

Oneonta City School District
CREEK FLOOD REMEDIATION
PRE-BID MEETING QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

March 26, 2014

1. *NEW BID OPENING DATE IS MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 AT 2:00.*

2. *Comment: Insurance requirements are extraordinarily high for a small project.*

District has requested a review of the limits by our insurance agent. Insurance requirements will be changed as follows (see attachment):

Supplementary Conditions:

Section 11.8.1-Products Completed Operations-Reduced to \$2,000,000

Section 11.8.3-Commercial Umbrella-minimum reduced to \$1,000,000

Section 11.8.4-Workers Compensation and Employers Liability-To read "Statutory Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance for all employees.

3. *Comment: Bid and Performance Bonds were not required in the first bid cycle.*

The district is not requiring submission of a bid bond. District is however, requiring performance and payment bond.

4. *Per bidding documents, will district be requiring Chain Link Security Fencing and/or Orange Fencing?*

Delete Section 1.7. District will ONLY be requiring contractor to provide orange construction fencing. Chain link security fencing is NOT required.

5. *Is grout required on old rip rap or old and new rip rap?*

See revised drawings.

6. *What is the extent of tree removal that is acceptable on the bank?*

The preference is to save as much vegetation and maintain as close to natural state as possible. That is, remove as few trees as possible. Trees should be removed ONLY when absolutely necessary to access site.

7. *Will the pile of stone that is there now be removed before the project starts?*

No. This is City of Oneonta property and will not be available as a staging area. Possible staging areas can be discussed with District Grounds Department.

8. Comment: The ten page supplemental conditions schedule was excessive and cumbersome with all the addendums and add/deletes to the original document. This should be addressed up front by a secretary before the original document goes out. Things could be missed while trying to go back and forth to add and delete from the original wording.

Gary Ellis will discuss with Keystone representatives.

Due to timing constraints, district is not requesting that the document be rewritten but will consider for future projects.

9. The bidding documents and supplemental conditions make reference to asbestos removal, which is confusing.

There is NO asbestos removal in this project.

10. Is this project subject to prevailing wage? Yes. District requestd a schedule from the Department of Labor and will forward to bidders when received.

11. Does water need to be pumped?

We don't believe that this will be necessary. Refer to the Army Corp of Engineers permit. It was noted that the original permit says to pump water. Another issue is working around sediment. Engineer recommended starting from the downstream end and working upstream.

Contractors are to follow the Army Corps permit requirements which require them to work in a "dry" streambed. If the stream is not dry during the work, then some diversion may be required. Either a diversion around the work area (i.e. working half the stream at a time) or pumping around are two options.

12. There is a gas line indicated in the drawings. Is that still there and is it live?

Yes. NYSEG did remediation work recently. Our work will be over top of that line. Drawing locations are approximate. Gas line will need to be flagged.

13. Will all the required work take place outside?

Yes. All work will take place outside on site. There is no work from this project which would require entering a district building.

14. What is the maintenance period, if any?

A one year warranty is required

15. Is there any retainage?

Usually it is 5%. Contract documents requirement 5% retainage

16. What was the engineer's Estimate?

This is the second attempt to bid this job the original bids ranged between \$30k+ and \$100+k.