

Walnut Creek WWTP WRI Tank Assessment & Repairs

CIP 5267.027 IFB 6100 CLMC 411

February 5, 2013

Subject: Answers to bidders' questions from January 7, 2013 to the date of this letter. This does not modify the bid documents.

Question: SS 09800.1.04.A.5.d
"CONTRACTOR shall provide SSPC QP 1 Certification or manufacturer's certification for the specified coating system."

ANSWER: **THE MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATION MAY BE A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE COATING REPRESENTATIVE STATING THAT THE CONTRACTOR (FOREMAN AND CREW) IS QUALIFIED TO APPLY THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COATING SYSTEM OF THE TANK AS INDICATED IN SECTION 09800 1.04.A.5.C.**

Question: SS 09800.1.04.A.6.f
Similar to the above, except the "Shop Coating Applicator shall provide SSPC QP 3 Certification or the coating manufacturer's certification for the specified coating system."
What type of 'manufacturer's certification' is the engineer looking for?

ANSWER: **THE MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATION MAY BE A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE COATING REPRESENTATIVE STATING THAT THE CONTRACTOR (FOREMAN AND CREW) IS QUALIFIED TO APPLY THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COATING SYSTEM OF THE TANK AS INDICATED IN SECTION 09800 1.04.A.6.D AND E.**

Question: SS 09800.3.05.B
"All interior surface preparation shall be done onsite after the tank has been welded and erected."
"The Shop Applicator shall..."
Is it the engineer's intention that the interior be full-field blasted, or can a shop primer be applied? For the specified coating of Reactamine 760, a shop primer of Phenoline 311 can be applied. This would eliminate the need for full-field blast.
Is it the engineer's intention to require dehumidification regardless of need? Reactamine 760 can be applied up to 95% relative humidity.

ANSWER: **A TEMPORARY SHOP PRIMER MAY BE APPLIED; HOWEVER, IT MUST BE COMPLETELY REMOVED PER PARAGRAPH 3.09.B PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION OF THE LINING. AN SSPC SP5 WHITE METAL BLAST WITH A 3 MIL MINIMUM PROFILE IS REQUIRED FOR THE 100% SOLIDS POLYURETHANE LINING PER PARAGRAPH 3.17.A. PER SECTION 09800 PARAGRAPH 3.03 A THROUGH F, DEHUMIDIFICATION AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL IS REQUIRED DURING ABRASIVE BLASTING, COATING APPLICATION, AND CURING WHEN THE AMBIENT CONDITIONS DO NOT MEET THE COATING MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED VALUES AS DETERMINED BY THE INSPECTOR. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REBLAST WORK THAT RESULTS IN FLASH RUSTING OR DEFECTS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 1.07.D AND 3.09.P. THE DH REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO BOTH THE WRI TANK AND THE 51ST ST. ELEVATED TANK PIPING.**

Question: The tank foundation has already been designed by the consulting engineer. Is it acceptable for the tank contractor to offer an alternate design that is more in-line with tank industry design standards and more economical?

ANSWER: AS NOTED IN THE PRE-BID MEETING, THE TANK FOUNDATION HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEER WHICH ADDRESSES SPECIFIC SITE ISSUES THAT ARE ATYPICAL. ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE BID PROJECT PER PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Question: Is there any way the bid date can be postponed until February 12, 13, Or 14? We normally schedule training, field trips, meetings, etc. for Mondays and Fridays because Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays are normal bid days.

ANSWER: BID DATE WILL REMAIN AS SCHEDULED.

Question: I realize there was a pre-bid meeting yesterday which, unfortunately, we were unable to attend. Would it be possible to schedule a site visit and or conference call with our engineers?

ANSWER: NO ADDITIONAL SITE VISITS WILL BE CONDUCTED. THE MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ON 1/17/2013 SO POTENTIAL BIDDERS COULD FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE SITE AND THE WORK INVOLVED. THE CITY WILL RESPOND TO CONTRACTOR'S QUESTIONS AS STIPULATED IN SECTION 00100 PARAGRAPH 1.h. OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

THESE ARE ONLY FOR REFERENCE AND ARE NOT PART OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. THE DESIGNERS AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN DO NOT MAKE ANY ASSERTIONS THAT THEY COMPLETELY DESCRIBE THE EXISTING CONDITIONS. ALL BIDDERS SHOULD MAKE THEIR OWN SITE VISITS TO VERIFY.

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