CONTRACTOR'S INQUIRY RESPONSES

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

The responses to contractors' inquiries, unless incorporated into a formal addendum to the contract, are not a part of the contract and are provided for the contractor's convenience only. In some instances, the question and answer may represent a summary of the matters discussed rather than a word-forword recitation. The responses may be considered along with all other information furnished to prospective bidders for the purpose of bidding on the project. The availability or use of information provided in the responses to contractors' inquiries is not to be construed in any way as a waiver of the provisions of section 2-1.07 of the Standard Specifications or any other provision of the contract, the plans, Standard Specifications or Special Provisions, nor to excuse the contractor from full compliance with those contract requirements. Bidders are cautioned that subsequent responses or contract addenda may affect or vary a response previously given and any such subsequent response or addenda should be taken into consideration when submitting a bid for the project. Inquiries must be submitted by the deadline specified in the project Special Provisions.

This document will be continuously updated. It is the contractor's responsibility to check for updates.

UPDATED (10-25-2023): (Legend: T = telephone; PBM = pre-bid mtg.; E = email)

Inquiry No.	Date Received	Inquiry	Response
1PBM	10/10/2023	When do you anticipate starting construction on this project?	Based on the current project schedule, construction is anticipated to commence in early Jan 2024.
2PBM	10/10/2023	Will you allow the "slip-in" method for the new conductors at the intersections, or will you need to remove the existing conductors, and repull all together with new per Caltrans spec?	Installation needs to be per Caltrans spec removing existing conductors, repulling all together.
3E	10/24/2023	In reference to the 16% DBE goal for the above referenced project-If a firm is bidding prime and is certified as a DBE with the State does that firm's participation count toward the 16% DBE goal?	Refer to Caltrans LAPM Ch 9.7 "Counting DBE Participation", if the prime contractor is a qualified DBE, his/her work is reported and counted.

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4E	10/24/2023	If the prime contractor's work meets & exceeds the requirement of the DBE goal, is the Good Faith Effort still required since the goal has been achieved?	Please see p. BB-7a of the specs for "Good Faith Effort Toward Achieving the DBE Goal". It is recommended that you submit Good Faith Efforts information even if the DBE Commitment Form indicates that you have met the DBE goal. This protects your eligibility for contract award if the Agency determines that you unexpectedly failed to meet the goal, e.g., a DBE firm was not certified at opening, or you made a mathematical error.