mm asphalt.

Q26: If lowering the lake is allowed, the anticipated discharge will flow through the creek and to the golf course. We will need to know from the HOA if there are any issues with volume of discharge. How long do you think it will be before we know if this is allowed?

A26: There should not be any issues.

Q27: Will we be required to provide detour plans?

A27: No. There is a street that runs parallel that residents can use during construction.

Q28: Does the County anticipate any permitting issues we should know about?

A28: The County is not aware of any.

Q29: If there is irrigation in the area, can we exclude?

A29: The HOA confirmed there is irrigation in the area but they (HOA) will remove prior to start of the project.

Q30: If there is no irrigation, can we install permanent grass instead of sod?

A30: No. Sod will need to be used to match the rest of the neighborhood.

Q31: Is the County open to a trenchless method to repair the existing culvert instead of replacing?

A31: The County prefers to replace the existing culverts.

Q32: Regardless of what method is used, please confirm it will have to meet the 100 year storm event?

A32: Yes, that is correct.

Q33: Can you confirm if the current culverts meet the 100 year storm event?

A33: This information cannot be provided at this time.

Q34: Does this project have LD's?

A34: Liquidated Damages does not apply to the project.

Q35: Will the County be providing day to day construction oversight?

A35: Yes. Either by a County crew or a third party testing firm.

Q36: The Geotech report is very specific in their recommendations of how to correct issues. How closely does the County require us to adhere to the report?

A36: The end results specified in the report need to be met but the County has no preference on the means or methods used to get there. In the end it needs to provide a suitable subgrade you can build a road on.

Q37: There are currently two drainage structures. Can you confirm if anything is going into them or are they standalone?

A37: There are not any additional pipes in these structures.



ITB# 24-09-003
Design-Build Culvert Replacement
UPDATED Cost Proposal Form

Please use this Cost Proposal Form to indicate the cost for this project. Your total cost must include **ALL** fees, travel, and any other costs needed to provide services.

I certify that the proposed costs(s) are accurate and reflect any applicable discounts, and that the company, which I represent, will deliver the services and related items for this proposed amount.

By submission of this response, I also certify that the RESPONDENT has read and understands all of the requirements contained in this solicitation, and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation without exception.

We have included all required documents required per the OFFEROR's Instructions and Specifications.

The RESPONDENT has availed itself of every opportunity to understand the requirements of this solicitation. Therefore, the undersigned respectfully submits this response and any attachments, if required.

DO YOU PLAN TO SUBCONTRACT ANY PORTION OF THIS CONTRACT? YES _____ NO _____

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY PROPOSES THE ATTACHED TECHNICAL AND COST PROPOSAL TO ITB# 24-09-003, ISSUED BY OCONEE COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023. ANY EXCEPTIONS SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED IN THE ATTACHED COPY OF THE RFP:

Description

Lump Sum Price

Design and build a single replacement culvert

\$ _____

Alternate Pricing

Description

Lump Sum Price

Design and build a single bottomless replacement culvert

\$ _____

***A separate sheet may be attached if RESPONDENT wishes to add more detail cost information.**

(Firm/Company-*PRINTED*)

(Address)

(Contractor/Bidder, Title-*PRINTED*)

(City/State/Zip Code)

(Signature/Date)

(Email/Phone)