

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 1:

WB Ramp alignments are referenced to the WBFR Alignment, however this was not provided. Please provide WBFR alignment Data.

Response: Information is posted to the FTP Site.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 2:

The bid item is calling out Low Maintenance 8 each but the CCA summary sheet shows Sacrificial 2 each with no standards attached. Can you please advise which way to quote this project?

Response: We will look into potential error in plans. Bid project as advertised.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 3:

Are .xsr files available for the cross sections? Please provide them, if so.

Response: These files are unavailable.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 4:

Plan sheet No. 32 – EBFR Ramp 1 Phase 1 & Phase 2 Details show the contractor is to furnish and install Low Profile Concrete Barrier. No bid items are provided for the low profile traffic barrier, please provide a bid items for the installation and removal of Low Profile Traffic Barrier.

Response:

Per the “Treatment for Various Edge Conditions” (Sheet 37), the edge conditions do not warrant the use of positive barrier. Therefore, low profile barrier will not be needed as shown in Phase 1 & 2. Cut sections adjacent to the travel lane can be back filled at the end of each work day to protect edge drop-offs if warranted.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 5:

Plan sheet No. 32 – EBFR Ramp 1 Phase 1 & Phase 2 Details show temporary asphalt is to be installed in Phase 2. This quantity is not included in the bid item quantity for Constructing Detours. Please advise on the new bid item quantity.

Response:

This temporary pavement graphic is inadvertently shown and will not be installed. Per the TCP Narrative for Phase 2, the EB-FR Ramp 2 constructed during Phase 1 will be utilized for EB US 175 access.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 6:

Plan sheet No. 32 – Phase 2 – the LPTB called out as starting at STA 232+48 at 59' LT (NE corner of FM 148 intersection) does not have an ending station. Please advise the length of this run or provide an ending station.

Response: Low profile barrier will not be used.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 7:

Bid Item 512 6106 – PORT CTB REMOVE (F SHAPE OR SNGL SLP) TY1 bid item quantity is 5,930 LF. The total linear footage for removal as listed on Sheet No. 30, Traffic Control Details for Retaining Wall & Ramp Construction, is listed as 7,980 LF. Please advise if the bid quantity is correct or if it should be revised to match the quantity listed on Sheet No. 30.

Response: We will look into potential error in plans. Bid project as advertised.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 8:

There is a significant difference in LF of portable CTB installed and portable CTB removed from the job. The plans do not call for any Portable CTB to be left in place. Please clarify.

Response: We will look into potential error in plans. Bid project as advertised.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 9:

The soil borings provided in the Pavement Report show the existing on-site material has PI's outside of the allowable range defined for C1 Embankment. It appears the intent of the excavation and embankment quantities were to balance with minimal import needed. Given the information in the borings, there may be a large quantity of export of high PI material and a large quantity of import material. The Pavement Report has a handwritten note suggesting to increase the depth of the LTS due to extreme PI's. Please advise if TxDOT would consider increasing the thickness of the LTS section to allow the on-site material to be used.

Response: Bid project as advertised. Item 132 of the general notes does allow the Contractor to lime treat material to meet the requirements of Table 1 on Sheet A of the plans. This lime treatment would be considered subsidiary to Item 132.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
10:**

Retaining Wall RW2 Layout (Sheet 162) shows the use of Temp Shoring, however this is not quantified on the Summary of Quantities or shown on the Shoring Details. Please advise if Temp Shoring will be needed for RW2.

Response: Temporary shoring is not needed for RW2. The callouts in the plan and profile for RW2 were inadvertently left in.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
11:**

Will precast box culverts be allowed for the box culvert extensions?

Response: Precast boxes can be used as an alternative for no additional compensation. The use of precast will require an engineered drawing (from contractor) for the transition from the existing culverts.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
12:**

Can you please provide the trench backfill details for drainage pipe/boxes?

Response: Backfill drainage structures per Item 400 of Standard Specifications.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
13:**

Can we get the Horizontal Alignment Summary for the US 175 Centerline for the length of the project, please?

