



Oconee County Board of Commissioners

Addendum 3

DATE: October 20, 2023
TO: All Prospective Bidders/Offerors
FROM: Procurement Officer
RE: Addendum 3, 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. Answers to questions received prior to the deadline of 5:00 pm on October 16, 2023.

All questions shall be directed to the Owner Contact, Jessica Ellis, Procurement Officer via email to ocbids@oconee.ga.us .

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Q1: The lake looks like it may need to be dredged. Is it the County's intent for the Contractor to assume dredging of existing Millers Lake to remove siltation and increase potential inadequate storage volume?

A1: The intent of this bid is to replace the culverts. The HOA will be undertaking the dredging project.

Q2: The forebay volume (west side of the culvert) appears to have experienced significant siltation which could have significantly reduce Millers Lake storage volume. It is not immediately clear that the only issue is undersized pipes but rather a combination of pipe size and inadequate storage volume.

A2: The intent of this bid is to replace the culverts. The HOA will be undertaking the dredging project.

Q3: What is the County's intent and/or expected outcome for this project? Just replace the two (2) existing 60" CMP culverts with one (1) culvert system and no dredging?

A3: The intent of this bid is to replace the culverts. The HOA will be undertaking the dredging project.

Q4: Any existing construction documents or hydro report for Jennings Mill available for review?

A4: Original documents are not available.

Q5: Has Millers Lake Drive experiencing flooding of the roadway?

A5: To my knowledge, Millers Lake Drive has not overtopped.

Q6: Can you provide the project plans for the existing double culvert system?

A6: Original documents are not available.

Q7: Has the County secured any environmental permits?

A7: The County has not.

Q8: Does the County expect any potential new permits i.e., environmental, USACE?

A8: None are anticipated.

Q9: Does the County have any previous inflows/outflows model data used during original culvert construction and Jennings Mill? If yes, please provide.

A9: Original documents are not available.

Q10: Can the Contractor assume the lake pool elevation can be manually lowered during construction. Is there a functioning gate valve in the lake's OCS?

A10: The lake can be lowered. It is recommended to use a portable pump as the condition of valve is unknown.

Q11: The bid documents state the County would like a bottomless culvert structure system installed. Why?

A11: See revised bid schedule.

Q12: Does the County have a recent bathymetric survey of the lake?

A12: The County does not.

Q13: Does the County have a copy of the lake as-built topo survey?

A13: The County does not.

Q14: What are the license requirements for this project?

A14: GDOT prequalified contractor.

Q15: What is the size of the project/ how many feet?

A15: Please see bid documents.

Q16: Will Headwalls be required on the bottomless culvert alternative?

A16: Headwalls may be used.

Q17: If Headwalls are used on the culvert, can the culvert length be reduced?

A17: Yes.

Q18: Will the County consider replacement in kind, with two pipes?

A18: The County's preference is a single culvert.

Q19: Can the single pipe invert be lowered below the existing invert?

A19: This could be feasible.

Q20: If the invert is lowered, a tail ditch would need to be dug/dredged beyond the end of county maintenance. Will the county get a right of entry for this work?

A20: Yes.

Q21: What is the minimum separation allowed between water line and storm line?

A21: 18"

Q22: What is the project budget?

A22: The final project budget will be determined when an award recommendation is made to the Board.

Q23: If all bids are over budget, will the County negotiate an alternate with the low-bid winner or reject all bids?

A23: The County will evaluate all bids and make a determination in the best interest of the County.

Q24: Are there any selection criteria aside from Lowest bid?

A24: Project will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

Q25: May the contractor bid on either alternate or must each contractor bid on both alternates?

A25: The contractor may bid on either alternate or both.

Q26: Can the overall length of the culvert be reduced?

A26: Yes, if headwalls are used.

END OF ADDENDUM 3