

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FOR
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

**LISTED BELOW ARE THE QUESTIONS (Q) SUBMITTED BY
POTENTIAL BIDDERS FOR THE**

QUARRY PARK FIRE ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT

**COUNTY PROJECT NO. P32R1
PROJECT FILE NO. E5053**

**THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
HAS PROVIDED RESPONSES (R) TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW**

Response R1 provided on 5/19/2023

Q1. Will the Biologist & Geotech be provided by the County?

R1. Yes, the County will provide the Biologist and Geotech.

Responses R2-R7 provided on 5/25/2023

Q2. BI #18 Temp. Erosion Control is a bit confusing, The spec talks about an undetermined amount of erosion control that appears to be directed by the Engineer. Contractors do not have a way to determine the amount or cost for such work. However, we can determine what is need for the staging area as discussed in the spec section.

Can the County please separate the additional Erosion Control as determined by the Engineer and the staging area erosion control into two different Bid Items.

For the misc. erosion control, as determined by the Engineer should be treated as an allowance in the bid or be a change order in the field.

R2. Please see Erosion Control Plans on Sheet 9 (C-8) for approximate erosion control quantities of materials needed for the Project. Additional information can also be found on Sheet 2 (C-1) in the Estimate of Quantities table.

Q3. We cannot seem to determine the location of BI #12; Reinforced Steepened Slopes. Can the County please point this area out?

R3. Bid Item No. 12 – Reinforced Steepened Slopes locations are shown on Sheet 4 (C-3) and Typical Details for BI #12 can be found on Sheet 13 (C-12) of the Project Plans.

- Q4. BI #12 is a Final Pay Item. However, the County has indicated how it will be measured. Can the County please remove the last paragraph or remove the Final Payment stipulation?
- R4. The County will keep Bid Item No. 12 as a final pay item. The quantity was included to provide a rough order of magnitude for area of the Reinforced Steepened Slopes.*
- Q5. BI #05 – Clearing and Grubbing is paid as 1L. However the specification seems to state that the area to be cleared will be determined by the Engineer. Can the County please change to unit pricing to reflect the area shown in the section of 101,200SF?
- R5. The County typically uses Lump Sum (LS) for the Clearing and Grubbing bid item.*
- Q6. This paragraph seems to be ambiguous. “The Contractor’s attention is directed to the fact that tree root balls within the areas to be paved or to provide structure subgrade shall be ground to a depth below finished grade greater than the thickness of the typical structural section of one and one-tenth feet (1.1’), and root systems within the limits of the paving and subgrade areas shall be completely removed.”
- R6. The paragraph should say that all existing woody material within the excavation limits of the paved or structural fill areas shall be removed. If substantial woody material (root balls, stumps, large roots, etc.) are still encountered at the subgrade depth, then that woody material shall be excavated an additional 1.1’ below subgrade and the resulting hole shall be backfilled with suitable material. Structural fill or paving gravel shall then be placed as specified in the Project Plans to achieve finished grade.*
- Q7. Are the downed trees to be paid as part of the different tree removal quantities?
- R7. Yes, downed trees within the Project limits are to paid under the tree removal bid item.*

ALL RFI Requests are due by Friday, May 26, 2023.

Updated as of **May 25, 2023 at 8:32 AM**

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