

CONTRACTOR’S INQUIRY RESPONSES

**THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON
WEST SUNSET BLVD. & GARDEN AVE.
In EDEN TOWNSHIP, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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UPDATED (04-06-2023): *(Legend: T = telephone; PBM = pre-bid mtg.; E = email)*

Inquiry No.	Inquiry	Response
1T	Please confirm if Bid Item #22 is for removal of trees.	Trees have been removed; Bid Item #22 is for the removal of existing tree stumps and its roots
2PBM	When will PG&E relocate their poles?	Undetermined at this time; PG&E has not provided the County a construction schedule yet. There is a sidewalk block out detail in the plans in the event PG&E does not relocate the poles by the time you completed all your contract work.
3PBM	Are there DBE, M/WBE goals for this project (good faith efforts)?	No

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4E	<p>I have a question about the pervious concrete :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pervious concrete sidewalk is cast in place or precast panel. - In the specs section 73 we have only the spec for the precast pervious concrete. <p>Please clarify.</p>	<p>Refer to section 90-7 PERVIOUS CONCRETE of the specifications. <u>Pervious concrete sidewalk is cast-in-place.</u></p>
5E	<p>Bid Item 23. Roadway Excavation is listed on bid form as a pay item is SF; however, typically roadway excavation is paid as a CY pay item as this is a three dimensional item of work that cannot be accurately quantified and tracked as a two dimensional item. Please consider revising bid item #23 to a CY pay quantity?</p>	<p>This is a contingent item. Assume an average excavation depth of 16”.</p>
6E	<p>Please provide the expected depth of excavation and clarify where the work associated with bid item #23 occurs?</p>	<p>This is a contingent item. Assume an average excavation depth of 16”. All Minor Concrete work is associated with this item.</p>
7E	<p>Please provide existing grade data in order for contractors to accurately quantify the amount of cut required to meet design finished grades shown on the plan? Alternatively, please provide an estimated quantity of excavation(CY) for bidders to assume in their bids?</p>	<p>This is a contingent item. Assume an average excavation depth of 16”. Existing grade information is provided on the profile.</p>
8E	<p>Note 1 on Detail 3 of Sheet 5 states that "the county will mark the locations and limits of the full depth HMA base failure repair after pavement is milled". Can this information be provided beforehand for purposes of bidding?</p>	<p>No</p>
9E	<p>2 retaining curbs are called out on the West Sunset Blvd Plan (sheet 21) adjacent to the PCC curb ramps that are to be installed. Please clarify the type of retaining curbs that are to be installed and provide relevant details</p>	<p>See Caltrans Standard Plan A88A for Case C Ramp.</p>

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10E	Key Note #2; Remove Street Light and Pole, on plan sheet 16 denotes; See note 6, which discusses replacing sprinkler systems damaged during construction and does not at all apply to the removal of street lights and poles? Please clarify if there is a different note that applies to Key Note #2 or provide the correct note.	See Plans Sheets 16 (Addendum 2) and 17 (Addendum 2)
11E	Please provide a quantity of crack treatment for bidders to include in their bids as this is a LS pay item and there is no information provided on the plans?	No quantity is available.
12E	Please clarify where the extents of the slurry seal type II (Bid Item #37) apply? The plans are not clear with regards to the limits for this item of work.	See Plans Sheets 28 (Addendum 2) and 29 (Addendum 2)
13E	Please clarify the note on plan sheet U-501-1 stating, "This project has a delayed starting date and special requirements for construction schedule?"	Refer to Project Specifications Section 8-1.04C
14E	Please clarify the expected timing associated with the relocation of existing utility poles as denoted on the plans?	See Response #2 above.
15E	Given the nature of work requiring removal of private owned landscaping/hardscapes, it is clear that work will entail coordination with private home owners. Have the home owners been made aware of this project and how it will effect their improvements respectively?	Yes
16E	Should contractors assume 100% clean soil for sake of off haul pricing?	Refer to Project Specifications Section 19-2.03B(1) and the <i>Phase II Environmental Site Assessment</i> (study) for the project, which is included in the Appendix of the Project Specifications.

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17E	Per note #5 on plan sheet 24 of 29; "all concrete including all decorative concrete and brick driveway and walkway conforms and reconstruction must match existing concrete and brick, color, texture, pattern, dimensions ect." Please clarify what detail applies at each respective driveway?	As advised in the pre-bid meeting, a field/site visit will provide you the color, pattern, textures,..etc. of existing concrete driveways that the contractor must match.
18E	Note #1 on page 5 of 29 states to see private property modifications for additional details. Please clarify where these additional details can be found?	Refer to Plan Sheet 25 for additional details on private property modifications.
19E	Replacement Sod type: Advise the type of Sod grass to be installed per bid item 30	See Project Specification Page 352 (Addendum 2) Sod is to be in-kind.
20E	Replacement Sod Irrigation: Advise if any or all of the sod that may be ordered per Bid Item 30 will be installed in an area with existing irrigation or if hand watering will be required. If hand watering is required, is it to A) continue only until the sod has rooted-in or B) for the entire 3-year maintenance period?	See Project Specification Page 352 (Addendum 2) Assume sod will not be installed in areas with an existing irrigation system. Sod is not part of the 3-year Plant Establishment.
21E	Clarify the intended scope of work applicable to bid item #20, no description of work is provided for in the specifications.	This is a contingent item. When necessary, the contractor will adjust the existing fences and gates to accommodate the new finished sidewalk grade. See Key Note 1A on Demolition plans.
22E	Since there are no irrigation plans for the new street trees, confirm that a temporary method of manual-watering will be required during the 3-year maintenance period per 20-2.14.	Confirmed.
23E	Ref 20-1.02B, advise location of water for use to water trees during the 3-year maintenance period. Or, direct that the bidder is to include the cost of water for this purpose.	Per SECTION 20-1.02B: “.....make arrangements for supplying water.”
24E	Advise if the above maintenance water is reclaimed or potable.	See Project Specification Page 311 (Addendum 2)

