

Unless explicitly noted herein, all requirements will remain as originally prepared. Any variations or claims of equality or superiority must be demonstrated, proven and tested to the satisfaction of ABI. **A signed copy of “Exhibit Y - Receipt of Addenda” from the ITB shall be submitted with your response as confirmation of your receipt of this Addendum.**

Bids Due and Opening Schedule Change:

The scheduled bids due in Vendor Registry and opening has been rescheduled to Monday, January 24, 2022, by 1:00 PM (est) virtually. The virtual link for log in to the bid opening remains the same as listed in the Invitation to Bid (ITB).

Addendum #4 is pending and forthcoming to include the Environmental Management Plan.

Updated Files:

Please reference the updated files listed below.

- Fillable Bid Form
- Updated and Fillable Schedule of Values
- Updated Construction Plan
- Update or Added Special Provisions:
 - 310 – Graded Aggregate Base Course
 - 441 – Miscellaneous Concrete Performance -wo color
 - 441 – Miscellaneous Concrete Performance w color
 - 500 – Concrete Performance
 - 830 – Portland Cement Performance
- Geotechnical Reports

These updated files can be viewed within the following link:

<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>

Question and Answer Responses:

1. **QUESTION:** Are there plans and specs for this project?

ANSWER: Yes. Please view: <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>.

2. **QUESTION:** Does this ITB include Construction Materials Testing? If not, how will ABI obtain this service?

ANSWER: No. ABI will obtain construction materials testing through a separate contract.

3. **QUESTION:** We are in receipt of Addendum #1 via the portal and there are a few links that are non-functional. The links for "Special Provision 441 - Miscellaneous Concrete-Color.pdf", "Special Provision 643 - Fence.pdf", and "Special Provision 515 - Decorative Metal Railing Rev 2021-10-27.pdf" all do not produce a download when clicked.

ANSWER: Please view the referenced files/links in the Vendor Registry link below (<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>).

4. **QUESTION:** When trying to download the files that previously had inactive links there is now a message that states, "The resource you are looking for has been removed, had its name changed, or is temporarily unavailable." Please advise.

ANSWER: Please note all links are active. View active links at <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>

5. **QUESTION:** Where can I find the pre-bid sign in sheet?

ANSWER: Please view the pre-bid and site visit sign in sheet at the within the following link: <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>.

6. **QUESTION:** Is there a certified payroll or Davis-Bacon wage act requirement?

ANSWER: No, this is a locally funded project.

7. **QUESTION:** Please confirm firms are required to hold pricing for 120 days. Many vendors currently cannot meet that commitment.

ANSWER: ABI will require the contractor to hold pricing for 60 days.

8. **QUESTION:** Will line items be measured for payment per the unit rates on the bid form?

ANSWER: Yes.

9. **QUESTION:** Can the bid form be provided in Excel?

ANSWER: Yes. Please see the updated schedule of value excel document and Bid Form form at the link below: <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>.

10. **QUESTION:** Sheet 38-000 is missing from the plan set and other pages reference this page as where the detail is for the concrete trail itself.

ANSWER: Sheet 38-000 is provided within the updated Construction Plan within the link below:
<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>

11. **QUESTION:** Is railroad insurance required?

ANSWER: No.

12. **QUESTION:** #6 – Required Content, Page 7 on page 16 of ITB, Team Composition asks for a complete listing of all key personnel who will be assigned to this project, their background, experience, qualifications, roles & responsibilities and availability.

- Are resumes for key personnel being requested? If so, staff resumes will be multiple pages. Please advise regarding page limitations or count.
- If not resumes, would a staff matrix with this information be acceptable?

ANSWER: Resumes are considered as supporting documents and do not count toward the page maximum. A staff matrix is acceptable.

13. **QUESTION:** #6 – Required Content, Page 9 on page 16 if ITB, a proposed work plan and time schedule is requested. Is the idea here to provide a narrative work plan and a separate P6 or MS Project schedule? If so, this will exceed the one page limit, please advise.

- There is a statement that the body of the submittal is limited to a maximum of 15 electronic pages but the RFP identifies pages 1-13, skipping over page 8.
- Are we allowed to add up to 3 pages where extra space is needed to meet the 15 page limit? If, for example, we add an extra page to Team Composition, it will throw off the pages that follow, please advise.

ANSWER: ABI will accept a high level one page MS Project schedule and a supportive narrative. The page limit is 15 maximum pages. Team composition/resumes are considered supporting documents and do not apply to the maximum.

14. **QUESTION:** What certifications are needed for crew members on the jobsite?

ANSWER: All required licenses and certifications for crew members on the jobsite shall comply with federal, state, and local laws and as required within the ITB.

15. **QUESTION:** There are forms entitled Project Key Staff Experience, Project Superintendent Experience, and Project Manager Experience. They are identical. What is required for completion on the Project Key Staff Experience Form?

