

CONTRACTOR'S INQUIRY RESPONSES

**THE REPLACEMENT OF GUARDRAILS ON
CROW CANYON ROAD
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
FROM SAN SIMON PLACE TO NORRIS CANYON ROAD
EDEN TOWNSHIP, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
HSIPL-5933 (165)**

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UPDATED (2-21-2024): *(Legend: T = telephone; PBM = pre-bid meeting; E = email)*

Inquiry No.	Inquiry	Response
1PBM	Are there any DBE or SLEB goals?	No
2PBM	Can you confirm the project's estimate?	\$810,000
3PBM	With respect to Traffic Control, will we be allowed to close one lane?	Refer to the Project's Staging Plans (plans sheets 10 thru 12)
4PBM	When do you expect construction to start?	tentatively April 2024
5PBM (2-6-24)	Is the first pre-bid meeting attendee information available?	Yes; it is available on our ADDITIONAL BIDDER INFORMATION SHEET (website): https://www.acpwa.org/business/add-bidder-info.page and in our online Plan Room.
6PBM (2-6-24)	Bid Item #25 on the bid schedule looks to have the wrong unit. Should this item be per lineal foot?	Yes; refer to Addendum 2

7E	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no additional bid item for the asphalt for Bid Item 18 – Place Hot Mix Asphalt Dike (Type C), is the intent for the asphalt materials to be incidental to the lineal foot price? 2. Plan Sheet 7 of 12 shows the existing asphalt dike is to remain where all the CIDH piles are being installed. This is highly unlikely due to the size of the CIDH piles going in. Would the county consider adding the removal of the existing dike and installation of new dike to Bid Items 18 & 19 to reduce contractor risk in this area? 3. What is Bid Item 31 Finishing Roadway to be used for? There are not items where we are building new road sections. 4. Special Provisions Section 12-4.01A states that Traffic Control Plans are to be Wet Stamped by and Engineer. If we are using the Traffic Control plans provided in the Plan set is this still required? 5. Is there any geotechnical information available for the area where the CIDH piles are being installed? 6. Special Provisions Section 14-11.14 states this section only applies if there is a Bid Item for Treated Wood Waste. Are contractors required to still abide by this spec for the Treated Wood Waste from the guardrail removal since there is no bid item for the disposal? 7. What does the County see the Contractor providing for Bid Item 2 Construction Surveys? The only reference I see is to a Grade Setter and we are not building any road grade on this project. 8. Bid Item 16 – Spoils Stockpile & Offhaul – Does the County have a site available for stockpiling? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A bid item for Asphalt Concrete, Type A (HMA-LV) is added to the Bid List. Refer to Addendum 2. 2. Yes; Refer to Addendum 2 for increase quantities for Bid Items 18 and 19 should this existing AC dike is removed as a consequence of unavoidable construction activities. 3. Debris removal, cleanup,...etc. Refer to Section 22 of the Standard Specifications. 4. Yes 5. Yes; Refer to Addendum 2 6. A bid item for Treated Wood Waste is added to the Bid List. Refer to Addendum 2. 7. Construction Survey work includes all work to construct the proposed guardrail in its proper locations as shown in the plans, including staking out the proposed guardrail alignment based on the centerline stationing and offsets provided. 8. Yes. This site is located in proximity of Crow Canyon Road Milepost 2.05.
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	<p>9. Bid Item 16 – Spoils Stockpile & Offhaul – Is this item intended for Treated Wood Waste or for the Spoils associated with the CIDH installation?</p> <p>10. Bid Item 16 – Spoils Stockpile & Offhaul – If this item is intended for the CIDH spoils, can the county provide the Concentration Data and sample location maps per 14-11.08C Site Conditions?</p> <p>11. Bid Item 25 – MGS CRT Wood Post – Asked in the prebid meeting, please correct the unit for this bid item.</p> <p>12. The General Instruction on Page BB-3 of the General Instructions Item 8 states that the responsible bidder must perform work equally at least 50% of the value of the total bid. This is also listed in Section 5-1.13A of the special provisions. Can this be reduced to 30% to match the 2022 Caltrans Standard Specification book? I think this will provide more flexibility to the contractors to not only get DBE Subcontract support but also get qualified contractors for the other items of work on this project.</p> <p>13. Bid Items 22, 23 & 24 call out for Wood Post Midwest Guardrail System's. Would the County allow Steel Posts with composite blocks instead? Cal Trans allows for the use of Steel Posts and composite blocks and other new guardrail installation's in the area have steel posts and composite blocks.</p>	<p>9. For the Spoils associated with the CIDH installation.</p> <p>10. Concentration Data and sample location maps are not available. Refer to Addendum 2.</p> <p>11. Correct Unit is LINEAR FEET; refer to Addendum 2</p> <p>12. Yes; refer to Addendum 2.</p> <p>13. Galvanized W6x15 steel posts that have 6 inch flange width can be used instead of 6x8 wood posts. If steel posts are used, the length of steel posts need to match the length of wood posts shown on sheet 08 of 12. As per plan, posts need to be placed in the soil and not connected to CIDH piles. (NOTE: There will be no bid item added to the bid proposal reflecting the use of steel posts; substitution of wood posts to steel posts will be made at no change in cost to the project)</p>

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8E	<p>With 405 LF of Type C dike will only use about 4 tons of asphalt and you have 30 tons listed for the bid item?</p> <p>There is no other paving that I can tell so I think it may be best to revise that quantity at least closer to what we will use. I know we typically order a few extra tons to keep the asphalt hot while in transit so I would think 7 or 8 tons would be more appropriate and avoid additional costs at bid time that won't be used. It will be tough to price such a high amount since it would likely need a force account adjustment after the work is completed anyway.</p>	Bid Item #18 (Addendum 2) 30 TONS is a contingent item for pavement repair in the event the roadway pavement is damaged during the course of the guardrail replacement construction. At this time, there will be no quantity adjustment to this bid item.
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