Response: Posted to the FTP Site.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
14:**

Removal plan sheet 133 shows the removal of a concrete structure around station 239+50. Looking at the area, no structure appears visible. Does the engineer have any available information of the structure to be removed?

Response: The structure called out for removal at this location is a ground box with a concrete apron.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
15:**

Sheet 247 "Miscellaneous Special Details Capping Inlets" Calls out for 5 locations where existing inlets need to be either capped or adjusted. Looking at the plan sheet at each of these locations it is specified to both adjust and cap the inlets. Is the intent to adjust or to cap these inlets? Please clarify.

Response: The five locations called out on Sheet 247 will be adjusted and capped.

Item 479-6002 => Adjusting existing inlet height to achieve proposed top of cap elevation.

Item 479-6006 => Capping existing inlets after height adjustments.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
16:**

Sheet 94 – Culvert at approximately STA 356+50 RT is left off the BCS. Could you give dimensions of the safety end treatment?

Sheet 95 – Culvert at approximately STA 362+50 RT is left off the BCS. Could you give dimensions of the safety end treatment?

Sheet 95 – Culvert at Driveway #7 is a parallel 4x2 box culvert. This has been left off the BCS. Could you give dimensions of the proposed safety end treatments?

Sheet 96 – Culvert at approximately STA 368+50 RT is left off the BCS. Could you give dimensions of the safety end treatment?

Sheet 257 – BCS - The culvert at STA 233+00 RT is detailed for a SETB-FW-0 end treatment, on a 7x3 box culvert. There is no pay item set up for this safety end treatment. Is there work to be performed at this culvert? If so, how will it be paid for?

Response: Supplemental Sheet with requested information is posted to FTP Site.

No work will be performed on existing culvert at STA 233+00.00.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
17:**

The CCA's are all show to be attached to the temporary CTB per sheet 36, which this CTB is all to be removed at end of project. That would mean the CCA's would also need to be removed, but there is no bid item for the removal of these CCA's. Please advise if it is TXDOT's intention to keep this contractor furnished CCA's or if an bid item will be added to account for the removals.

Response: Per Addendum #1. The following items will be utilized for the CCA's during traffic control.

545-6003 CRASH CUSH ATTEN (MOVE & RESET) = 5 EA

545-6005 CRASH CUSH ATTEN (REMOVE) = 3 EA

545-6019 CRASH CUSH ATTEN (INSTL)(S)(N)(TL3) = 3 EA

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

Question 18: Will the burning of brush be allowed?

Response: Burning of cleared brush will be allowed Per Item 100. Follow all local and state regulations when burning.

Pre-Bid Question Form

Project: C197-3-54
From: FM 148
To: CR 4106
Control: 0197-03-054
Highway: US 175
County: Kaufman

Provider: _____
Date: _____
Recipient: _____
Company: _____
Phone No.: _____
Meeting: _____

**Question
19:**

General Notes. Item 7: Please clarify and confirm that the Owner shall review any delay by any utility company in relocating any utility service which causes a delay to the project Critical Path and for which there is no separate Contractor-caused project delay, after proper notice and presentment of a proper request, for equitable adjustment of the Contract Time and Contract Price. Please confirm that the Owner shall assist in coordination with utility owners with respect to the relocation of any existing or discovered utilities that impact the project work. – **TxDOT will review any time impacts the Critical Path and associated costs due to unclear utilities. Any TIA submittal should follow the spec book requirements. Additionally, the department will coordinate with utility owners to resolve.**

General Notes. Item 7: Please provide for Contractor's review copies of utility easements that Owner has obtained from utility owners within the ROW. – **There are no utility easements within the TxDOT ROW project limits. Utilities are permitted within TxDOT ROW in accordance with the Utility Accommodation Rules and as approved in their permits.**

Please provide the information and explain any known instance of any utility or obstructions within the right of way and provide the associated information on removals, relocations or adjustments, or indicate the willingness to work on these issued after award equitably. – **In the event they are needed, this information would be available to remedy any potential issues.**

