



ADDENDA NUMBER (1)

April 13, 2023

RFP #2023-04-019

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Clarification: Awarded contractors are not subject to any penalties if they are unable to provide work when they are contacted.

The County of Sierra and the Flood Commission, held a Pre-Proposal Conference on, April 5, 2023. The following clarifications are based on Questions and Answers, provided through open discussion.

Question: What is EquipmentWatch and how do we find out more information?

Answer: EquipmentWatch is the format the Flood Commissioner would like to use for the types of equipment that will be used in the process for the flood projects. The site is <https://equipmentwatch.com/> if you click on the Contact Us and click on the orange box with the inscription "REQUEST A PRODUCT DEMONSTRATION", this will allow you to set up a time with a spokesperson for the company, who will walk you through the process. Please, note we will not be utilizing "idle rate time".

Question: Are we just supposed to submit the list of equipment to obtain the rates from EquipmentWatch or are you going to supply the rates?

Answer: The list is for a couple of items to be shown as an example. Which the Flood Commission will provide the EquipmentWatch info. This is a courtesy to the contractors and not part of the RFP. You are required to add the information to **Page 33 of the RFP**. As stated above, you will be able to go directly on line to get more information on the process. The rate list may also be utilized without EquipmentWatch depending on the project and determination. When a project is needing equipment will be selected and plugged in at that time prior to services.

Question: What will be the process for project determination to awarded contractors?

Answer: This is going to be a multi-award RFP. The new method of using EquipmentWatch, Type A Wage Rates and the fixed \$500.00 mobilization fee, we have decided to utilize an on-line lottery system. Which results may be viewed and posted. Should an internal, determination be made, stating the EW method not suit the needs, of all involved, we will move on to the internal bidding process, per project (s) to the awarded contractors.

Question: With it being a multi-year contract will there be ways to make adjustments if fuel changes drastically of the term of contract?

Answer: Mobilization will be a flat rate of the \$500.00, should there be any warranted concerning issues, on approval, an addendum to the contract will need to be issued and shall follow the County procedures in doing so, which may require signature approval from the County Commissioners.

Question: Due to the unknown timeline of when a contract will become available and unknown flood events, should Contractor's work load become too heavy to perform, is Contractor allowed to decline to quote a particular project under the RFP award if selected as a contractor under this RFP?

Answer: The awarded contracts are intended to be awarded to the selected contractors during the May commission meeting, as On Call On Demand. Through the lottery selection system, if a contractor is not able to perform the work at that time, the lotto will then move on to the next contractor. If there, is the need for multiple contractors, they too will be selected via lotto.

Question: Under Equipment Rates table, on page 33 of the RFP, is contractor to submit any particular equipment rates, or is it at the discretion of the contractor to choose equipment to submit rates for?

Answer: We look for loaders, graders, D6s, equipment to use in flood control projects. Any other additional equipment will be welcomed. Depending on the project area and what the 404 Permit declares, is when we will know if there any specifics. The permit is in phase one and we do not have the approval as of yet.

Question: What will the pay rates be for the works based on this process?

Answer: Pay rates shall follow the NM Department of Workforce Solutions, Prevailing Wages Type “A” Street, Highway, Utility & Light Engineering. The rate schedule will be updated each year in January when they become available. Per this Addenda, See Attachment 1, wage rates shall, supersede, any other section of the RFP. Contract may pay more if applicable.

Question: Did it ever get decided if everyone had to have certified payroll?

Answer: It is directly up to the contractor to maintain their own certified payroll with the understanding, they may be audited by the County, Flood Commission, or State at any time.

Question: Will there be compensation for mobilization?

Answer: Yes. There will be a flat rate of \$500.00 per project.

Question: The RFP states there is a Performance Bond required for projects over \$25 Thousand, may this be waved or omitted?

Answer: During the meeting, CPO, advised the question would be brought up to the Counties legal team and a determination was made, to keep the \$25 Thousand dollar bond on projects over the amount and shall not be waved.

Question: Is there a bid bond required for this RFP?

Answer: There is no bid bond requirement for this RFP.

