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CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO
MEDINA CITY RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS
CITY JOB No.: 977

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY AT THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL, 132 NORTH ELMWOOD AVENUE, MEDINA, OHIO UNTIL
10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2015 AND
AT THAT TIME AND PLACE WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD

ADDENDUM No. 1
February 2, 2015

NOTE: This Addendum No. 1 consists only of a bid clarification with responses to questions received about this project; there are no changes to the contract documents, bid form or bidding schedule.

Bid Clarification, Questions / Responses

Please find below answers to questions regarding the project that have been submitted to the City through February 2, 2015:

1. **QUESTION:** How will the specific locations of work (tie replacement, track surface and align, gauging, rail products, etc.) be determined and communicated to the contractor?

RESPONSE: Prior to the start of work, the City's rail inspector will field locate and mark all areas of work. The contractor will be permitted to accompany the City's rail inspector during this process if he/she desires. For bidding purposes, bidders shall assume that the areas of work could be located anywhere within the 3.76 mile long City of Medina Railway.

2. **QUESTION:** Reference Item #1-DITCHING, does the excavated material (spoils) have to be removed from the site?

RESPONSE: No, bidders should assume that all excavated material will remain on site adjacent to the excavated ditch. The excavated material must be placed so that it generally matches the existing topography of the adjacent surfaces does not create any drainage problems (spoils must be blended into adjacent lands; no 'mounds' or 'piles' of excavated material will be permitted).

3. **QUESTION:** Within the specifications for Item #2-TIE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT, specifically under Section 3.3 (Tie Placement and Installation), paragraph 3.3.3 references tie straightening. Is the contractor required to straighten existing ties that are not being replaced?

RESPONSE: No, this item applies only to new ties that are furnished and installed. Existing ties that are to remain in place are not part of this item. Any work requested by the City on existing ties that are to remain in place shall be considered extra work to be paid for within a change order to the contract.

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4. QUESTION: Within the specifications for Item #2-TIE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT, specifically under Section 3.4 (Completion Procedures), paragraph 3.4.2 referenced surface and aligning of the area at the new tie. Is the contractor required to surface and align individual tie replacements within this item?

RESPONSE: No. Bidders are advised that the majority of the areas of tie removal and replacement will also be the areas covered by Item #4 TRACK SURFACE AND ALIGN. Surface and aligning in these areas will be paid for within Item #4. There may be areas of isolated tie replacements outside of the track surface and align areas. Hand tamping and smoothing of tie replacements in these isolated areas will be acceptable.

5. QUESTION: Within Item #4 – TRACK SURFACE AND ALIGN, will the entire quantity (2,500 LF) be used within the same area, or will it be used in several smaller areas?

RESPONSE: Bidders should assume that entire 2,500 LF quantity will be utilized within two (2) separate areas of the track.

6. QUESTION: The bid form for ITEM # 5-BALLAST mentions that #2 ballast shall be provided; the specification for this item references both #2 and #4 ballast. Can #4 ballast be supplied?

RESPONSE: As referenced within the bid form, contractors are to furnish #2 ballast for this item.

7. QUESTION: Within Item #6-TIGHTEN TRACK BOLTS, if a bolt cannot be tightened or is damaged during tightening, will furnishing and installing a new bolt be paid for within Item #8B-TRACK BOLT UNIT?

RESPONSE: Yes, any bolt that is supplied and furnished by the contractor during tightening of existing bolts will be paid for at the contract unit price bid for Item #8B-TRACK BOLT UNIT.

8. QUESTION: Referencing Item #8A-OTHER TRACK MATERIAL-TIE PLATES, how many of the 500 new tie plates will be installed on the new ties to be furnished and installed?

RESPONSE: Section 2.4 (Rail Anchors and Tie Plates (re-used)) and Section 2.5 (Rail Anchors and Tie Plates (new)) of ITEM #2-TIE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT note that the City inspector will determine which existing tie plates can be re-used. Removal of an existing tie plate and subsequent installation of it on a new tie are incidental to ITEM #2. Where new tie plates are furnished and installed, they are paid within ITEM #8A. For bidding purposes, bidders shall assume that 250 new tie plates will be installed on new ties furnished and installed. The 250 remaining tie plates within this item will be placed on existing ties that are not replaced as part of this project.

9. QUESTION: Reference Item #8C-OTHER TRACK MATERIAL-JOINT, INSULATED, does the unit quantity refer to a pair of joints? For example, the contract quantity in the bid form is listed as 3 sets of insulated joints, does this mean 3 sets of 2 pair, 6 total?

RESPONSE: Yes, bidders shall assume that a 'set' of insulated joints as used within the bid documents is defined as a pair (2 total) insulated joints. For this bid, 3 sets thus means the contractor shall furnish and install 6 individual insulated joints.

10. QUESTION: Reference Item # 8C-OTHER TRACK MATERIAL-JOINT, INSULATED, what size insulated joint is to be provided?

RESPONSE: Bidders shall assume that the insulated joint to be provided shall be six (6) hole for 132 pound rail.

11. QUESTION: Referencing Item #8D- OTHER TRACK MATERIAL-JOINT BARS, what size joint bar is to be provided? Will the joint bars provided be straight bars or curved?

RESPONSE: Bidders shall assume that the joint bars to be provided shall be six (6) hole, straight and shall be for 90 pound rail.

12. QUESTION: Within Item #8F – RAIL, is the rail to be furnished and installed required to be welded rail?

RESPONSE: No, the rail is not required to be welded.

13. QUESTION: Within Item #8F – RAIL, will all the rail to be furnished and installed be the same size? Will the contractor be required to furnish and install compromise joint bars between rails to adjust for different sized rails?

RESPONSE: For bidding purposes, bidders are to assume that all rail to be furnished and installed is the same size and that no compromise joint bars will be required.

14. QUESTION: Within Item #12-CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT, is the contractor required to use a professional surveyor to complete the layout?

RESPONSE: Use of a professional surveyor is not required. Bidders are reminded that the intention of this item is to provide positive drainage within the ditch located adjacent to the tracks; it is the contractor's responsibility to achieve this positive drainage when completed. It is the contractor's discretion as to how this positive drainage is achieved, whether by use of a professional surveyor or some other means/methods.

15. QUESTION: For any trees, brush or other vegetation that has to be removed from the site, is it the contractor's responsibility to remove and dispose of this material?

RESPONSE: No, the City will remove and dispose of any trees, brush or vegetation necessary. The contractor will be required to place all this material within a few piles that are easily accessible.

16. QUESTION: Will the contractor be responsible for repairing and/or replacing any bonds that are either currently broken or are broken during the course of this project?

RESPONSE: No, the contractor will not be held responsible for repair and/or replacement of any broken bonds.

For any other questions or comments, please contact the City of Medina Engineering Department, 132 N. Elmwood Avenue, Medina, OH 44256; by phone at (330) 721-4721; or by email at ppatton@medinaoh.org.