Please confirm that Contractor shall only be liable for locating the utilities per the Texas rules and regulations, and failure to properly and timely mark its own utility lines by the utility owner and its third party locating agent shall relieve Contractor of responsibility for locating such utility lines. – **Texas Utility Code specifies the process for locating utilities; TxDOT does not determine the liability of such.**

Under Special Provision to Item 000, at what point in the project, i.e. substantial completion, will liquidated damages be assessed? – **Liquidated Damages are assessed when the Contractor fails to complete the project within the contract time.**

Are liquidated damages the County's only relief for delays? – **Liquidated Damages will be assessed per the SP to Item 000. There are no other additional project-specific LD's such as Road User Costs.**

Under Special Provision to Item 6, is the reduction in CL testing charges due to tardiness a

penalty? – No, this is not a penalty to the Contractor.

Please disclose any known restrictions on Access to the Work, or confirm affirmatively or by the absence of any such disclosure that the Owner is not aware of any issues affecting Access to the Project Site or the Work, recognizing that Owner duty to provide access. – No known restrictions.

Under Item 4 Article 4, Changes in the Work, can a change order be issued for work being performed under a force account before the work is completed? – A change order for an agreed upon estimated cost of the force account work can be issued before the work is complete. The final compensation for the completed work would be based on the actual cost tracked via Force Account method.

Under Item 4 Article 4, Changes in the Work, what is the notice or time requirement for the Contractor to give notice for the need of a Change Order? – As soon as the potential need is identified.

Under Item 4 Article 4, Changes in the Work, does a change order waive all claims relating to the changed work? - No; However, the Contractor must notify the Engineer in writing of any intent to request additional compensation once there is knowledge of the basis of the request.

Under Item 4 Article 5, what is the required written notice? - Any form of written notification.

Under Item 5, Article 1, will the Engineer provide written detailed notice to the Contractor prior to a suspension? -Yes

Under Item 5 Article 2, will the Owner require the Contractor to retain a licensed engineer to seal drawings for this Project? – Yes, this project does contain work that will require licensed engineered drawings from the Contractor.

Will prior written noticed be provided to Contractor before the Owner undertakes remedial measures in Item 5 Article 3.2? - Yes

Under Item 5 Article 6, is it the Engineer's or Owner's responsibility to coordinate with the Utility Owner and move conflicting utilities? – If utility adjustments are required, the Engineer will make necessary arrangements with the utility owner.

Item 7 Article 5. Please confirm that Contractor's indemnity does not extend to intellectual property selected or specified by the Owner or Engineer? – Correct.

Under Item 7, Article 15, who has the responsibility to conduct a pre-construction survey of adjacent structures? – Contractor.

Item 7, No. 16 Please confirm that the restriction in the last paragraph does not apply to actions in gross negligence or intentional torts. – Does apply.

Under Item 7, Article 18, is the Contractor responsible after a roadway opens for ordinary wear & tear or for a loss caused by 3rd parties? - Until final acceptance, the Contractor is responsible for all work constructed under the Contract. The Department will be

responsible for the repair work of new construction that is due to the causes listed in Section 7.17.1 “Reimbursable Repairs”.

Under Item 8 Article 7.1 how is "fails to conduct the work in an acceptable manner" different from the other categories listed in this Article? – It is similar and in line with other categories listed.

Item 7 No. 16: What is the process for the Contractor to locate underground pipelines and utilities? – Texas Law dictates this process.

Please confirm that any new laws, codes, or regulations or modifications of existing laws, codes, or regulations which take effect after the signing date of this Contract which impose additional cost or time shall be a basis for adjustment of the Contract Price and Contract Time, as appropriate. – TxDOT would review any additional cost/impacts due to such events.

Please, confirm that the Contract shall have no self-perform requirement, or specify the percentage of the cost of Work to be self-performed. – Per Item 8.2.1, Contractor must perform work with own organization on at least 30% of the total original Contract cost.

Response: Please see responses (red) above.