ADDENDUM NO. 1/Bid POSTPONEMENT TERM AGREEMENT FOR THE ANCILLARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM - SOUTH AREA PN PN7226C SPECIFICATION NO. 138104

For which bids will be opened in the office of the Department of Procurement Services, Room 103, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 on March 24, 2016, is rescheduled to April 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Central Time:

BIDDERS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECIEPT OF THIS ADDENDUM NO. 1/Bid POSTPONEMENT IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE PROPOSAL PAGE

NOTICE OF ADDENDUM OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

1. Question:

Book 3 pg 11, 111.7 Concreting in cold weather states: "All additional cost to the contractor for the protection of concrete during cold weather or the removal and replacement of frozen concrete mortar must be included in the unit or lump sum prices to be paid for the work necessary under the appropriate items, and no additional payment therefore will be made to the contractor." Item # 47 is Winter Protection of Concrete. Please clarify that we will be paid item 47 if and when we need to for pcc base course, concrete collars, cast in place structures etc., and that winter protection Is not incidental to the concrete items.

Answer:

Winter protection of new concrete will be paid as described in item 47 and is not incidental. The methods of winter protection vary and the method of protection for each of the various types of concrete construction shall conform to section 1020.13 of the current IDOT SSRBC. See attached amended ITEM 47 Winter Protection specification.

2. Question:

The ductile iron water main specs seem to differ from the latest water jobs that were bid, as far as pipe coatings and fitting coatings. Please clarify that we are to bid these jobs, for the water main related items, with the dip and fittings as described in Section 33 11 13 rev 4.09.

Answer:

Water main should conform to the latest Water Management specification 33 11 13, see attached.

3. Question:

Is there a buy American clause for this project, specifically for the ductile iron fittings?

Answer:

See Book 1Terms and Conditions section XXI (K) – Buy America.

4. Question:

Book 3 pg 36 Rules Concerning Utilities #4 of the utility is located at a horizontal distance from the center line of the sewer less than the internal diameter of the sewer plus 4 feet, the utility will be abandoned or maintained by the contractor." Will line items be paid to abandon the existing utility? Will line items be paid to maintain the utility? Please clarify how we will be compensated for the added cost of supporting an existing utility and the loss of production that goes along with it.

Answer:

No additional compensation will be paid to abandon or maintain the existing utility. Any cost to abandon or maintain utility must be included in the line items. It is the contractor's responsibility to coordinate supports with the private utility companies to support their facilities prior to construction.

5. Question:

Item #7 is for drain connections, the spec book 3 pg43, refers to vitrified clay pipe, ductile iron pipe, and polyvinyl chloride pipe. There is a pay item for 8" pvc. Will item 7i 8" pvc be the only drain connection where pvc is allowed? Please clarify.

Answer:

BID ITEM 7I - 8-INCH POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) CATCH BASIN OUTLET is the only drain connection where PVC pipe is allowed and only when directed by the Commissioner.

6. Question:

Item #14 Trench Backfill for Abandoned Structures Method of Payment and the Bid item in Book 2 is listed to be paid **per each** of trench backfill for abandoned structure. Shouldn't that be per cubic yard? Each structure would have a different volume so per each would not work. Please clarify.

Answer:

Item 14 trench backfill for abandoned structures will be paid for per cubic yard. See attached.

7. Question:

There does not appear to be any kind of escalation clause in the documents. Are the unit prices firm for the entire duration of the project without any possible escalation for labor and material increase beyond our control?

Answer:

Escalation of prices is descried in the attachment to be added after page 5 of Book 2, Instructions and Execution Documents.

8. Question:

The insurance portion of the documents specify RR Protective Insurance if needed. However, that type of insurance is normally very expensive and would require a separate policy for each location and RR company involved. Can a line item be added to the bid units to cover the cost of any RR Insurance required as a possible contingency amount in which the insurance costs is reimbursed from?

Answer:

The Department does not anticipate work near a railroad. If it becomes necessary to work near a railroad, the contractor will be compensated for the additional costs associated with obtaining a railroad permit via a contract modification.

9. Question:

Will soil testing be required for each location regardless of the quantity of earth excavation involved at a particular location?

Answer:

Yes, the contractor shall comply with the City of Chicago rules and regulations and Illinois Environmental Protection Act to procure sites for the disposal of all excavated material in conformity with all laws and ordinances, and shall furnish, for the Commissioner, a copy of all permits.

10. Question:

For the Bid Submittal Forms can we scan the bid pages and type in our unit prices in lieu of handwriting in all of the Bid Units, and Total Price Extensions?

Answer:

Yes.

End of Addendum #1