- Since the form is for 1 project, are we supposed to duplicate the Project Superintendent and Project Manager forms to show our proposed PM's and Super's experience?
- The Project Superintendent and Project Manager forms both have a space for "Contractor's Project Manager". On the Project Manager form, do we list the name of the Project Manager twice, filling in this space?
- There are no forms for Estimator, Project Engineer, Safety Engineer, and QA/QC Manager. 9- 51). Please confirm forms are not required for staff in those position.

ANSWER:

Exhibit K (pages 44-51) provides a clear explanation of what is required for completion on the form(s) as it relates to a firm's qualifications. Please note any additional information on forms. (note: forms are not included in the maximum page limitation).

16. **QUESTION:** Exhibit O – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation – at the end of this document, it states "In accordance with ABI's DBE participation policy, all bidders shall complete and submit the Good Faith Effort Affidavit attached hereto as Exhibit I. Exhibit I is not the Good Faith Effort Affidavit. Please clarify as this should reference Exhibit R Good Faith Effort Affidavit

ANSWER: Exhibit R is the Good Faith Effort Affidavit. Exhibit I is the Georgia Utility Contractor's License Certification.

17. **QUESTION:** Will there be a line item added for removal of railroad ties on project?

ANSWER: This should be included in the Grading Complete line item.

18. **QUESTION:** In reference to the 110 cubic yards ion flowable fill, is there a desired compressive strength in spec?

ANSWER: No, it provides a protective cover for the conduit.

19. **QUESTION:** Is GDOT Prime Contractor Prequalification required?

ANSWER: No.

20. **QUESTION:** Special Provision 441 – Miscellaneous Concrete states that Contract Trail Paving, Special Finish Type I only indicates hosing and brushing will be required to achieve a lightly exposed aggregate finish. Our experiences have shown to meet the ABI design standard, a Type I finish will also require light sandblasting. Can ABI modify the specification to match the work required for the expected finish or confirm that sandblasting is not expected or required and the specification should be followed as written?

ANSWER: Yes, finish shall match adjacent trail surface. Please view within the following link <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>

21. **QUESTION:** Who did saw cutting on original trail?

ANSWER: International Pools, LLC

22. **QUESTION:** Do materials have to be from the GDOT QPL?

ANSWER: Yes, unless otherwise noted in the plans or special provisions. Alternate materials may be considered upon request after contract awarded but is not guaranteed to be approved as an equal substitute.

23. **QUESTION:** Is there a Geotechnical Report available?

ANSWER: Yes. The project Wall Foundation Investigation (WFI) Report has been included at the following link: <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>

24. **QUESTION:** Is existing earthwork cut suitable for use as fill?

ANSWER: Yes (subject to a soil and groundwater management plan). If the fill is suitable, it can be used only within the project limits below 12" from finished grade. The soil and ground water management plan will be provided in a pending Addendum #4.

25. **QUESTION:** Can the CAD or End Section files be made available?

ANSWER: Yes. CAD files will be provided to the selected bidder. CAD files are provided for convenience only and neither the designer of record or ABI make any representations or warranties, either express or implied, as to their suitability for any specific purpose. The successful bidder will be required to execute an indemnification agreement to indemnify and hold harmless both the designer of record and ABI from any and all liability that may arise or result from the use of these files.

26. **QUESTION:** Is there a Phase II Environmental Report available?

ANSWER: A Phase II Environmental Report for the portion of the project north of Buford Highway will be provided in a pending addendum #4.

27. **QUESTION:** Are there any permits costs we need to include?

ANSWER: Permit costs are reimbursable expenses that can be included in a change order to the contracted firm.

28. **QUESTION:** Section 108 - Prosecution and Progress states there are restrictive working hours established for this project. Are the work hour restrictions only in regard to work that would require lane closures or moving materials and equipment in a traveled way?

ANSWER: The contractor should adhere to City of Atlanta regulations.

29. **QUESTION:** Due to the highly volatile materials market, will there be a materials escalation clause added?

ANSWER: No.

30. **QUESTION:** Is the contractor responsible for importing topsoil?

ANSWER: Refer to General note 20, sheet 04-001. Soil amendments for landscape will be installed under a separate agreement with the landscape contractor. The contractor is responsible to bring the soil up to finished grade. Any soil brought to site shall be tested with ABI's independent Environmental Consultant and approved by ABI.

31. **QUESTION:** What is the depth of subgrade to be left for the topsoil placement?

ANSWER: Refer to General note 20, sheet 04-001.

32. **QUESTION:** Is the contractor's earthwork scope complete at subgrade for topsoil?

ANSWER: Refer to General note 20, sheet 04-001.

33. **QUESTION:** Please clarify what should be included in the "Mown Meadow Grass Edge (3' Trail Shoulder)" line item on the bid schedule.

ANSWER: Bidders can disregard "Mown Meadow Grass Edge (3' Trail Shoulder)" line pay item. Mown meadow grass will be installed under a separate contract. An updated schedule of value is listed within the following link: <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True> .

34. **QUESTION:** Is there any lead or other contaminated/ hazardous material associated with the existing bridges to be modified?

