



June 18, 2024

Addendum 1

Bid No. 24-052-2024-PWI-025

Big Mouth Gully Slope Stabilization Project

Public Works Project No. 2024-PWI 025

Addendum 1 contains questions and answers submitted during the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

This bid will be opened at the City of Fairhope's City Services and Public Utilities Building, 555 South Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532 at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Vendors shall acknowledge this Addendum 1 on their submitted Bid Response Form.

Questions Submitted during the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting:

1. Where does the City propose or anticipate the Contractor can stage the unclassified excavation?
 - A. The City will work with the awarded Contractor on all available options within the immediate area, which we acknowledge are limited. The northern shoulder area along Cliff Drive would be best, although compact. The Contractor should contemplate in his pricing the challenge of working in a limited operational space.

2. What is the high level of the flow during intense storm events? How far above the toe of the MSE wall does stormwater get during high flow events? *Contractor is concerned about scour and undermining at the toe of the wall.*
 - A. No detailed water modeling has been done in advance of this project. This is a continuation of a prior MSE wall project circa 2004-2006 and there has been no observed scour or undermining of that MSE wall system, which is located upstream of where the runoff velocity would be assumed higher. The control of this reach of drainageway (gully) is S. Mobile Street – runoff is surcharges and there is a backwater condition, however, velocities are reduced and scour and undermining should not be a factor.

3. Is it anticipated in the contract that shoring, sheeting, or other means and methods of the Contractor are required to protect the structure (condominium) from erosion or slope failure during construction (especially considering the required cut-back for the geo grid)?
 - A. This falls under Contractor's Means and Methods and the required PROTECTION Clause (No. 11) of the GENERAL CONDITIONS, SPECIAL PROVISIONS and SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS. The Contractor should contemplate in his pricing the required means and methods to ensure the proper precautions at all times for the protection of persons and property and shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property, either on or off the site, which occur as a result of his prosecution of the work.

4. Would the City and Project Engineer be willing to consider an alternative proposal and pricing for a Gravity Wall System vs. MSE Wall System? A Gravity Wall System would shrink the cut-back to 8-feet vs. 18-feet.

A. The City has used MSE Wall Systems on multiple Gully Slope Stabilizations with great success and requiring minimal maintenance. Secondly, there is a general publicly held environmental sensitivity to the City's historic gullies and how they are impacted by the City's growth and development. The MSE Wall System has a proven track record of public acceptance and post construction allows vegetation to reinhabit the slope face thus giving it a natural untouched appearance. Whereas there would be a concern that a gravity wall would present as a monolithic hardscape.

With these concerns stated, the first and foremost is a slope stabilization project. If a different retaining wall system can achieve the same objective, with less potential intrusion (impact) at the extents of construction, and possibly at a lower overall cost, it may be considered.

Nothing bars a vendor from submitting a sealed bid that 100% meets the outcome of the design using an alternative system outside of the provided specification. However, this deviation from the specifications must be backed up with a detailed and measurable justification and alternate specification that unequivocally proves that it is an equivalent system. Low bid price is a cornerstone of Public bid Law – it controls the awarding of Public Works Projects. However, the requirement of equivalent must be met without conditions or qualification(s).

A Vendor attempting an alternative proposal assumes all risks of a bid rejection due to potential irregularities, challenges from other bidders, and other factors deemed by law. If awarded the bid with an alternative proposal at a lower overall price, the Vendor will be held to the full extents of the contract documents and shall deliver a complete Slope Stabilization "turn-key" Public Works Project.



CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
PRE-BID MEETING

Meeting Date: 06/13/24 at 02:00 p.m.

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