

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS LOG #2

GWB-244.260 George Washington Bridge Main Span Upper Level Structural Steel Rehabilitation (Phase II)

Updated: 1/10/19

QUES	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1	<p>For the subject contract, Information of Bidders section 5. Qualification Information paragraph B.1 states that "That the bidder has a minimum of ten (10) years construction experience and has completed (or substantially completed) as a prime or general contractor at least three (3) contracts of comparable size, type and complexity to the Work of this Contract."</p> <p>For this requirement can we use projects that were completed by the principals of the bidding entity while they were employed by other companies also proving that they were directly responsible of the similar projects including day to day operations ?</p>	No change to the Contract Documents.
2	Due to coming holidays and the quantity of scope that needs to be priced, we respectfully ask PANYNJ to postpone the bid by 4 weeks. It will allow us to work with our major subcontractors such as our steel DBE subcontractor to give the authority a more competitive bid.	The request was addressed in Addendum No. 2 dated January 3, 2019.
3	<p>With this email we formally request a three (3) week postponement to the Bid Date for PA Contract No. GWB-244.260. The current bid due date falls around major Holidays and many vendors and suppliers are closed and do not have enough time to properly prepare responsible proposals.</p> <p>Also, we request this postponement in order to properly review and include the effects of all Addendum's issued and future responses. These Addendums require analysis by our potential subcontractors and suppliers; and they have requested additional time in order to properly include any changes issued.</p> <p>Please assist with a postponement as requested so we may have the necessary time to prepare a competitive bid.</p>	The request was addressed in Addendum No. 2 dated January 3, 2019.

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4	Please refer to drawing S1035. Notes 4 and 5 suggest an upper level lane closure and a lower level lane closure in the same direction will be required simultaneously in order to complete the work. This is contrary to note 117.A.g found in Specification – Division 1 – Hours of Work and Construction Staging. Please confirm if a simultaneous upper level lane	Will be addressed in Addendum.
5	Please refer to drawing S2003. Note 7.05 directs the contractor to apply sealant to edges of steel repair plates. Please confirm this note is applicable to priority repairs 1A through 1E and repairs 2A through 2J.	Will be addressed in Addendum No. 3.
6	Please refer to Note 3 on drawing S1036. Note 6.05 on drawing S1002 does not exist.	Will be addressed in Addendum.
7	Please refer to drawing S2026. Priority repair 1C directs the contractor to fill 13/16" dia. holes in strap plate and flange. Please confirm that the existing condition includes open holes or existing bolts to be removed.	Will be addressed in Addendum No. 3.
8	Please provide the spacing of existing 7/8" Countersunk Bolts at existing Armor Bar on drawing S1017, detail B.	Will be addressed in Addendum.
9	With regards to the large number of projects and contractors currently working on the GWB, it appears there will be extensive conflicts in lane closure requests. Will the Authority consider guaranteeing a certain number of lane closures per week for this project?	No change to the Contract Documents; bid as shown. In the Contract Booklet, see the clause entitled "Compensation for Emergency Delays" on pages 56 and 57, the Chapter entitled "Provisions Relating to Time" on pages 61 through 65, and the clause entitled "Operations of Others" on page 104.
10	It is evident that there will be conflicts in lane closures and requested lane closures will be denied. Please confirm if the project schedule will be adjusted for lane closure refusals and for estimating purposes indicate how the contractor will be compensated for lane closure denials?	No change to the Contract Documents; bid as shown. In the Contract Booklet, see the clause entitled "Compensation for Emergency Delays" on pages 56 and 57, the Chapter entitled "Provisions Relating to Time" on pages 61 through 65, and the clause entitled "Operations of Others" on page 104.
11	Will the Authority provide areas for an office compound, laydown and storage of equipment and materials?	See the clause entitled "Available Property" on page 102 of the Contract Booklet.
12	Contract drawing S1036 shows the new Curb Barrier to Expansion Dam/Secondary FB connection details. Please provide a detail of the existing connections so we can accurately price the removal.	Will be addressed in Addendum.

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13	Please confirm the stages shown on drawing CS1001 are unrelated and independent of the stages shown on drawing CS2001-2002.	Will be addressed in Addendum.
14	With reference to Priority Repairs Type 2A, 2B, 2D, 2E & 2J, is the cost for removal and replacement of existing clamp plates to be included in the Type 2 repairs? Or are they already counted in the Type 1 repairs?	See Note 9 on Contract Drawing S2036, Note 5 on Contract Drawings S2037, S2038, S2039, S2041 and S2042, and Note 6 on Contract Drawing S2047. For locations of Priority Repair 1, see Contract Drawings S2027 through S2034; for locations of Priority Repair 2, see Contract Drawings S2014 through S2023 and S2035.
15	Please confirm the existing deflector plates D & E as shown on reference drawing S004, Contract MF-100.507, are to be removed, stored, and re-installed.	Will be addressed in Addendum.
16	Please advise how existing Drainage Pan Type 3 will be removed. Reference drawing S006, Contract MF-100.507 – the existing HSS 18x6x3/8 member is shown going through a cut out in the adjacent diaphragm web. Will cutting of this member be allowed in order to remove?	Will be addressed in Addendum.
17	Please confirm the number of new deflection plates above stringers at side span finger joints on drawings S1037 and S1038.	Will be addressed in Addendum.
18	Please provide additional details for existing stringer end drainage trough to be removed, stored, and reinstalled as noted in Section S1 – drawing S1037.	See Section 1 entitled "Section at Side Span Joint" on Contract Drawing S1037 and Detail A entitled "Detail" on Contract Drawing S1038.
19	Please provide additional details for existing deflection plate and channel supports to be removed, stored, and reinstalled as noted in Section S2 – drawing S1037.	See S9 entitled "SECTION" on Reference Drawing S006 and "PLATE G AND H - VIEW" on Reference Drawing S008 of Contract MF-100.507.
20	This project requires the use and application of high performance materials such as Polymerized Asphalt Concrete coordinated with challenging steel repairs, difficult expansion joints and highly complex overall project execution. There have been minimal responses from PANYNJ Business Opportunity listed M/WBE companies. The low response rates and the challenging conditions suggest that a 30% M/WBE Goal is not justified. Please consider revising the goal to 12% M/WBE.	No change in the Contract Documents.

