



Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation - PATH

Harrison Station Northwest Station House, Platform, and Plaza Replacement - Contract PAT-024.165

RESPONSE #11 TO QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS

DATED: April 10 2020

Due Date - May 5, 2020

QUES	QUESTION	RESPONSE
001	received the bid documents for the above-referenced project today, Thursday February 20, 2020. This project was originally advertised on January 16, 2020, five weeks ago. Respectfully requests a five-week bid extension to the bid date of April 7, 2020. Since the bid documents only became available today, additional time is required to properly submit our bid.	Refer to addendum no. 1 dated 2/26/20.
002	hereby respectfully request once again an extension of the bid due date of at least one month after the bid documents became available. The reason for this request is the lengthy security clearance process; as a matter of fact, as of today, we have not been able to get the bid docs. Add to that a project of this magnitude and complexity requires time to estimate.	Was addressed by addendum no. 2 dated 3/6/20.
003a	1. The bid proposal envelope provided by PATH with the bid documents is not large enough to accommodate all five (5) contract books and notices; please advise.	Jose Cartagena coordinated with the Procurement Specialist.
003b	2. The Drawing Files (PDFs) for this project are password-protected and therefore cannot be uploaded into other programs, such as Estimating Software. It is crucial that the plans be made available in an unencrypted format so the project can be properly priced with the use of digital takeoffs. Please advise	Refer to contract book page 7 clause 7 titled "Website Postings of Contract Documents".
003c	3. Confidential Privileged Volume 4 of 4 was only recently released to the bidders today; due to the late issuance of this document we, again, respectfully request the bid be postponed to April 7, 2020 to incorporate this information and properly complete our bid.	Was addressed by addendum no. 2 dated 3/6/20.
004	As per our conversation, if you can please check on if we received the correct documents for this project we would appreciate it. We received a CD of documents for the above referenced project but upon review of these documents there are only 26 drawings that were included and they have a different contract number on them (see below). The other 61 pages consist of Boring logs, groundwater reports, and well construction logs. We feel that something is not right here. The spec books seem to be correct.	Refer to pages 8 through 10 clause 9 titled "Available Documents".
005	Please schedule a site visit for this project and advise date and time.	Refer to contract book page 15 clause 11 titled "Inspection of Site".
006	The drawing sets provided on this project via CDs have some protection that would not allow us to convert them to TIFF or JPEG, which is a necessary step to run take-off software like PlanSwift or On-Center.	Refer to contract book page 7 clause 7 titled "Website Postings of Contract Documents".
007	Response to Question # 6 does not adequately address the question. In no way my question referred to uploading the bid documents to any website. As a clarification, the take-off will be run through specialized software in a local PC in our facilities. I once again request the supply of unprotected pdf files that could be converted to TIFF files.	Refer to contract book pages 90 and 91 clause 78 titled "Construction Site Security Requirements" B. 1. No additional CD of the contract drawings set will be provided.
008	In light of the COVID-19 Virus and with extraordinary measures being taken by the government and private business, we ask that the Port Authority consider utilizing Electronic Bidding or Bidx (Bid Express) for all bids in the near future. Bidx is used by the hundreds of Public and Private entities for billions of dollars in construction projects yearly. With the spread of the virus continuing and officials asking that all non-essential travel be limited, the Electronic Bidding System is a way to utilize a completely secure bidding platform while maintaining project bidding schedules. We hope that PATH will consider utilizing this method during this unprecedented situation and for all future bids.	Was addressed by Notice to Bidders dated 3/17/20.
009	We recently received a Notice to Bidders for another PATH project modifying bidding procedures and assume we will also receive one for the Harrison project. Please advise that only the documents listed in the clause titled "Papers Accompany Bids" paperwork is required to be submitted with the bid via email and not the entire Contract Booklet, which is a very large document to send thru an email system.	Refer to contract book pages 2 and 3 clause 2 "Paper Accompanying Bids".
010	Due to the extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 Pandemic; the bid preparation process has and continues to be severely impacted. New York and New Jersey have enacted statewide curfews and have recommended self-quarantine practices to best combat this disease. Following these recommendations, numerous contractors, subcontractors and suppliers have closed their offices for two (2) weeks to help fight and contain the outbreak as recommended by many health organizations including WHO. We hereby request at least a two (2) week extension to the bid date so that maximum participation can be achieved and our bid can be properly prepared.	No Bid extension is anticipated at this time.
011	Are there any actual drawings for this project? As noted besides those reference drawings, there are only boring logs, groundwater reports and well construction logs.	Refer to contract book pages 93 through 107 clause 82 titled "Contract Drawings".