Question: Will the 404 Permit be ready by the time contracts are awarded and for non-county projects, will we need to go through the flood commission?

Answer: There is no control as to when the 404 Permit will be approved, but once the permit is approved for the entire County, it will be posted on the Flood Commission site <https://www.sierraco.org/department/flood-commission/> along with instruction on how to proceed for future projects.

Question: Copies, are you wanting (4) copies and electronic copy. Is so, how do you want the electronic copy? Email, etc.?

Answer: The four (4) copies are in the format listed and an electronic copy is submitted either on a jump drive, or disk, with the RFP packet provided. Not via email.

Question: Is a progress schedule required?

Answer: A progress schedule shall be required on projects over \$25,000.

Question: Are there liquidated damages?

Answer: There are no liquidate damages for projects under \$25,000.00. Any projects over said amount and those requiring a timeline, damages will be determined.

Question: Will there be any testing or inspections required?

Answer: Part of that answer will be determined once we receive the 404 Permit. At any time, the County, Road and Flood Commission, shall have authority to visit any site project at any time. Testing will be determined if needed depending on the project and area.

Question: What is the term of the contract? And should NM GRT be included in this proposal.

Answer: The term for the contract will be (4) years. NM GRT is not required at this time. AIA will be update and corrected. This is a selection process for qualified contractors, not actual services yet. As stated at the Pre-Proposal meeting, Exhibit C, Request for Sample Quotation Form, Page 59, is a Sample, that may be utilized in the future for some larger projects or, should the EquipmentWatch process, does not work. The form will then be utilized in the bidding process, per awarded contractors, per project. It does not need to be filled out and submitted.

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**TYPE "A" –
STREET, HIGHWAY, UTILITY & LIGHT ENGINEERING**
Effective January 1, 2023

Trade Classification	Base Rate	Fringe Rate
Bricklayer/Block layer/Stonemason	24.46	8.81
Carpenter/Lather	27.73	12.14
Carpenter- Los Alamos County	33.18	13.58
Cement Mason	18.24	7.61
Drywall Finisher/Taper	25.82	8.40
Glazier		
Glazier/Fabricator	21.25	6.70
Delivery Driver	12.00	6.70
Ironworker	28.05	18.30
Painter- Commercial	18.25	8.50
Paper Hanger	18.25	8.50
Plumber/Pipefitter	38.63	14.55
Electricians- Outside Classifications: Zone 1		
Ground man	25.43	11.76
Equipment Operator	36.48	16.09
Lineman	46.09	18.52
Journeyman technician	42.92	17.73
Cable Splicer	47.22	18.81
Electricians-Outside Classifications: Zone 2		
Ground man	25.43	11.76
Equipment Operator	36.48	16.09
Lineman	46.09	18.52
Journeyman technician	42.92	17.73
Cable Splicer	47.22	18.81
Electricians-Outside Classifications: Los Alamos County		
Ground man	26.15	11.78
Equipment Operator	37.54	16.13
Lineman	47.29	18.82
Journeyman technician	44.15	18.04
Cable Splicer	51.93	19.98

Trade Classification	Base Rate	Fringe Rate
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Laborers

Group I – unskilled	15.99	7.11
Group II – semiskilled	15.99	7.11
Group III – skilled	17.49	7.11
Group IV – specialty	17.99	7.11

Operators

Group I	21.35	6.74
Group II	22.38	6.74
Group III	22.49	6.74
Group IV	22.62	6.74
Group V	22.73	6.74
Group VI	22.94	6.74
Group VII	23.12	6.74
Group VIII	23.45	6.74
Group IX	31.96	6.74
Group X	35.65	6.74
Soft Floor Layers	21.00	8.45

Truck Drivers

Group I-IX	19.00	9.10
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NOTE: All contractors are required to pay SUBSISTENCE, ZONE, AND INCENTIVE PAY according to the particular trade. More information available at <https://www.dws.state.nm.us/public-works>.

For more information about the Subsistence, Zone, and Incentive Pay rates, or to file a wage claim, contact the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions Labor Relations Division at (505) 841-4400 or visit us online at www.dws.state.nm.us.