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Bid #2020-09

Glen Street Bridge Design Consultant Addendum #4

Narrative A: The project limits for this culvert re-lining including construction of cut-off walls, appears to be within existing town Right of Way. However, it is anticipated that temporary construction easements, outside the Town ROW, will be required for certain construction activities, at both upstream and downstream locations. The worst-case scenario suggests that 4 properties will be impacted involving 3 owners. Please confirm the following:

Question 1: Will the design consultant be required to prepare Property Maps for the acquisition of property rights and or easements?

Question 2: Will acquire those rights and or easements?

Answer 1: Yes.

Answer 2: The Town will acquire easements as required, using maps and schedules prepared by the selected consultant team. However, proposers can offer assistance in these acquisitions as an additional service.

Narrative B: The Scope of Services on page 6 makes specific reference to the survey requirements for Army Corps of Engineers and CTDEEP permits. However, the Permits section only lists Local Inland Wetlands and Flood Management Certification as required permits. Although we agree that a Local Inland/Wetland permit will be required, a Flood Management Certification (DEEP) will not. Connecticut Environmental Statutes and regulations state that Flood Management Certification is not required on Municipal projects that do not make use of State or Federal funds. Also in accordance with Army General Permits for the State of Connecticut, this improvement type (culvert slip-lining that changes invert elevations) will require a Section 401 Water Quality Certificate, Pre-Construction Notification – USACE General Permit with all supporting documentation. Please clarify the following

Question 3: Will a Flood Management Certification (DEEP) be required for this project?

Question 4: Will a Section 401 Water Quality Certificate, Pre-Construction Notification – USACE General Permit be required for this project?

Answer 3: As there are no plans at this time to use Federal or State funds, a Flood Management Certification does not appear to be required for this project.

Answer 4: Unless a design option is proposed that does not change the invert elevation, the referenced ACOE permit will be required.

Narrative C: As the RFP suggests, it would be beneficial for the designer to obtain soils boring information at the inlet and outlet of the culvert to facilitate the design of the cut-off walls. Soil borings are typically a pass-through cost and itemized as a Direct Cost item.

Question 5: Will the direct costs be included with the respondents Design Fee Proposal, or should the Proposal Form be modified to include an itemized list of direct costs?

Question 6: If the direct costs are itemized separately, will they be evaluated as part of the overall price proposal, or will they be treated as incidental costs for information only?

Answer 5: These direct costs should be included with the design fees.

Answer 6: Direct costs will be evaluated as part of overall proposal

Narrative D: The goal of this project is to eliminate the Load Posting signs currently displayed on Glen Street. The RFP states that consultants shall prepare an "Engineers Letter Report" confirming that the original load rating was achieved by the rehabilitation project. This description underestimates the level of documentation required by the CTDOT to revise or remove the weight limit signs. The only instrument, acceptable to the Connecticut DOT, that will eliminate the Load Posting, would be a comprehensive Load Rating Report, prepared and assembled in accordance with the CTDOT Load Rating Guidelines and signed and sealed by a Connecticut Professional Engineer. This report will be presented to the CTDOT Posting Committee and if approved, the CTDOT will recommend revising or removing the load posting signs.

Question 7: Will the town require a Load Rating Report, developed in accordance with the CTDOT Load Rating Guidelines (in lieu of an "Engineers Letter Report")?

Answer 7: Yes.