

Bidder Inquiries and Responses
Boulder Creek Sewer Interceptor-Phase 1
Bid Schedule No. 4313

INQUIRY NO.: 1 DATE: 2-24-10

BIDDER NAME: **Columbo Construction**

INQUIRY: Is it necessary to meet all of the DBE Good-Faith Effort requirements if the bidder is already a DBE.

DATE: 2-26-10 RESPONSE:

The DBE requirements of these specifications apply to DBE bidders for prime contracts. The Good Faith Effort requirements must be satisfied by DBE bidders bidding as a prime contractor. In determining whether a DBE bidder for a prime contract has met a contract goal, the work the DBE bidder has committed to performing with its own forces as well as the work that it has committed to be performed by DBE subcontractors and DBE suppliers counts toward the goal.

INQUIRY NO.: 2 DATE: 2-24-10

BIDDER NAME: **Cox & Cox Construction**

1. Specs/Plans require a ¾” Class II AB bedding, will ¾” crushed be acceptable.
2. Bid Item #4 (listed in bid package) is 3,660 versus plan sheet 3 (bid item list) is 3,319 lf. Please confirm which is correct.
3. There is a callout of a Manhole Table (table 2 on sheet 14) which seems to be missing.

DATE: 2-26-10 RESPONSE:

1. No. Please use class 2 AB.
2. Bid package is wrong. New proposal form coming out as addendum 1. 3319 is correct number.
3. Please disregard callout to manhole table. Please refer to plans for which manhole construction method to use.

INQUIRY NO.: 3 DATE: 2-25-10

BIDDER NAME: **Parsons Brinkerhoff**

INQUIRY: Restricted Access Requirements - The contractor is limited in his ability to access the work and comply with environmental restrictions. Specific challenges for the contractor will be limiting his activities to the 20-foot or 40-foot wide construction limits and limiting trips in Zone 2 (limited construction access) to a total of three passes without plates or matting laid to protect the plants and soil from damage from equipment. Consider adding a statement to the pay description for Item #1 – Mobilization, to specifically include any temporary means or measures required by the contractor to access the site and maintain compliance with permits and environmental access restrictions.

DATE: 2-26-10 RESPONSE:

Access is limited to the locations as shown on the plans. The City does not have an access easement from College View Drive (near Bethel Church) to the work area.

INQUIRY NO.: 4 DATE: 2-25-10

BIDDER NAME: **Parsons Brinkerhoff**

INQUIRY: Work Plan Submittal and Review - The contractor is required to submit Item #2 - “Boulder Creek

Work Plan” within 20 days of the Notice to Proceed, as the first order of work. The Engineer has 21 days to review the work plan. Given the extensive requirements of the “work plan,” comprised of a set of ten distinct, required plans, a significant portion of contract time will likely be used for submittal preparation and review and any subsequent revisions before authorization to begin mobilization to the site is granted. Consider modifying Time of Completion language to a delayed start or otherwise ensure that 40+ days for submittal and approval of the work plan have been included in the contract time.

DATE: 2-26-10 RESPONSE:

Submit the work plan as required in the specifications.

INQUIRY NO.: 5		DATE: 2-25-10
BIDDER NAME: Parsons Brinkerhoff		
INQUIRY: Backfill over CLSM – If the contractor opts to use CLSM for pipe zone material, the compressive strength is limited to within 75 and 150 psi at 28-days and the material must pass a drop ball test prior to placement of backfill (Section 31 23 24, Part 3.4 b), however, there is no specification on what constitutes a passing test. The USBR utility crossing (see detail 1 on sheet 13 of 15) requires that flowable fill be placed to separate the utilities. From our experience with the use of CLSM as pipe zone material on gravity sewer installation work on the Stillwater Business Park, which used a maximum allowable indentation diameter of 3 inches, backfill operations may be expected to be delayed by as much as 72 hours after placement of the CLSM while the material gains strength.		
DATE: 2-26-10		RESPONSE:
ASTM D6024-07 standard mentions in Section 7.2 that if the diameter of indentation is less than or equal to 3-inches, then the CLSM is suitable for the load application.		
INQUIRY NO.: 6		DATE: 2-26-10
BIDDER NAME: Cox and Cox Construction		
INQUIRY: Would SDR 26 (PVC) be an acceptable alternative to the hdpe pipe for the sections that are not burst?		
DATE: 2-26-10		RESPONSE:
Yes. PVC is in the specifications for areas that are not pipe burst.		
INQUIRY NO.: 7		DATE: 2-26-10
BIDDER NAME: Cox and Cox Construction		
INQUIRY: What specification will govern- COR Specifications and Standards or Contract Documents?		
DATE: 2-26-10		RESPONSE:
The Contract Documents govern.		
INQUIRY NO.: 8		DATE: 2-26-10
BIDDER NAME: Cox and Cox Construction		
INQUIRY: Will the contractor be allowed to discharge dewatering water to the existing sewer system?		
DATE: 2/26/10		RESPONSE:
No. Discharge of dewatering water into the existing sewer is not allowed.		