

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSALS
4TH STREET N / RIVERSIDE DRIVE RR CROSSING, TS-2018-015
FEDERAL AID NO. RAIL-7232(005)

May 23, 2019

Bidding Questions & Responses

- 1) Question: *“Usually the bid form will include an Other Traffic Control Labor bid item by the hour when an hourly flagging item is included outside of the LS traffic control bid item. If added this item would cover traffic control labor to set up barrels/signs and devices. If not added I am assuming we would need to include this in the Lump Sum traffic control bid item or would this effort be paid by the hourly flagging bid item.”*

Answer: This project specifies the “Project Temporary Traffic Control” lump sum bid item instead of “Other Traffic Control Labor” per Sections 1-10.4(1) and 1-10.5(1) of the standard specifications. Traffic control work not associated with Bid Item 6: Traffic Control Supervisor, Bid Item 7: Pedestrian Traffic Control, or Bid Item 8: Flaggers should be included in Bid Item 5: Project Temporary Traffic Control. This includes work that would typically be included in the “Other Traffic Control Labor” category.

- 2) Question: *“Bid items 30-32 have 6,900 RPM’s on the project. Should this unit of measure be Each instead of Hundred? That’s a lot of RPM’s within the project limits.”*

Answer: The total estimated RPM quantity for the project is 69. The contract specifies payment of this bid item per hundred units. The Bid Proposal Form will be revised to clarify the estimated bid quantity as follows;

Bid Item 30 Quantity: .43

Bid Item 31 Quantity: .17

Bid Item 32 Quantity: .09

- 3) Question: *“My spec book shows permanent regulatory signage in Mt. Vernon needs to be High intensity or better. Is this still the case? I am working on the 4th Street Riverside job and it calls for Hospital, Railroad, and a few other signs. I want to make sure I quote for what is legally required in Mt. Vernon.”*

Answer: Signage shall conform to WSDOT Sign Fabrication Manual M 55-05 per Standard Specification Section 9-28. Sheeting Reflectivity Shall be High-Intensity Type II or III per WSDOT Traffic Manual Table 2-2.

- 4) Question: *“My spec book also says Mt. Vernon requires Green quick punch posts. Is this accurate?”*

Answer: Sign Post Sleeve, Sign Post and Sign Mounting Details per City Standard Details 3-8 and 3-9 can be found in the contract section Standard Plans, Overview Map, Location Maps.

Pre-Bid Meeting Questions & Discussion

5) Question: *“What is BNSF’s construction schedule?”*

Answer: BNSF is tentatively scheduled for construction in July. Schedule to be confirmed by City.

6) Question: *“Can contractor extend BNSF closure and detour for roadway improvement/paving work?”*

Answer: City will consider request from contractor for alternative traffic control and work hours in accordance with contract specifications. This includes full closures concurrent with or independent from BNSF Roadway work.

7) Question: *“Who pays for BNSF Flagging Costs?”*

Answer: The City pays BNSF Railroad Flagging costs.

8) Question: *“Is contractor required to pay PSE permit fees?”*

Answer: Yes. Per Special Provision 8-20.1(3) paragraph two, contractor is responsible for submitting PSE service application and obtaining electrical permits.

9) Question: *“How are HMA and Prelevel items paid?”*

Answer: HMA items are paid in accordance with contract plans and specifications. Plan Sheets RS1 and RD1 have been revised to clarify paving requirements.

10) Question: *“What is purpose of the wayside horn?”*

Answer: Wayside horn is a supplemental safety warning device. Contractor is responsible for complete installation, connection to BNSF Bungalow interface panel, testing, and training per contract specifications.

11) Question: *“Is a suspension of work allowed for material procurement and when will BNSF suspension occur?”*

Answer: Suspension of work for material procurement is allowed in accordance with contract specifications consistent with Contractors proposed project schedule. Intended Construction Sequence has been revised on Sheet G2 (2 of 19) to provide for recommended project suspension after Pre-Construction conference to allow for completion of BNSF Rail Crossing Improvements and material procurement prior to Contractor’s roadway construction.

12) *Project BNSF Requirements: All project workers must obtain appropriate BNSF Contractor Safety Training Certification. Go to www.bnsfcontractor.com for more information. Additional Rail Safety information is available at www.erailsafety.com. Workers must wear all required PPE at all times within BNSF ROW. Only Orange Safety vests are allowed. (No Yellow vests in BNSF ROW)*

13) *Question: “The wayside horn specifications require a GPS timing sync and programmable delay timer. Are these firm requirements?”*

Answer: Yes. The wayside horn assembly shall meet all of the plan and specification requirements.

14) *Question: “How many passenger trains and freight trains cross the track past the work site daily??”*

Answer: Eight Passenger Trains and Nine freight trains cross the tracks through the work zone daily.

Additional Questions regarding this project may be directed to the City of Mount Vernon (360) 336-6204. Questions will be received and answered in accordance with Section 1-02.4(1) of the Special Provisions. The plan holder’s list is available on the City’s website at <http://mountvernonwa.gov/bids.aspx>

Addenda will be issued online and will be emailed or mailed to bidders who are on the plan holders list. Bidders who download the bid packets will not be automatically added to the plan holders list and are encouraged to email a request to be added.