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PROJECT: Eliza Spring Outlet Daylighting

CIP ID: 6660.046

CSP 6100 CLMB 321

SUBJECT: Answers to Proposer Questions

The following are answers to Bidders received on the above project. These answers do not modify the Contract. Any modifications to the Contract will be through Addenda

Q-1: On page C1.2 of drawings, under sequence of construction, point 8 (G) states that Cofferdam no. 2 shall be removed. However in subsequent 8(K) it is stated that coffer dam No.2 will be implemented. Please clarify.

A-1: Cofferdam No. 2 will be implemented twice.

Q-2: Where is the key dewatering pump discharging to? Is it discharging to the bypass tunnel or to storm drain line A?

A-2: As shown on Sheet C1.4, the first time Cofferdam No. 2 is used, it will include a pump discharge to the existing storm drain manhole at the proposed downstream junction box or in the proposed junction box (once it is built). The second time Cofferdam No. 2 is used, as shown on Sheet C1.4, the pumped spring flow will outfall to storm drain Line A.

Q-3: On page C1.2, under erosion control notes it is stated that Environmental Project manager will be onsite >90% of the site. Is Environmental Project Manager different from Site Superintendent and Project Manager? If so, what would be the qualifications/requirements for this position?

A-3: See Revised Sheet G1.2, Special Construction Notes, in Addendum No. 2.

Q-4: In the pre proposal meeting it was said that all the permit fees will be paid by the City of Austin? Is it true for SW3P/SWPPP permit too?

A-4: A SWPPP is not required by TCEQ for this project.

Q-5: Will the fee for new water connection be waived as this is a City of Austin project?

A-5: There is no fee.

Q-6: Does the contractor have to obtain a 10a1A scientific permit from FWS and/or a Texas Parks and Wildlife permit (including fish relocation/cofferdam permit) for the project? If no, will work in amphitheater and salamander habitat (including existing buried pipe) be covered under the City's federal 10a1A permit and state permits via direct supervision of City of Austin permitted biologists? If Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has concerns about cofferdam in bypass culvert, is the City going to take responsibility for obtaining the appropriate permit if necessary?

A-6: The contractor does not need to obtain a 10a1A permit. Yes, the City of Austin salamander biologists that are named on the permit will be required to be present for work in endangered species habitat (i.e. the amphitheater). The proposed cofferdams do not need a separate permit.

Q-7: Sheet C1.2, Pg. 11 Sequence of Construction 8C. "Temporarily block tunnel opening.." Does tunnel opening refers to opening in wall of bypass culvert?

A-7: Yes, it refers to the opening in the wall of the bypass tunnel (i.e. culvert).

Q-8: Sheet C1.2, Pg. 11 Sequence of Construction 8D. "Biologists will search area..." City of Austin biologists only or contractor biologists or both?

A-8: City biologists only will be responsible for searching for and removing any salamanders.

Q-9: Sheet C1.4, pg. 13: "Keyway Dewatering Pump Intake...located outside endangered species habitat." Is the keyway considered salamander habitat? If so, how is it possible to place the pump intake outside of salamander habitat? What are the possible locations for this intake? This needs to be clarified.

A-9: Yes, see Addendum No. 2. Pump location to be approved by owner.

Q-10: Are as-built plans available from the Bypass Culvert and BSP Grounds improvement project for the successful team to utilize to see where irrigation and spring water piping are located, esp at wall drains and junctions with bypass culvert wall?

A-10: Record drawings are available and can be provided to the successful team.

Q-11: Schedule shows 180 days. It is our understanding that we are to provide a cpm for submittal with the CSP. Will points be modified based on reduction of the 180 days, similar to the adjustment of points based on bid price.

A-11: Yes, refer to Specification 00101CSP, Item 8, in the Project Manual, Volume 1.

Q-12: Sheet C1.2, Pg. 11 Sequence of Construction 8D. "Biologists will install..." City of Austin biologists only?

A-12: City biologists only will be responsible for searching for and removing any salamanders.

Q-13: Sheet C1.2, Pg. 11 Sequence of Construction 11. "...temporary salamander exclusion screen at the amphitheater keyway can be removed. Remove screen when directed by owner." Do City biologists have to be present for this?

A-13: Yes.

Q-14: Sheet C1.2, Pg. 11, Special Notes to Comply with Barton Springs Salamander Recovery Plan.... 5. "Heavy Metals. Source included vehicle wear." What is this supposed to mean?

A-14: Vehicular traffic results in heavy metals present in stormwater runoff that could convey contaminants directly into habitat.

Q-15: Sheet C1.2, Pg. 11, Special Notes to Comply with Barton Springs Salamander Recovery Plan....7. "Under conditions when decreased dissolved oxygen concentrations...." Is the contractor responsible for monitoring dissolved oxygen concentrations or City staff?

A-15: Both. See Specification SS130300 for contractor's responsibilities.