012	Confirm if the contractor can work regular hours behind a safety barricade installed for that purpose between the tracks and the work area.	Was addressed by addendum no. 4 dated 3/26/20.
013	Confirm if track G can be shut down from Friday midnight to 4 am Monday to allow for some productivity to be achieved, especially during the drilling for the caissons along column line B.	Was addressed by addendum no. 4 dated 3/26/20.
014	Confirm if a bid extension would be granted due to the current situation with the coronavirus that has slowed down the response to our requests for pricing from subs/vendors we have requested quotes from.	No Bid extension is anticipated at this time.
015	We respectfully request a bid due date extension for at least two weeks, due to the well known effects the COVID-19 pandemic is causing in this area, especially a slow down on the response from subcontractors and vendors that have been invited to bid with us.	No Bid extension is anticipated at this time.
016	Provide the depth of the wall to remain shown on sheet A014.	Was addressed in addendum no. 6 dated 4/2/20.
017	Contract Drawing LS0101 Site Layout Plan directs you to Drawing LS0302 for a profile view of the Ornamental Steel Fence and Gates. Sections 1 & 2 on Drawing LS0302 illustrate the fence supported by individual concrete footings at the posts. However, Contract Drawing LS0102 Materials Plan directs you to Detail 1 of Drawing LS0503 which shows the Ornamental Steel Fence on a continuous retaining wall. In addition to the conflicting details, Drawing LS0101 also denotes "face of curb" adjacent to the fence line. Please clarify the correct detail for the Ornamental Steel Fence footing and explain if a curb is also to be placed beneath the fence.	See addendum no. 6 dated 4/2/20 and contract drawing LS0101.
018	Due to the continued Statewide curfews and State mandated self-quarantine practices to combat and contain the COVID-19 outbreak, numerous subcontractors, suppliers and vendors have informed us that they will not be bidding the project and have requested more time to properly prepare their bids during these extraordinary times and circumstances. We hereby respectfully request at least a 2-week extension to the bid date so that we are able to gain maximum participation and be able to bid this project.	Was addressed by Addendum No. 5 dated 3/31/20.
019	Column Schedule on S0701 lists a column location of EB-6 - EB-B. We can't find this location on the drawings. Please confirm that it is/is not part of this contract.	Was addressed in addendum no. 7 dated 4/8/20.
020	Precast concrete lagging panels for soldier pile wall – detail S2 on GT0112 calls for typical panel to be 3' tall. The height of the wall is 11' per E2 on GT0102. The size of the panel(s) will need to be modified or the wall details modified to make a standard 3' tall panel fit. Please advise.	Was addressed in addendum no. 7 dated 4/8/20.
021	Our calculations indicate that there will be an excess of soil from this project that will need to be hauled off site and disposed of. Are Contractors to include testing & characterization costs in our bids for this? The Net Cost item on G0201 specifies the T&D only. Please clarify.	Refer to contract drawing N0101, Soil Management and Disposal Note 4.3.
022	After multiple discussions with our glazing manufacturers and their engineers, it has come to our attention that in order to satisfy the blast requirements on this project, a 4-Side Captured glazing system will be required. Presently typical Curtainwall Details (i.e. A0673/D3) show a 4-Side SSG system which will not provide enough stability to meet the specifications. Please confirm that a 4-Side Captured System is acceptable.	Refer to Specification Sections 084413 1.03 for Design and Performance Requirements, 084413 2.02A.1 and contract drawing A0673. No change to the contract documents.
023	The Glass Canopies on this project are comprised of curtainwall elements per Specification 084413. We have been advised that the vertical curtainwall systems have not been tested and/or rated for horizontal applications, and cannot be manufactured as shown to meet the blast requirements. Please provide a separate Specification Section including acceptable manufacturers for the Glass Canopy structures.	Refer to contract drawing A0610 details D1 and D2 and Specification section 084413 2.02A.1.