

To: Bidders for the Vernon Woods Drive Extension Project

From: Robi Higgins, LaGrange Purchasing Agent

Date: January 17, 2017

RE: Vernon Woods Drive Extension Project
Addendum Number 1 to the January 5, 2017 Bid Document

Below are responses to questions received from contractors during the bidding process prior to January 12, 2017

1. Bid item lists 8" GAB base while typical section in plans shows 10" GAB. Please clarify

Response: It should be 8" GAB.

2. The Soil Survey Information that you have provided has taken cores sporadically throughout the project limits. Will the Contractor be allowed to perform their own Soil Survey Borings to better define the amount of Rock Excavation that may be present on this project?

Response: Yes contractors will be allowed to conduct their own investigations, but under specific guidelines. Certain segments of the project cannot be accessed along the alignment without crossing perennial streams. However, most areas can be accessed via crossing private property (i.e., the Callaway estate). An access code for passage through the Ferrell Drive gate may be obtained from Ms. Beth Van Norman, located in the white office to the right at 200 Ferrell Drive. Contractors are liable for any damages to the property and may be required to provide proof of adequate insurance coverage prior to access across the property.

3. On the bid form you have a bid item for Unclassified Excavation (Cut) 175,650 CY and another bid item for Embankment (Fill) 136,027 CY and yet another bid item for Waste on Site – 39,623 CY. Typically on GDOT type project like this one there is only one bid item for the Earthwork. A project like this one would likely have only a bid item for Unclassified Excavation – 175,650 CY which includes the cost for cutting the dirt out, hauling it and placing & compacting it in the Fills as well as hauling, and placement & compaction of any dirt that would have to be wasted to a waste site. What are your expectation for how you intend to use these 3 different pay items? What costs do you expect in each bid item? Our suggestion would be to delete the Embankment and Waste on Site items and just let the Contractor put all of the cost for moving the dirt in the Unclassified Excavation item, this makes it much easier for everyone.

Response: This is a locally funded project, not a GDOT project. We require that the bids be submitted as shown on the bid form.

4. You have a bid item for Rock Excavation 1,800 CY, which we presume is your method for paying for all of the Rock that may need to be blasted in the cuts.
 - a. Please confirm this to be the intent of the Rock Excavation item?
 - b. Also, how do you plan to pay for any Trench Rock that may be located within the Storm Drain Trenches or Utility / Sewer Trenches?

Response: The bid item represents our estimate of the amount of rock to be encountered of the types identified on the Geotechnical Report. Your Unit Price bid for Rock Excavation should include all rock, either in the roadway or in trenches.

5. You have a bid item for Construction Exit - 2 Lump Sum.
 - o Shouldn't this be paid for Per Each rather than as a Lump Sum?
 - o Also, what does the "Etc." in the Construction Exit item description relate to?

Response: The "Etc." refers to all ancillary Erosion Control Measures not specifically included in a bid item, therefore "Lump Sum" is correct.

6. Could you please explain the basis for determining the low bidder for this project? There appear to be a couple of bid forms as well as several alternates and we are not sure what you will use to determine who the low bidder will be.

Response: The only difference in the alternate bid forms are the connection to Country Club Road; either a "Tee Intersection" or a "Roundabout". Please complete both sets of forms so that we can compare proposals.

7. What is the Anticipated Notice to Proceed date for this project?

Response: Notice of Award of a contract is anticipated within one (1) week after bid opening. Notice to Proceed with work is anticipated within two (2) to four (4) weeks after Notice of Award.

8. Do you plan to use the GDOT Asphalt Cement Index for this project or will it be a "Non Indexed" project in which the Contractor assumes all of the risk for any fluctuations in the Asphalt market?

Response: Non Indexed

9. Will there be any work restrictions for this project or can the Contractor work whatever hours they deem necessary to complete the project?

Response: In general, the contractor may set his own hours, however, the connection to Country Club Road is near Hollis Hand School and the contractor MUST NOT cause a disruption during peak traffic periods for the school.

10. There is a section in the bid document called 4.0 Specifications and Exhibits (See Attached). The only attachments we have been given are the plans, soil surveys, a Base Plan for Callaway Property and a Possible Excess Soil Stockpile Area for Vernon Woods. Are these all of the Specifications and Exhibits for this project? If not please provide any Specifications that will apply to this project.

Response: Those are all attachments at present.

11. For the Roundabout bid option, do you intend to allow the Contractor to close Country Club Road to construct the new Roundabout in the middle of the road? Please clarify any limitations that may be applied to the construction of the roundabout at Country Club Rd so that we can cover the cost for any special staging and or road closure costs.

Response: Two way traffic on Country Club Road must be maintained when the worksite is not under direct control of the contractor (i.e., nights, weekends, etc.). One lane closures with flaggers will be allowed at certain times during the contractor's work day. The City of LaGrange must be notified at least 72-hours prior to any proposed temporary closing.

12. Does the City have a specific list of Water / Sewer Contractors that are allowed to work on their systems or can we use any water / sewer contractor to perform that work scope on this project?

Response: You may use any Licensed and qualified contractor.

13. Will there be any Lane Closure restrictions for any of the adjoining roads within the limits of this project? (Country Club Drive???)

Response: Country Club Road (See Item 11 above)

Vernon Woods Drive: Temporary closings may be permitted with prior approval of the City of LaGrange as noted in Item 11 above)

14. In the Standard Specifications, toward the back of the plans, you refer to Quality Assurance and other Testing several times.
- a. Who will be responsible for, as well as pay for, all of the Quality Control Testing & Inspections that will be required on this project?
 - b. If this is the Contractor's responsibility then how do you intend to pay for this work? (We did not see a bid item for Quality Control Testing & Inspections.)
 - c. If this is the Contractor's responsibility, does the City have any specific QC Testing firms that should be used for this project?

Response: Please refer to Section 1.39 Inspection & Testing of Materials in the Instructions to Bidders and Special Provisions.

15. Do you expect the Contractor to install any Foundation Backfill Type II Material under and or around any of the Storm Drain Pipe? If so how do you intend to pay for this Foundation Backfill Type II Material, we did not see a bid item for this work scope?

Response: Foundation Backfill, if required, shall be included in the Unit Price for Storm Drain Pipe.

16. Will you allow the use of Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in the new Asphalt Mixes in accordance with GDOT Specs? Or are you expecting the Asphalt Mixes to be Virgin Asphalt?

Response: The Asphalt Mixes should be Virgin Asphalt.

17. Since the Bid Items state RCP Culverts, we assume that no other storm drain pipe materials will be allowed. Is this correct?

Response: All culverts are RCP and must comply with GDOT standards.

18. Do you expect all the Asphalt Mixes used on this project to meet GDOT Specifications?

Response: Yes

19. Will you require the use of a Shuttle Buggy for the placement of any of the asphalt mixes? Typically Crumb Rubber Modified Asphalt is best placed utilizing a Shuttle Buggy.

Response: Shuttle Buggy only required if the Crumb Rubber Modified mix option taken.

20. Will this project be built in accordance with GDOT Specifications or just to the Standard Specifications shown in the Plans?

Response: Use the Standard Specifications and GDOT Specifications where referenced.

21. The Bid Documents have an attachment called "Possible Excess Soil Stockpile Area"
- a. Will this Area be able to hold all of the excessive dirt and or rock from this project?
 - b. Or do we need to plan on wasting excessive dirt to other locations?

Response: The designated area will hold all the Waste Material

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