

RFP Design-Build Questions & Answers

Improvements to Interstate 55 Hinds County, Mississippi Project Number: DB/IM-0055-02(244)/106023-305000

RFP questions received as of March 24, 2015 – PART EIGHT*

33. QUESTION: Since there will be some time delay between the notice to proceed and the approval of the plans and erosion control plans, when is the contractor responsible for maintaining the erosion control as well as furnishing the tow truck and driver required on this project?

ANSWER: The Contractor shall assume responsibility for maintenance of traffic, including Service Patrol requirements, and maintenance of erosion control on the date of Notice to Proceed. An addendum will be forthcoming.

34. QUESTION: Is all of the already constructed high mast lighting on the project in working condition?

ANSWER: Please refer to the electrical drawings provided as an Informational Document in ProjectWise in the FieldData folder. The following sheet numbers reference the construction plans from the previous project.

- a.) Sheet 4003 (Siwell Rd.) – The high masts on this sheet are in working condition.
- b.) Sheet 4009 (Elton Rd.) – The high masts on this sheet do not have electrical wire connecting them to the power supply. They are not operational.
- c.) Sheet 4012 (Savannah) – The high masts on this sheet do not have electrical wire connecting them to the power supply. They are not operational.
- d.) Sheet 4015 (McDowell) – HM 10 is in working condition. The 4 low masts on the SW quadrant are in working condition. The other items on this sheet are not operational.
- e.) Sheet 4016 (McDowell) – HM 3 is in working condition. The other items on this sheet are not operational.

35. QUESTION: Have the Sign Structures been purchased for the two Overhead Sign Bridges just south of Siwell Road?

ANSWER: All information regarding overhead structures has been provided as Informational Documents in ProjectWise in the Sign Truss Assemblies folder.

36. QUESTION: Can we request specific laboratory testing be performed on the soil samples obtained in the MDOT borings?

ANSWER: No.

37. QUESTION: Is there any piezometer data (or other form of water level data) available in the walls vicinity?

ANSWER: No.

38. QUESTION: Section 16.4.4 of the RFP (Page 573) states that all retaining wall systems shall be constructed with deep foundations consisting of piles, drilled shafts or footings supported by piles or drilled shafts. Sheet piles are a type of wall system, and not a deep foundation. The existing plans show a Sheet Pile Wall for Wall "C," is this an acceptable wall?

ANSWER: No.

39. QUESTION: If a proposer identifies fill or cut areas that are not otherwise scheduled in the RFP for a wall and that are shown post award to be potentially unstable, will that be considered a change to the contract?

ANSWER: Please refer to Notice to Proposers No. 5412 DB (Maintenance of Existing Slopes) of the RFP.

40. QUESTION: Will MDOT provide the successful Contractor all of the MicroStation files from the terminated project?

ANSWER: Yes.

41. QUESTION: Technical Requirements 2.2.2. MDOT has limited the submittal of retaining wall design to a single retaining wall at a time with 14 days of review. No subsequent wall design can be submitted until the review process of the previous submittal is complete. There are ten walls including the slide repair at STA 565+30

to 567+20. As prescribed, MDOT's review of wall designs will consume 140 days of the Project Schedule, almost a quarter of the contract time. Please consider revising this condition by reducing review times and conducting review of concurrent wall design submittals.

ANSWER: Per Section 2.2.2 of the Technical Requirements in the RFP, "Due to the potential complexity of the design computations and plans of retaining walls, a single submittal is limited to one (1) retaining wall. For submittals involving retaining walls, MDOT will review each submittal within fourteen (14) days of receiving the submittal; however, the fourteen (14)-day review period of each subsequent retaining wall submittal will not begin until the review of the previous retaining wall submittal is complete and comments have been provided to the Contractor." MDOT does not prohibit the concurrent submittal of multiple design packages. Furthermore, in accordance with the RFP, "The Contractor may specify the priority order in which they prefer the review to proceed."

42. QUESTION: It has come to our attention that MDOT determined the drainage design of the terminated contract at STA 858+58 of the West Frontage Road was inadequate. It is further understood that MDOT engaged a separate consultant to do a new hydrologic analysis of the area. Will MDOT provide the new hydrologic analysis to the Proposers, or is it up to the Proposers to conduct their own?

ANSWER: MDOT will provide this information as an Informational Document on ProjectWise.

***Remaining Questions & Answers will be forthcoming. Continue to monitor the website for further updates.**