

July 21, 2017

CLARIFICATION No. 1

MILWAUKEE AVENUE SECTION 4 IMPROVEMENT
N. MILWAUKEE AVENUE from W. BELMONT AVENUE to W. ADDISON STREET
SPECIFICATION NO: 215447
C.D.O.T. PROJECT NO: B-1-642

For which proposals will be opened in the office of the Department of Procurement Services, Room 103, City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on July 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., Central Time

1. "Does the new ordinance that eliminates retainage on City contracts apply to this specific contract?"

Clarification: See Book 1 Section XIII.D.Retainage:

Pursuant to § 2-92-250 of the Municipal Code, specifically paragraph A.1., the Chief Procurement Officer in consultation with the Chicago Department of Transportation has made a finding that holding retainage for this contract is not in the best interest of the City.

2. "Please consider adding a mobilization pay item."

Clarification: Mobilization pay item is Item No. 92.

3. "There is a furnished excavation pay item for 2641 CUYD. Typically, furnished excavation is used for embankments, however there are none on this job. Please provide a pay item specification describing the location(s) of this item."

Clarification: The specification for Item No. 10, Furnished Excavation is provided in the IDOT SSRBC as noted by IDOT Item Code No. 20400800. The locations are detailed in the plans on Sheet No. 8 under the "Earthwork Schedule" as part of the 'Embankment' column, and as detailed on the cross sections included in the plans on Sheet Nos. 156-194.

4. "There is a furnished excavation pay item for 2641 CUYD and a sand cushion (variable depth) pay item for 866 CY. Please clarify where the material that will be placed underneath the sidewalk will be paid."

Clarification: See Clarification for #3 above regarding the furnished excavation location. The sand cushion quantity is detailed in the plans on the "Roadway Items Schedule" on plan Sheet No. 7.

5. Kindly advise which form of Bid Bond is required for the referenced bid.

I cannot locate a sample in BOOK 2 and I'm not sure if the City of Chicago formatted bid bond is required, or if another version is required because the project is Federally Funded.

Clarification: While the City of Chicago Bid Bond form is not required, it is acceptable.

See Book 2. Section Two. 2. Bid Deposit:

Bid deposit shall be required for all competitive sealed bidding for contracts when required in the legal advertisement. Bid deposit shall be a bond provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, or the equivalent in cashiers check, money order or certified check. All certified checks must be drawn on a bank doing business in the United States, and shall be made payable to the order of the City of Chicago. CASH IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF BID DEPOSIT.

6. "Is it possible to submit DBE paperwork at a later date? After the bid opening?"

Clarification: See Book 1 Section XXVIII.1.6 Procedure to Determine Bid/ Proposal Compliance.

7. There are two different bid deposit amounts listed in the spec book, 5% & 10%. Which is the correct amount?

Clarification: The Bid Deposit Amount is 5% of the Total Base Bid as stated in the legal ad, and in the Project Information Section on Page 3 of Book 2. The 10% referenced in Book 2. Section Two is stating that the deposit amount should not be more than 10% of the bid.

End of Clarification 1