



# City of Austin

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PROJECT: Harris Branch Interceptor Lower 'A' and Siphon Line Decommission

CIP ID: 4769.010

IFB# 6100 CLMC541

SUBJECT: Answers to Bidders Questions as of the date of this letter, per 00100-IFB Article 1.(3)(C).

Q-1: In regards to Addendum #01 and the revision to specification SS1050 – Manholes, please confirm Geneva Polymer is considered an “approved equal” manufacturer of polymer concrete manholes.?

A-1: It is the contractor’s burden to show manufacturer’s meet the required specifications set in the project manual. To date, we have not received enough information to make this decision. Bidder is directed to Section 00700, 6.2.4 “Substitutes and “Approved Equal” Items”.

Q-2: In regards to Addendum #01 and the revision to plan sheet 4 of 47 (stabilized construction entrance off of Hwy. 130 w/RCP culverts), please confirm TxDOT has approved this revision and requires nothing further. In our experience, TxDOT requires acceleration and deceleration lanes for construction entrances/exits located on exit ramps off state highways.

A-2: Bid the project per the plans and specifications.

Q-3: In regards to the Q/A provided previously, specifically Q/A #8, can the TxDOT construction access permits for Parmer & SH 130 be provided to all bidding contractors?

A-3: Bid the project per the plans and specifications.

Q-4: In regards to Q/A #9, if the Contractor were to up size the diameter of the primary liner of the tunnel/s, would there be any effect on the utility installation permits the Owner has obtained?

A-4: AWU and/or representative for AWU will be responsible for filing any necessary changes to utility installation permits with TxDOT.

Q-5: In regards to Q/A #33 and bid item #SS02450-XX, will the Owner/Engineer revise the bid items to include a separate item for open-cut FRPM Class SN 72 pipe, including excavation and backfill?

A-5: Bidder is directed to see Addendum No. 3 for update to Section 300U.

Q-6: In regards to Q/A #33 and bid item #SS02450-XX, will the Owner/Engineer revise the bid items to include a separate item for carrier pipe installation of FRPM Class SN 72 pipe in tunnels, including pipe installation and backfill?

A-6: No. Per Special Specification 02450 Section 4.02, the "Installation of Pipe in Tunnel" pay item shall include the cost of the carrier pipe.

Q-7: In regards to Q/A #38, is the City of Austin giving consent to allow vehicles and equipment to cross through the wetlands?

A-7: No.

Q-8: Will the bid form be updated to reflect the deletion of Junction Box #15 (6x6)?

A-8: See revised Section 00300U in Addendum No. 3

Q-9: Please confirm bid item #SS1050-JWW-10x8 is for Junction Box #4.

A-9: Bidder is directed to see Addendum No. 3.

Q-10: Will a bid item be added for Junction Box #22?

A-10: Bidder is directed to see Addendum No. 3.

Q-11: Please confirm the construction sequencing notes on sheet 3 of 20 (Siphon Line Decom.) should also be on sheet 7 of 20, STA 3+00 to 8+85 (not currently shown on sheet 7 of 20).

A-11: Bidder is directed to see Addendum No. 3.

Q-12: Please disclose the SS pipe material of the existing line the new 30" FRPM or PS115 crosses at approx. STA 95+40.

A-12: The proposed wastewater line is shown to cross under the existing 12-inch PVC (SDR-26) siphon line at STA 95+38.

Q-13: Please confirm if the Contractor will be allowed to discharge bypassed flows into the Harris Branch WWTP lift station (ref. sheet 28 of 47).

A-13: Contractor will be allowed to discharge bypassed flows into the Harris Branch WWTP lift station for the construction of Junction Box 22.

Q-14: In reviewing the plans, multiple sheets contain a note that states "If fence is removed or damaged, Contractor to replace in kind." Doesn't the City of Austin need access through their permanent easement? Shouldn't gates be included at each fence crossing? For consistency amongst all bidders, will the Owner/Engineer include a bid item for installation of new fences across the permanent easement, including pull bracing on the outside edge of the easement, gate bracing, and a field gate?

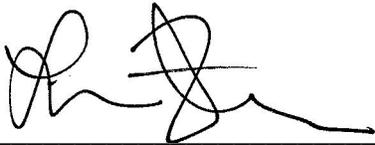
A-14: Bid the project per the plans and specifications.

Q-15: Will the Owner/Engineer consider increasing contract time for this project due to the number of tunnels and their lengths?

A-15: No.

Q-16: [P]er addendum and clarification Q&A (attached), FRPM pipe is required to be used outside of some of the tunnel segments. Bid items 510AWW-30 and 510AWW-36 do not show the quantity changes per A-33 for FRPM pipe to be used for the open cut portion of the scope.

A-16: Bidder is directed to see Addendum No. 3.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Whitworth', written over a horizontal line.

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