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25E	Confirm that the areas where grades are adjusted to conform to new hardscape, which are to receive sod or mulch, are NOT to be included in the post-installation maintenance period.	Confirmed
26E	Are the trees to receive three stakes each per Section A-A on Sheet 5 or two stakes each per 20-3.02C(3)(b)?	See Project Specification Page 351 (Addendum 2)
27E	Are the tree stakes to be 3" diameter per Section A-A on sheet 5 or 2" diameter per 20-3.01B(10)?	See Project Specification Page 347 (Addendum 2)
28E	Confirm that the specified 3-year maintenance period is based on calendar days and acknowledge that maintenance activities will not be required every working day during that time. Also note sections 20-4.03A, et al, which state that a minimum of once-weekly service is required. We are concerned as to why relevant text has been stricken in section 20-4.01A. The scope of this project does not require maintenance activities every day. If a maintenance crew is to be stationed on the project every working day, then please provide that direction and we will price the work accordingly.	The specified 3-year maintenance period is based on a 3-year term. Refer to 20-4.03A for the required maintenance frequency. Strikethrough text in section 20-4.01A. does not apply to this termed maintenance period.
29E	Please confirm that a separate maintenance bond is NOT required for the 3-year maintenance period, as per 20-4.01C(3). Please note that there is no scope of work listed in the table, as referenced in requirement item 5,	See Project Specification Page 354 (Addendum 2) Per specification, ".....submit a separate maintenance bond for the plant establishment period."
30E	The specifications are conflicting in several sections as to whether or not chemical pre-emergent herbicide can be used on this project. Please direct whether or not chemical pre-emergent herbicide can be used. Ref 20-50.3A(2), 20-5.03A(3)(c), et al.	Chemical Pre-emergent herbicide can be used in this project.

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31E	Please confirm that Bid Item #51 is 1 EA as the plans appear to show more than one water meter box that is to be adjusted.	One Each.
32E	Please identify where bid item #32 applies as the engineers quantity of 80 tons is not in alignment with the CLII AB quantities required for the non-pervious hardscape improvements? Please review the engineers quantity and clarify where it applies?	This is a contingent item. See Detail 4, Plan Sheet 5; applies to details shown on Detail 4.
33E	Existing Irrigation Repairs: Section 20-10.02 appears to require that irrigation on adjacent private property disturbed by conform grading, etc. is to be restored. It is not possible to quantify the extent of this work for bidding. Further, section 20-10.02D Payment directs how to measure payment for this irrigation work, but a Corresponding bid form line item does not exist to bill against. Please issue a stipulated bid item value for the irrigation work, similar to bid items 20 (partial) and 30 for mulch and sod.	See Project Bid Book Pages BB-7 through BB-9 (Addendum 2).
34E	Per section 20-3.02C(3)(b), paragraph 8 shows 2 stakes which shall be installed for each plant. However, per detail 2 on Construction Details (sheet 5 of 29) , 3 stakes shall be applied for trees. Please clarify.	See Project Specification Page 351 (Addendum 2)
35E	The bid documents do not provide sod location & the type of sod that need to be installed (item 30). Please provide the information for bidding purposes.	This is a contingent item and is to be used to replace existing sod (on private property) as directed by the Engineer.
36E	Clarify the method of watering for trees and the bid item that supposed to cover the related costs.	Refer to Project Specifications 20-2.14. Watering of trees is paid under Bid Item #66 PLANT ESTABLISHMENT WORK (3-YEARS)
37E	If water trucking is acceptable, clarify the source of water, location & watering schedule for three-year maintenance period.	Per SECTION 20-1.02B: “.....make arrangements for supplying water.”

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38E	If there is an existing irrigation system that need to be adjusted and utilized for this matter, please provide the as built plans for bidding purposes.	There are no as-built irrigation plans available. See Project Bid Book Pages BB-7 through BB-9 (Addendum 2).
39E	Clarify if native soil can be used for this project. If import topsoil is needed, clarify which item is supposed to cover the related costs to import topsoil.	Native soil can be used in lieu of top soil.
40E	Can you please confirm that rapid setting concrete is not required for the driveways on this project. Thank you.	Rapid setting concrete is not required for the driveways in this project.
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