

City of Sausalito
Project 1B – Spinnaker/Humboldt Street Sewer and Anchor Pump
Station Rehabilitation Project
Pre-Bid Conference
October 2, 2012

The following are notes from the pre-bid meeting. Questions from bidders and responses from the City follow.

Meeting Notes:

- City staff provided an overview of the project
- Noise ordinance limits that restrict the hours of work are associated with residential areas. If the work is 500 feet away from residences (approximately mid-way between the intersection of Humboldt Avenue and Bay Street and the new package lift station), work hours are not restricted.
- The downtown restroom project, which is currently occupying the staging area in Lot 2, is anticipated to be completed late December 2012 to early January 2013.
- The Spinnaker Restaurant manager indicated that January and February are slow months for the restaurant. During those months, it would be easier for the restaurant to accommodate the contractors work as long as properly coordinated with the restaurant manager, Jeff Scharosch.
- Bidders are not allowed to visit the restaurant portion of the job site without first getting authorization from the City who will coordinate pre-bid visits with the Spinnaker Restaurant.

Questions and Responses

- Q1: Why was the low bid not awarded from the previous bid?
- A1: The funding for the project was not fully in place within the time required for the City to award the project.
- Q2: The contract documents have requirements for the contacting of agencies for 15 days as part of the good faith effort for DBE participation. Since the Notice inviting bidders did not indicate this and the potential bidder asking the question only saw the requirement at the pre-bid conference, then a two-week extension on the bid date should be provided. Further, an additional week delay in bid opening would allow bidders to get better acquainted with the documents.
- A2: The time available during the advertisement of this project should be sufficient for perspective bidders to meet the DBE goals and other requirements in the contract documents. No extension of bid date is anticipated at this time.

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Q3: What are the restaurant hours of operation?

A3: The restaurant is open from 11 AM to 11 PM daily. Someone is working at the restaurant 24 hours per day. Water usage is low in the early morning hours.

Q4: The contract documents indicate that hours for working at the restaurant are coordinated with the restaurant manager. These should be stated so that everyone is bidding on the same thing. Additionally, the tides may hinder work under the restaurant; consider “tide days” extensions on the contract time, much like weather days.

A4: The time constraints are not explicit in order to give the contractors the most flexibility in preparing the bids. The City understands that different contractor might approach the work differently. The tides are predictable months in advance, whereas weather is not. The contractor is expected to schedule its work appropriately for the conditions, the tide being one of the conditions. See Section 01010 for schedule constraints.

Q5: Have the sewers been video inspected?

A5: Yes, the inspections were in 2010. CDs of the inspections are available from the City.

Q6: The tree at the downstream MH near Anchor PS will be in the way of the construction. How much can be removed?

A6: The City will address the tree by addendum.

Q7: How much of Humboldt Street needs to be repaved? How much can be closed off?

A7: The bid item has a square footage of pavement indicated. Humboldt Street is a transportation hub for tour buses. The street can be closed off in halves or less at a time. See C02 for traffic control requirements/restrictions. Limits of paving will be addressed by addendum.