



## Question and Answer from Original Solicitation Before Redesign

The original solicitation had two Q&A rounds before being cancelled to be redesigned. There may be a benefit to vendors to see these although some of the specifics may now be moot. There is an opportunity to ask additional questions and clarifications. Please see solicitation for the deadline to ask questions

1) There is a specification for Prime in the asphalt specs, but there is no item set up for it on the bid tab. Should there be an item for Prime Coat on the schedule of values?

Please See revised Bid Sheet with a separate Item for Tack. Prime Coat of the aggregate before paving will not be required. Tack between layers will be as specified.

2) In Item #9 of the Special Conditions for "Testing", it states that "All tests/inspections shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The cost for testing shall be paid by the owner." Does this mean that the Owner will employ and pay for an independent testing lab to perform all acceptance testing on the project, but the Contractor will have to arrange all the testing with the independent lab selected by the Owner?

The Town of Bluffton will contract with a testing firm that will be able to provide the required Quality Control Testing. The cost for such service will be paid by the Town. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to schedule, coordinate, and ensure all required testing is completed in accordance with the specifications and good workmanship. If questions arise, the Contractor must communicate with Owner and Engineer regarding testing.

3) Are there any plans or detail sheets available besides sheet C9.0 "Utility Plan" for Buckwalter Place EC Expansion – Phase 1 dated 03/10/2020? If not, I need the details of the following to know what to price.

- a. Storm pipe sizes for pipe runs on the plan view
- b. Invert elevations and top of castings for all storm structures
- c. Detail for Curb Inlets, Catch Basins, and Manholes.
- d. Silt Fence
- e. Tree Protection Fencing
- f. Types A, E, & F Inlet Protection
- g. Concrete Washout Area
- h. Turbidity Curtain
- i. Temporary Rock Check Dam
- j. Construction Entrance
- k. 12" Concrete Ribbon Curb
- l. 18" Concrete Roll Curb
- m. Concrete Sidewalk (thickness?, plain concrete?)
- n. Concrete Bollard
- o. 6' Wooden Security Fence
- p. Brick Column
- q. Aluminum Slide Gate
- r. Slide Gate Operator (The gate controls in the specs appear to be for swing gates)

See attached updated plans. 6' wood security fenced should be painted with highest quality oil-based Sherwin Williams or approved equal paint. Color to match the windows at the Law Enforcement Center (Patrician Bronze). Assume one coat of oil-based prime and one coat of oil-based paint.

Bricks should be Savannah Grey by Old Carolina Brick Company. Grout color should be ivory buff. The finish on the brick columns to be raked with a ½" motor joint and running bond.

4) Is the striping paint or thermo?

Town of Bluffton requests the Contractor to provide High Build Traffic Paint in the specified colors and sizes.

## **Second Round Q & A**

Questions submitted to date are answered here:

- 1) I mentioned that the gate controls in the specifications looks like they were for swing gates specifically and have since confirmed that with one of our fence subcontractors. Could the engineer provide specifications for the gate controls for the slide gates spec'd out? **See attached cut sheets for slide gate specifications. We are recommending the SlideSmart DC15.**
- 2) The bid item for the fence calls for a 6' wooden fence, but the detail on sheet C8.1 shows a 7' tall fence. Which is correct? **7' tall fence detail is correct. See attached revised bid form showing the 7' fence.**
- 3) Is there any issue with walking around the outside of the LEC Complex when I go to look at the site? **Visitors need to check in with the LEC front desk and obtain an visitors badge before walking the site.**
- 4) Please clarify if permanent grassing and landscaping will be by others? **Permanent Seeding and Landscaping will performed by others.**
- 5) Is the Town of Bluffton taking care of the Erosion control inspection as part of the construction testing? **Yes. Town of Bluffton will provide erosion control inspections.**
- 6) Is The Town doing the electrical connection and conduits for the Automated Gates? If it is by the contractor please clarify the locations where power is available for the connections. **See updated bid sheet and attached conduit plan and installation information. Conduits for the gate locations should be provided for while installing overall electrical conduit. Contractor to provide electrician to pull, install wire and energize gates. Power source to be provided by the Town. Final conduit routing, pull box location, and power source to be coordinated with Palmetto Electric and Town of Bluffton during pre-construction meeting.**
- 7) Shall contractor include any mucking and replacement of unsuitable soils? **See bid form for mucking and replacement of unsuitable soils quantities.**
- 8) Can you confirm the actual gate opening lengths for each of the 3 gates proposed? (inside of post to inside of post) **Depending on the final placement of the posts this could vary, they all need to clear the drive aisles. Assuming the posts are 1' off the back of curb, the two longer gates would need to be at least 29' from post to post and the smaller one by the existing parking should be at least 15' assuming posts are set 1' off EOP.**
- 9) My fence contractor is recommending that there be some kind of battery backup for the gate controls. Can you confirm where or not there will be a backup system for these gate operators, and if so what kind would the Town want? **See included specifications. Provide a battery that meets the requirements for a 50 Ah battery.**
- 10) Is it possible to get cad files for the grading? **CADD files can be provided to the successful bidder.**
- 11) Does the Town have any Geotech report for this job? **See provided report.**
- 12) A dumpster enclosure is called out on sheet C6.0 of the plan set, but there is no detail or bid item for it. Will this work be done under a separate contract? **Please use the fence detail for height and style. Gates should be field built from treated 2x material with appropriate bracing, rolling wheel at the bottom of**

each gate for support, stainless steel hinges and hardware. Paint should be assumed to be the same as fence.

- 13) Will permanent grassing/landscape/irrigation scope be done under a separate contract? Landscaping will be performed by others. Conduit for irrigation and electrical will be installed by civil contractor. Please see Cranston Engineering Conduit plan sheets C9.0 as well as Palmetto Electric conduit plan sheet.