

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS LOG #5

PN-654.566 - Port Newark Rehabilitation of Berth 25 Bulkhead and East End Bulkhead

Updated: 2/7/19

QUES	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1	Is this project a union required project?	Refer to Contract Book page 13 clause 12 entitled "Prevailing Rate of Wage Certification", pages 67 through 69 clause 45 entitled "Prevailing Rate of Wage", and page 96 clause 75 entitled "Labor Actions".
2	Reference is made to Contract Subsection 59 Insurance Procured by Contractor. It appears that the contract is requiring the Contractor to maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$50 million single limit per occurrence. This limit is excessive and very expensive for a contract of this size. It also doesn't seem to be in line with the Port Authority's objective stated in Subsection 58 to reduce the cost of the contract by maintaining OCIP insurance for the project. Please clarify the insurance limits and policies that are required to be maintained by the Contractor. This subsection is also not consistent with past Port Authority contracts.	Refer to Addendum No. 1 dated 1/11/19.
3	Is the existing steel sheet piling Hoesch 134 as shown on drawing S002 or MZ-27 shown on reference drawing no. 4B?	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum. 2/7/2019 Addendum No. 2.
4	Is it the intent of the designer to have the contractor re-measure all the repair plate locations and have each plate fabricated and galvanized off-site? Or can the contractor have some larger plates fabricated and cut them on site as needed to fit each repair?	Refer to Steel Repairs Notes 3, 4 and 5 on Contract Drawing S001. Constructability shall be in accordance with Section 1.02 of Specification 051200, specifically to reference ASTM A-123.
5	Item 3 of the Classified Work calls for 521 Tons of "Off-site Disposal of Non-Hazardous Contaminated Excavated Soil." Please identify where this material is being excavated? Does this item pertain to the removal of asphalt pavement and DGA base disposal?	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum. 2/7/2019 Addendum No. 2.
6	Item 27 of the Unclassified items calls for a Polymer Injection – Waterside, with the unit of "LBS." How is the contractor to determine what the void is behind the sheeting in order to determine the volume of material required? The schedule of repair only shows the size of the opening in the sheeting, but not the volume of the void behind the opening required to plugged the hole.	Refer to Contract Drawing G004, Note II.5.B -C and Contract Drawing GT001, Note GT-1.2.B-C.

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7	Please confirm that all I-12 material required to backfill any/all utility trenches, test pits and sinkholes will be paid under the "Net Cost item" for I-12 material.	Refer to Contract Drawing GT002 for the Sinkholes and Contract Drawing G004, Note III.3 for the net cost Item.
8	While looking at the drawings, I noticed Repair ID #44 is missing from the steel sheet pile repair schedule (S012). The bulkhead defect elevation sheet (S008) depicts #44 as a large defect that leads me to believe it will likely require a steel patch. Please provide the missing information.	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum.
9	We do not see any notes on the drawings with respect to coating protection of the welds and/or plate sizing cuts where the zinc coating will have to be removed in order to weld.	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum.
10	It has been our experience that bending of the steel plates is not feasible due to the deterioration of the steel sheeting and the fact that in most cases the steel sheeting is not in a "Z" pattern. Will we be allowed to construct the hole patches in separate pieces in lieu of a "bent plate"?	Refer to contract drawing S010.
11	Specification Section 107 – Subparagraph A.4 makes reference to Berth 23 operations: When a ship Berths, or is stationed at Berth 23, will there be any work restrictions at Berth 25 ? Will access to Berth 25 be restricted ? If restrictions are imposed, and the contractor experiences idle/downtime will compensation be issued under the net cost provisions ?	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum.
12	Plan Sheet G004 Note 12 states that Berth 25 is an active berth. Will the time required for the security check be compensated under the net cost provisions ? While a ship is moored at Berth 25 will there be Work restrictions ? If restrictions are imposed, and the contractor experiences idle/downtime will compensation be issued under the net cost provisions ?	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum.
13	Plan sheet G004 Note 21 refers to a heavy truck traffic restriction. Does this note apply to cargo operations at Berth 23, Berth 25, or both berths ?	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum.
15	We respectfully request that the Port Authority re-evaluate the MBE/WBE participation levels for Contract No. PN-654.566. Given that most of the Contract is considered specialty work (diving, permeation grouting) there is limited opportunity to subcontract to a wide variety of companies. The total 30% goal (20% MBE and 10% WBE) for this project will increase overall project costs due to the limited availability of eligible M/WBE subcontractors. GC's will in-turn be required to subcontract work that would typically be self-performed.	Refer to page 8 third paragraph.

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17	Please provide the size of the rip-rap that was placed along the sheet piling that will need to be excavated to accommodate the repair plates.	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum.
18	Paragraph 8 of the Contract Book titled "Available Documents" indicates that grain size analyses of the soil samples are available. Can copies of these grain size tests be provided electronically to the bidders in lieu of visiting the Technical Center to view them?	The bidder's question will be addressed in the forthcoming addendum.
19	Can unit price pay items be provided for the permeation grouting? Usually this type of work is paid with unit prices such as pipe installation per lineal foot and permeation grouting by the hour or cubic yard?	Bid according to the contract documents.
20	In order to offer a competitive and comprehensive bid proposal, we respectfully request a two week postponement of the subject bid.	Bid date extension has not been granted at this time.