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ADDENDUM #1

From: Union County Engineer's Office

Date: October 8, 2024

RE: **2024 Union County Mill Creek Waterway Improvement Project**

PAGES (including cover): 4

This addendum supplements and amends the original Drawings and Specification issued and shall be taken into account in preparing proposals and shall become a part of the Contract Documents.

1. Q: If additional county funds are available after the bid or after construction, are there plans to increase the quantities or scope?

A: No. Plan quantities paid will likely change due to work performed, but we do not expect to expand the project.

2. Q: Will multiple contractors be awarded on this project?

A: No, one prime contractor will be awarded.

3. Q: Will the contractor have the responsibility of marking standing trees for removal?

A: No, the inspection team will be responsible for marking ahead of the contractor's operation. The county staff and contractor will track quantities for payment together, on a regular basis.

4. Q: The plans show 'island' trees for removal. Will the islands themselves be removed, or just the trees/debris?

A: Only the trees/debris will be removed. No dredging will be permitted. Additionally, inspection staff may choose to leave some standing 'island trees' in place if they are deemed to not be a hazard for catching future debris.

5. Q: Regarding methods for disposal, some concerns were expressed by interested contractors that a high percentage of debris will be requested to be hauled away from the site by the respective landowners. How will this be determined?

A: The direction for removal will be made jointly by the contractor & county team. The landowners may wish to ask for chips, logs, firewood, etc. if it benefits the project's cost/efficiency. They cannot, however, dictate the scope of removal to the contractor.

It is expected that some material will have to be removed in some areas (adjacent to urban sites or due to the sheer volume of debris), but the county preference is to limit that to obvious areas.

6. Q: Are there any specific equipment requirements for the project?

A: There are no specific requirements, but the bidders are required to list equipment that will be used for the project, as a part of their Proposal. This may play a role in the selection of the contractor and help determine the approach to the scope of work and the equipment's impacts.

7. Q: Can some additional live trees be removed along the adjacent wooded stream corridor to improve ease of access to the logjam sites?

A: Yes, if the contractor/inspection team decides it is more feasible to remove limited areas of trees (especially smaller ones) for access, this may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

8. Q: Project phasing is provided in the plans and directs the contractor to begin at the Infirmary lateral and its confluence with Mill Creek. Can this be adjusted depending on weather conditions, bat tree requirements, etc.?

A: Yes, varied approaches to phasing will be considered if it can help with the project's efficiency.

9. Q: Can digital mapping files/data points be provided to the contractors for bidding and construction?

A: No, the county will not be able to provide additional data. The plans and drone footage should provide sufficient information for the bidders and successful contractor.

10. Q: If the landowners become belligerent about the project and work being performed along their property, what can be done?

A: Should any issues arise, please notify the inspection team immediately, and we will work with the Union County Sheriff's Office or Marysville PD to remedy.

11. Q: Will the contractor be asked to pay crop damages if temporary easement areas are planted?

A: It will be expected that the contractor avoids any crop areas as much as possible. If it becomes necessary to use a planted area during removal operations, and the inspection team provides advance permission, the county will provide damages to the property owner. It will not be a part of the contractor's responsibility or unit pricing.

12. Q: Will the stumps of live trees being treated only include those along the banks?

A: No, we expect to also treat the stumps in the island areas but being careful to avoid any spills.

13. Q: Will the dead trees within the stream itself need to be cut?

A: Yes.

14. Q: Where is the diameter of the standing trees to be cut measured from?

A: Per ODOT's CMS Manual, Section 201.05, 54" above the groundline.

15. Q: Is there a standard detail for the temporary drive installations.

A: Yes, please see the driveway standard drawing on the Union Co. Engineers website:

<https://evogov.s3.amazonaws.com/media/52/media/18010.pdf>

16. Q: Is there a standard detail for the Gate pay item?

A: Please see the ODOT standard construction drawings and Section 607 of the ODOT CMS. Other material and installation details from the successful bidder will be considered upon submittal.

17. Q: Have the locations and sizes of the low water crossings been determined?

A: The sizes will likely be variable, based upon the contractor's needs, but the pay item/price will be consistent (each). The specific locations have intentionally not been determined by the county and will need to be requested by the contractor during the project and approved by the county.

18. Q: Can spoils from the crossings be wasted in the general area of each crossing within the easement?

A: Possibly, it will be location dependent. However, expect to haul the material away.

Please note and sign the bottom portion of page 6.8 of the bid packet proposal acknowledging that this Addendum was received.