



W-6 UPPER SEGMENT: HWY 90 TO SW MILITARY DRIVE SEWER MAIN PROJECT
Solicitation Number: CO-00317
Job No.: 19-4519

ADDENDUM 8
April 23, 2020

To Respondent of Record:

This addendum, applicable to work referenced above, is an amendment to the price proposal, plans and specifications and as such will be a part of and included in the Contract Documents. Acknowledge receipt of this addendum by entering the Addendum number and issue date on the space provided in submitted copies of the price proposal.

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| RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS |
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Q1: Can a respondent team put attachments for sections with limited page counts (i.e. TBM Lease agreements as specified in SOQ, project approach examples, charts and graphs, reference letters) within an appendix?

Response: *Yes, Respondents may include an Appendix to provide backup materials to responses included within the Evaluation Criteria Form.*

Q2: Regarding submission of a signed proposal: In lieu of blue ink signatures, will SAWS accept digital signatures as part of the electronic submittal?

Response: *Yes, digital signatures will be accepted in lieu of blue ink signatures.*

Q3: Security of financial packages: Our private, closely held company treats its financial statements with the utmost confidentiality. The financial package may not become the property of SAWS, as indicated in the Supplementary Instructions to Respondents, Section F.5. Please confirm the statement in that section, "Proposals and any other information submitted" is NOT inclusive of financial information marked confidential by proponents.

Response: *All information in responses to the RFCSP, including Financial Statements, are subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "Act") and is considered public information. Whether an exception to release of public information applies to any information received in response to the RFCSP is determined by the Texas Attorney General's Office in accordance with the Act.*

Q4: Security of financial packages: With the new electronic submission option, and for security of our financial information, our preferred approach is to email the financial package to Florinda Gonzales directly, (separately of File #1- Price Proposal.) Will SAWS allow privately-owned companies to email their confidential financial packages to Florinda Gonzales, directly? If not, will SAWS allow privately-owned companies to courier their confidential financial packages to SAWS' location in advance of the May 1st Proposal Opening?

Response: *Yes, emailing a Respondent's financial statement or sending via courier is allowable.*

- Q5:** Can you confirm that Prime Contractors with access to the FTP site will be able to upload only, and will NOT be able to view the files that have been uploaded by others?
- Response:** *SAWS can confirm that no one, other than Florinda Gonzales, may view or access the files uploaded to the FTP site.*
- Q6:** Can test uploading to the FTP site be arranged before the Proposal due date?
- Response:** *Yes, a test document may be uploaded. Respondents who wish to run a test, should then contact Florinda Gonzales, she will log on to the FTP and confirm she can see the document. (Please ensure when titling the file that it includes the word "TEST".)*
- Q7:** Item #4 in Addendum #6 (updates to INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS) gives instructions about naming the Electronic Proposal file as follows: "...shall be titled with the solicitation number, date and time of the proposal opening, and the name of the project." This seems to conflict with the naming instructions on the new Proposal Checklist, which says the file should be titled, "PROPOSAL_CO00317_FIRM NAME." Can SAWS clarify the preferred file names for each of the PDF packages?
- Response:** *The Proposal Checklist governs. Please see #1 Changes to the Specifications to correct the Electronic Proposal instructions.*
- Q8:** Q&A #49 in addendum #6 clarified that a total of five reference projects are required. If a Prime Contractor has only ONE Key Subcontractor, may the Prime Contractor submit one reference project from the subcontractor, and an additional reference project in the Prime Contractor's experience to make the total of 5 reference projects?
- Response:** *Yes, if the Prime Contractor plans to self-perform the work of similar scope that would have been performed by a Key Subcontractor and that has been completed within the last ten (10) years.*
- Q9:** Based on the Required Documents Matrix issued with Addendum #5, we understand that the narrative section for Evaluation Criteria 3.b. (Schedule) is part of the 40-page limit. Please confirm the 11x17" pages of the graphic schedule (Critical Path Method Schedule from Primavera or Microsoft Project) will NOT be counted toward the 40 page limit.
- Response:** *No, per the Required Document Matrix (included in Addendum 5) the schedule is included in the page limit.*
- Q10:** Although the new Proposal Checklist that was issued with Addendum #6 implies a USB/Flash Drive is not required with the electronic submission, Item #5 (re: SIR Section F.9.) of Addendum #6 implies a USB/Flash Drive may still be required. Can SAWS confirm a USB/Flash Drive is not required from proponents who choose the electronic submission option?
- Response:** *Addendum #6 supersedes Addendum #5. However, to clarify, yes, USB/Flash Drive is not required if the Respondent is submitting their proposal electronically. If the Respondent is mailing their proposal, it would still be required.*
- Q11:** HRM is the local representative for Whips a recognized Slide Gate supplier in the country. We are respectfully requesting for Whipps to be added to the approved and named suppliers list in paragraph 2.02 for section 11280 Stainless Steel Slide Gates.
- Response:** *No change will be made to Section 11280 at this time. The following language is included in the reference section. "Gates supplied shall be FONTAINE-AQUANOX Series 25 Channel Gates, as manufactured by ISE Metal Inc. or engineers approved equal." An engineer approved equal may be considered during construction.*

CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

1. Addendum 6, Changes to Specifications, #4, Instructions to Respondents, Section 4. is revised to read:

*4. **Electronic** proposals must be submitted with the original price proposal form attached herein and shall be sealed in an envelope or submitted through the SAWS FTP site and shall be titled per the revised Proposal Checklist issued with this Addendum [Addendum 6].*

END OF ADDENDUM 8

This Addendum is 3 pages in its entirety, with no attachments.



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