

Marin Utility Undergrounding and Buchanan Marin Bikeway Phase III.

October 01, 2015

Questions and Answers

1. Please clarify the due date: **A: The RFP is due on Monday, October 12, at 7:00 pm. Keep in mind that we close at 7:00 pm every Monday, therefore, try to be at City Hall a few minutes before 7:00 pm. Allow 10-15 minutes for parking as it is sometimes necessary to park far away from City Hall.**
2. Is there an electronic copy of the Specifications available for the project? Page 3 of the RFP says that 95% PS&E packet is attached, but there are only Plans & Estimates with no Specifications attached. **A: Specifications are not ready yet. They will be ready by the end of this month.**
3. The schedule on page 6 of the RFP shows the construction duration for the major portion of the project to be about 9 months (end of March to December 2016), but the addendum to the RFP is asking for 960 hours, which is only 6 months, should we still provide the cost schedule per the addendum? **A: The City anticipates the bulk of construction to last 6 months. The utility companies take about a year after the installation of the conduits to actually pull the cables and remove the poles. So, we will see how we are when the joint trench and the surface improvements are done. The 960 hours are a base schedule that will allow us to compare the teams. You are welcome to provide an estimate of hours beyond this base schedule based on your experience with similar undergrounding projects.**
4. Has Caltrans reviewed the plans? If not, will Caltrans coordination be a consideration for the Peer Review Consultant? **A: Caltrans has reviewed the plans and the City has an Encroachment Permit for the signal modifications and curb improvements.**
5. The Engineer's Estimate attached to the RFP is based on Schematic Design dated 10/17/14. Is there a more current EE available? **A: The EE presented with this RFP is what we have estimated can be constructed given our current funding. If construction bids come higher than this EE, some of the elements of design will be eliminated (for instance, some bulb outs will have to be eliminated).**
6. The Plans contain three sheets titled Traffic Signal Plan. Are these what are referred to on page 3 of the RFP as traffic control sheets? **A: The RFP refers to the traffic control for construction, which will be referred to as guidelines in the specs. The Plans contain the traffic signal sheets that need to be reviewed by the Review Consultant (Caltrans has already approved these sheets through the issuance of an encroachment permit).**
7. In the last paragraph on page 3 does the "Specification manual prepared by Consultant" refer to Project specifications prepared by BKF? **A: Yes.**

8. There is no task in the RFP for review of the 100% PS&E. Does the City intend that the Plan Review Consultant will make plan approval recommendation on the review of the 95% PS&E or that another review will be necessary at the 100% stage? **A: The City anticipates that review will be made at 95% level. BKF will respond to this reviews and Consultant will ensure all the comments were addressed. A meeting will be held with City staff (City Engineer) to agree on the revisions. This will be the basis for the finalization and approval of the construction plans.**

9. Where would we find a copy of the City of Albany Guide and Sampling Analysis Program referenced in the RFP? **A: Guidance: Test once per lift, (maximum lift thickness 12" loose), per thousand square feet of ditch area until ten passing tests in a row and then decrease frequency to once per every other lift per thousand square feet and so on. When failing test is encountered, revert to original frequency. If testing by nuclear density gauge, then must calibrate it with comparison sand cone compaction test daily. Number of proctors is a hard item to quantify but should be run in conjunction with one point compaction tests that prove correct M-D curve is applied.**

10. How many hard copies of the 95% PS&E does the City plan on providing the Consultant? (Page 6, bullet #1). **A: up to 2 copies.**

11. The addendum states that a cost schedule shall be submitted for the CM/Inspection portion of the project. Does the City also want a fee for the Peer Review? If so, can the fees be included in the same cost schedule? Does the City want the fees in separate envelopes? **A: Please provide separate fee schedules and cost breakdown for peer review and CM tasks. Include any administrative and overhead charges in the breakdown costs. Please provide information on testing charges and if you plan to include subcontractors for this task.**