

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

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

**ATHLONE TERRACE PUMP STATION TRASH CAPTURE DEVICE PROJECT
NORTH FAIR OAKS AREA**

**COUNTY PROJECT NO. RW904
PROJECT FILE NO. E5034
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT – U.S. E.P.A. GRANT NO. W9-98T61101**

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

- Q1. What is the DBE Goal percentage for this project?
R1. The Project does not have a set DBE Goal percentage. The submittal requirements for DBE Commitment and Good Faith Efforts are included in the project specifications in Section 2-1.02.
- Q2. When does the County anticipate issuing an NTP on the project ? This winter of 2023 or spring of 2024? Given submittal approval and fabrication lead times for the precast trash capture structure (likely minimum of 3 months total) , it seems that this project will be ready break ground in winter months, which is not ideal for obvious reasons. Can the start be delayed until the Spring if elected by the Contractor?
R2. The County will work with the Contractor on the start date, since it would depend on the lead time required for ordering/delivery of the Trash Capture Device. However, at this point we anticipate the construction to start in spring of 2024.
- Q3. Please clarify the deadline to turn in our Proposal? Notice to Contractors states, One hour prior to bid opening. Is our bid due at 2:30 pm or one hour prior at 1:30 pm. Planet Bid states: 4:30 end. Please advise.
R3. Bids are due by 2:30PM. Contractor may drop off the bid to the County's Executive Office in the Hall of Justice and Records at 400 County Center up to 1 Hour prior to bid opening.
- Q4. Is there a Bid Bond Form available or is Surety paper acceptable?
R4. See Proposal section (PR) page 8 for details. A Surety's bid bond form is acceptable.

Q5. Why does the general contractor need experience with pipe bursting. Page 34 of Company Experience form states "For the County of San Mateo to consider the Bidder properly experienced in work of similar nature to this project, the Bidder must list at least one project that involved sanitary sewer main replacement by pipe bursting within the last ten (10) years."

R5. Company Experience requirement will be revised. The County will issue an Addendum No. 2 to address this issue (pending release) and postpone the bid opening from October 5, 2023 to October 12, 2023.

All Plan Holders will be notified when an Addendum is posted. In addition, all Addendums will be posted to our website. Please visit the following website periodically for the most up to date content:

<https://www.smcgov.org/publicworks/Athlone-terrace-pump-station-trash-capture-device-project-POTB>

Q6. Stormwater Bypass Pumping: Please provide an anticipated bypass pumping flow rate (GPM) for the influent 48" RCP line. Specifications do not stipulate the expected bypass pumping flow rate for the bypass.

R6. Flow rate for bypass is not available. Contractor is anticipated to encounter some level of groundwater flow during dry weather.

Q7. Cloud Based Remote Monitoring Device: Are there electrical plans available for this desired device, it's enclosure, physical location in the station and wiring requirements?

R7. There are no electrical plans available. The physical location of the existing monitoring device is located in electrical cabinet just east of the pump hatches within the pump station fences.

Q8. Is railroad protective insurance or railroad flaggers required for this work if trash capture work stays within limits of existing 8' chain link fence at railroad corridor?

R8. Project's work limits are within SamTrans' ROW and must comply with the requirements stated in Exhibit E of the License Agreement, which including requirements for railroad protective insurance. Railroad Flagger will not be required as work will be outside of the chain link fence area.

Q9. Is there an engineer's estimate?

R9. See Notice to Contractor's Section (NC) page 4, Engineer's Estimate is \$709,800.

Updated as of **October 3, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.**

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