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Subject: 11-09-M Henderson Avenue Improvements - Engineering Services: Addendum 3
Importance: High

This email will serve as Addendum 3 for the City of Cumberland's Henderson Avenue Improvement Project. (City Project No. 11-09-M).

The purpose of this addendum is to answer questions that have been submitted during the Request For Information (RFI) period. The questions received are listed below in black text and the answers are in red text.

1. In the pre-proposal meeting there was some discussion about the signals on Henderson Avenue. I recall that installing/replacing loop detectors was discussed. I also recall that someone (I think it was John) brought up about the conversion to cameras. Can you elaborate on what you would like to see in our proposals?

The buried vehicle detection loops will need to be replaced as a part of this project. Do to their buried nature these loops tend to be damaged or destroyed during pavement milling and utility excavations. The City has converted one intersection to camera detections and this option is functioning very well, but is too expensive for the Henderson Avenue project. Several intersections have been converted to systems that sense motion, but we have occasionally experienced a problem at these intersections when vehicles at stopped during a green light, and when the signal changes to a red light the sensor is not detecting and motion and does not send a call signal to the controller.

Your bid should include providing for the contractor to replacing the buried loops (preferable after the milling occurs and before the paving occurs so that the loops will be buried deep enough to avoid being damaged by pavement milling in the future) as part of the construction work. The City will only be upgrading the vehicle detection system should funding be available. You should also include an alternate bid item for the "Upgrade of the vehicle detection system". This alternate bid would include the recommendation for an alternate low cost vehicle detection system as a replacement to the buried loops; and would also include providing the details and specification for the contract documents as needed. Please be sure to make this item of work as an alternate bid, and to list it separately from the rest of the bid items and their total.

2. To what extent will environmental assessment by the City of Cumberland be required? For example, MHT review the plans or other clearing house sections approvals.

We do not anticipate this project requiring environmental reviews by the MHT or similar clearing houses, since it is basically a mill and overlay project with some water main replacement. It will require an approved Erosion and Sediment Control plan. The NPDES permit for the discharge of Stormwater associated with construction activities is only needed if the total area disturbed exceeds the minimum requirement (which I believe is 1 acre).

3. Does the new waterline need modeled for capacity or are you confident the 8" is adequate?

No the new waterline does not need modeled, we are confident that the 8" line will be adequate.

4. Is City looking for a professional landscaping plan prepared by a registered landscape expert?

No we are not looking for a plan that would require a landscape architect or other expert. The City's Natural Resource Specialist will be available to review and make recommendations on trees replacement and similar matters. And where there may be a curb alignment change at the VA Building (see Item 18 in the RFP) we will be seeking input for the owner of the property (who is an architect) as to his future plans.

5. Should bid documents include specifications for shrubs, trees and flowers?

If the contract document that are prepared require the replacement or planting of shrubs, trees and flowers; then yes they will need to be specified. Again the City's Natural Resource Specialist and/or the Project Engineer will be making recommendations on this and will assist with the specifications.

6. Your Construction Plan Guidelines included in Appendix B of the RFP states that cross sections should be shown at twenty-five-foot intervals, is this close distance necessary for the field survey on the mill and overlay portion of the street?

These are only guidelines and not requirements. However, your survey work should collect information to allow you to design the improvements that a contract can establish the proper grades and cross slope and pavement sections as needed, and to ensure that surface drainage is collected at the inlets and does not pond on the street.

The submittal cutoff for RFI's has past. A PDF version of this email will be posted on the City's Bid Announcement Page on Monday July 27th if you are interested in downloading it in that format.

Thank you for your interest in our project we look forward to reviewing your bids.

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