ANSWER: Existing bridge over SR 13 (Buford Hwy) likely contains lead paint. Bridge paint shall be tested prior to any paint removal in accordance with Section 353 of the Georgia DOT Specifications. Existing Bridge over Clear Creek contains creosote treated timber and removed timbers should be disposed of in accordance with Section 540.3.05.C, Disposal and Ownership of Material, and Section 201.3.05.E, Removal and Disposal of Materials, of the Georgia DOT Specifications.

35. **QUESTION:** Does the CY quantity for the Detention Ponds only include the volume of the permeable soil layer with all other associated items being incidental?

ANSWER: The quantity reflects the volume of the pond in cubic yards (CY). The cost of pond excavation and all items covered in Special Provision 999 for Stormwater Detention and Bioretention Ponds (including but not limited to filter fabric, infiltration material and underdrains) are to be included in the price bid per cubic yards (CY) for each pond.

36. **QUESTION:** Please confirm the quantity for "Gr Aggr Base Crs, 6 Inch Incl Matl" is 1 TN.

ANSWER: This pay item is not needed and has been removed from the original bid form. A revised bid form is listed within the following link <https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/9c64af19-cfde-4359-a749-0e84a7d27f31?isBuyerAction=True>.

37. **QUESTION:** 05-003 Typical Section 6 shows SOIL INFILL to be placed under the SHORT GRASS MEADOW. Is this soil in the contractor's scope and if so, what type of material should this be?

ANSWER: Trail contractor will be responsible for installing a well-draining soil material that meets GDOT standard specifications for Grading Complete. Contractor will be responsible for loosening and cleaning the soil material prior to completion of construction per General Note 20 on sheet 04-001. The soil will be amended with organic material suitable for planting under separate contract.

38. **QUESTION:** Sheet 06-001 has a note concerning Deductive Alternate #1. Is there a Deductive Alternate #1 for this bid?

ANSWER: There is no deductive alternate.

39. **QUESTION:** The 29 Series Tree Protection plans have a note stating all clearing to take place outside of the LODs but within the construction limits must be with hand tools in lieu of heavy equipment.

- Will stumps need to be removed or shall the trees be cut, and stumps left in place?
- Can guidance be provided on what is considered heavy equipment?
- Can low impact machinery be used to remove the felled trees, etc.?

ANSWER: Existing trees and stumps shall be removed in a manner that does not impact existing trees to remain on ABI property or adjacent private property. Use of low impact machinery must be coordinated with City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation arborist prior to beginning work. Use of machinery must not result in increased soil compaction within the root zones of existing trees to remain.

40. **QUESTION:** There are notes on the plans that we are to including cleaning of the exist storm structures. How far beyond the structure should be cleaned?

ANSWER: Remove debris from existing catch basins, manholes and drop inlets and outfall pipes connecting to existing structures so that stormwater flows freely.

41. **QUESTION:** Is there an assumed quantity of railroad ties that should be removed?

ANSWER: See answer to question #17.

42. **QUESTION:** Is railroad rail to be removed?

ANSWER: We have not identified any existing rail onsite. This should be covered in the grading complete line item.

43. **QUESTION:** Will hydro-excavation be required near the high-pressure gas main?

ANSWER: The Contractor is responsible for determining means and methods to located and reveal the gas line without causing damage or interruption of service. The Contractor shall contact the utility prior to work starting near the gas line.

44. **QUESTION:** Series 18 - Special Grading starts at Sheet 18-010. Please confirm that pages not listed are not in scope.

ANSWER: The 18 series sheets begin with 18-010.

45. **QUESTION:** The bridge before the tunnel has a concrete rail coming up in the middle of the walkway. Will that have to be removed?

ANSWER: No. The 'concrete rail' along centerline of bridge is a concrete ballast curb, integral with the deck and is to remain. Bridge typical section plans show this and account for it in final condition.

46. **QUESTION:** Does existing rock have to be removed or can it be used?

ANSWER: Any rock above 2' x 2' may be used on site.

47. **QUESTION:** Can the road near I-85 remain open or shut down?

ANSWER: If this is in reference to Mayson Street, the road should have one lane operable for Marta and Norfolk Southern operations to access their facility to the west of the tunnel entrance.

48. **QUESTION:** Can the trail be shut down for safety of pedestrians and company crews onsite?

ANSWER: Yes, it is up to the contractor to secure the site from trail users. ABI will assist with communications of all trail closures to the public.

49. **QUESTION:** Will Georgia Power require the contractor to have a representative from Georgia Power onsite during work hours?

ANSWER: No.

50. **QUESTION:** During pre-bid, it was stated the surrounding golf course may put up a net to protect trail users from golf balls. How soon will this be done?

ANSWER: This work will be completed after the trail construction has been closed out.

51. **QUESTION:** In the tunnel under I-85, we were told at the pre-bid/site meeting there was sheet piling left there, can you provide the quantities?

ANSWER: Quantity is unknown. This shall be covered in the grading complete line item.