

PROSPECTIVE BIDDER'S INQUIRIES

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Bid Opening Date: 11-2-22			
No.	QUESTION	TxDOT AREA OFFICE RECEIVED QUESTION FROM BIDDER	RESPONSE
		DATE	
1	Can you please provide a Contract Time Determination Schedule?	10/17/22	Posted to this FTP site.
2	In order to provide a bid using what is needed exactly for the 3x3 PAZD, profiles are needed. Is there any other information available so that we know how deep of a structure is needed. The drainage details for this structure is not in the plan set provided. Elevations are also needed. Please advise.	10/17/22	The intent is to utilize the TxDOT standards "Precast Base" (PB), "Design Data for Precast Base and Junction Box" (PDD), and "Precast Area Zone Drain" (PAZD) for the inlet at driveway D135. The inlet will need to be installed to drain based on the site conditions. See Addendum #2
3	Sheet 58 - existing asphalt and concrete driveway details show Superpave HMA, if the contractor opts to use full depth HMA in lieu of flex base, covered prime and OCST on the dirt/gravel driveways, would that also need to be Superpave HMA or would D-GR HMA TY-D be acceptable? Or is this Superpave HMA label a mistake on Sheet 58 and all driveways can be done with D-GR HMA TY-D as we are accustomed to using for hotmix driveways?	10/19/2022	LFK is shifting to the use of superpave mixtures. Bid per the plans
4	Sheet 5 - The Rework Base Material item in the geogrid section shows a width of 20' on the proposed typical section, but the SY quantity on Sheet 8 is calculated using a 28' width. Which is correct?	10/19/2022	Both are correct. 20' of the base material will be reworked and spread to 28'. The quantity in the estimate is correct.

5	Sheet 33 - Sequence of work is separated by work type, but what is TxDOT's preference for the order of construction for full rehab, widening, and geogrid? Specifically, what will be the remedy when tying all of these sections together if we see grade and elevation issues that are not corrected with 1.5" hotmix level-up? Will that item be allowed to overrun to correct these areas?	10/19/2022	TxDOT does not have a preference of the order of the rehab, widening and geogrid. Uncorrected issues will be corrected on a case by case basis.
6	Please see addendum.	10/20/2022	Please see addendum.
7	Are plan and profile sheets available for this project?	10/24/22	No
8	Is it your intent to use a pilot car for the traffic control?	10/24/22	Yes
9	How will the full rehab sequence work as far as the traffic control goes? I would think you would have to keep half the road open to traffic while you work, but the traffic control plans don't show how they want to do it.	10/24/22	The rehab sections are built under traffic using a pilot car.
10	What is done with the salvaged base taken from the geogrid areas?	10/24/22	It is Rework Base Material, TY B. It is to be <u>scarified</u> , <u>salvaged</u> to another location and <u>relayed</u> on the road. Item 247 TY D Flex Base is to be laid on the bottom lift on top of the geogrid.
11	There are not enough days in the project	10/24/22	The contract days for this project are 228. The work to be accomplished is shown in the plans. Failure to complete the contract within the number of working days specified will result in liquidated damages for each working day charged over the number of working days specified See Addendum #2

12	Item 316 6530 allows for use of ac or emulsion but bid item 316 6151 allows for PE GR 4 aggregate only. The aggregate item should allow for PE, E, PL, or L. Please clarify.	10/25/22	TxDOT agrees the aggregate item should allow for PE, E, PL or L. Errors in the plans can be addressed per Item 4.4 See Addendum #2
13	If the contractor chooses to use full depth hma in lieu of the cement treat plant mix will the covered prime be required?	10/25/22	No.
14	If the contractor chooses to use full depth hma in lieu of the cement treat plant mix will the strip seal, be required?	10/25/22	Yes.
15	Plan sheet #5, in the typical section at the top of the page, shows the strip seal to be grade 4 aggregate. Plan sheet #8 roadway summary quantities indicate grade 3 aggregate is to be used for strip seal. Please clarify.	10/25/22	Bid per applicable item in the plans. Errors in the plans can be addressed per Item 4.4 See Addendum #2
16	In looking at the schedule, it appears that there are considerably too few days in the contract. If you use the LFK working days for the 29 months you would get 346 days. If you subtract out the 38 days (Again, based on the LFK working days) in the 6 months that no work can be done, you would have 308 days, which appears to be a more reasonable amount of time to complete the work. If no more days will be added & as you responded to question 11 & liquidated damages will be charged, will the contractor's evaluation reflect being in LD's?	10/25/22	TxDOT has reviewed the schedule again and has found no issues with the production rates or the work calendars. Liquidated damages are an indication of timeliness, but not the only criteria used when performing contractor evaluations. See Addendum #2

17	There doesn't appear to be enough new flex base set up. The total in summary seems to be only for the first 6" of new base on Geogrid. If you remove 6" of existing base, put 6" of new on Geogrid, place the salvaged base at a wider width you would only have maybe 10" or less of total base. Typical say a total of 16" of base over the geogrid. Can the base quantities be corrected?	10/25/22	Bid as shown in the plans. Errors in the plans can be addressed per Item 4.4, 5.4, & 9.7. See Addendum #2
18	TCP(2-8)-18 needs to be added as Temp signals are being required.	10/25/22	The intent is to utilize temporary signals in accordance with the TCP(2-8)-18 standard. See Addendum #2
19	Plan sheet 7B (Estimate & Quantity) shows a need of 500 LF, but Plan sheet 10 does not show this item in the (Permanent Pavement Markings & Markers Summary). Will this item be required for this project?	10/27/22	See Addendum #2
20	Please post the new contract time determination.	11/1/22	The updated schedule is posted on the FTP site.
21	Will the barricades be updated?	11/1/22	No.
22	The new time determination schedule is a joke. It is the same schedule as the original one. Please advise on how you even thought this was reasonable/responsible. Do you think three Contractors that are providing you advice are stupid?	11/1/22	No, we took a step-by-step review of the schedule and we found days that were left out in error. We also found opportunities to add days that would have been historically excluded but we felt would be justified due to present conditions. However we did not feel that the number of barricade months was insufficient for a project of this nature.

22	Will mulching be allowed within the row and the mulch allowed to be left in place especially in the National Forest areas?	11/2/2022	TxDOT allows mulching within the row. However, the mulch has to allow for vegetation to establish and cannot be a hazard to mowing operations, i.e. the mulched material size has to be mowable. Also, excess mulch cannot be placed or allowed to accumulate in areas that could pose environmental concerns i.e. washing into Waters of the U.S. or excess accumulating in low lying areas. All prep row material leaving the row has to be disposed of at an approved disposal site in accordance with all applicable TACs.
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