



# City of Austin

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Project Management Division  
505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 900, Austin, TX 78704

Date: October 12, 2016

PROJECT: Gus Garcia District Park – Phase 3 Improvements  
CIP ID: 6498.004  
IFB# 6100 CLMC 613

SUBJECT: Answers to Bidders Questions from Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting held on October 6, 2016.

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

Q-1: Section 00300U, there is a reference to the Geotechnical Baseline Report that the contractor must acknowledge, but it is not provided in the project manual. Can you provide that information or point out the section where we can find it?

A-1: Bidder is required to acknowledge and certify on bidder provided separate sheet that they read and understood the Geo-Technical Data, section 00220.

Q-2: Section 5.3 of the geotechnical report it states “For any flatwork outside the structure which will be sensitive to movement, subgrade preparation as discussed previously should be considered. This consideration will be particularly important on surrounding sidewalk and paving immediately adjacent to the structure.” Will this be required and what will be the limits of the requirement?

A-2: Section 5.3, paragraph 5 on page 35 of the project manual refers to subgrade preparation for the slab-on-grade foundation option described in Section 5.4, Building Pad Preparation. The subgrade preparation for the floor slab for the drilled shaft foundation is described in Section 5.10. Subgrade preparation extends three (3) feet beyond the structure perimeter.

Q-3: "The City neither warrants the capacity or availability of any Firm, nor does the City guarantee the performance of any Firm indicated on the availability list." as stated on page 6 of the Compliance Plan Packet-REV June 2016, and a potential subcontractor has a scope in excess of \$25,000.00 and cannot provide a payment bond or has excess of \$100,000.00 of work in their scope and cannot provide a bond, (Being that State Law states any contracted work exceeding \$25,000.00 requires a payment bond, and any contracted work exceeding \$100,000.00 requires a performance and payment bond on municipal work) are these reasonable grounds not to use that subcontractor regardless of certification status? Our insurance company and Bond agent requires us to obtain bonds from any subcontractor exceeding the statutory limits.

A-3: GOOD FAITH EFFORTS (2-9A-21)

When bidder/respondent cannot meet the established goals, the responding firm shall provide documentation of the firm’s good faith efforts to meet the goals. The ability or desire of a contractor to perform the work of the contract with its own organization does not relieve the contractor of the responsibility to demonstrate good faith efforts. The fact that additional costs may be involved in finding and using MBEs and WBEs is not reason for the bidder to not meet the MBE/WBE goals.

The following additional Good Faith Efforts factors may also be considered:

- Efforts to assist MBE/WBEs in bonding, insurance, and financing where appropriate. If assistance was provided, document in log of contacts.
- Efforts to assist MBE/WBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, and materials. If assistance was provided, document in log of contacts.

In assessing minimum good faith efforts, the SMBR Director may consider the performance of other Bidders/Proposers who were successful at meeting the goals.

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