

ADDENDUM TO INVITATION TO BID

PROJECT: **BID #D00324 – STAUNTON CROSSING WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS**

DATE: **MAY 9, 2024**

ADDENDUM: **1**

The following items represent changes, modifications, and/or clarifications to the Contract Documents for this project.

QUESTIONS:

1. Was the reason that the first bid was rejected, because it was over budget?

Response: The sewer project (Bid #A00124) bids came in over budget. It was known that water improvements would be advertised in the near future so there was an opportunity to cancel the sewer bid and combine the water and sewer projects. The City anticipates receiving additional grant money for the water infrastructure and hopes to gain efficiencies and economy of scale by advertising one combined water and sewer project.

2. Was an engineer's estimate created?

Response: An engineer's estimate is not being made public at this time.

3. Can the rock be made classified?

Response: Per the contract documents, all excavation is to be considered Unclassified.

4. Is blasting allowed?

Response: Blasting is allowed in accordance with the contract documents and other requirements. Requirements are provided in Section 105 and 112 of the specifications and recommendations are provided in the Geotechnical Engineering Report. The contractor must abide by all Municipal, State, and Federal regulations, including the Statewide Fire Prevention Code and referenced NFPA codes. An Application for Explosives Use/Storage is required to be submitted to the City Fire Marshal's office and approved prior to any blasting operations. A representative from the Fire Marshal's office must be on-site for each blast.

5. Will the City pay for blasting permits?

Response: Local permit fees for the project, including for blasting, are waived.

6. Can the contractor get onsite to do a Geotechnical investigation?

Response: Yes, that may be arranged. Please contact Michael Faulkner with the City of Staunton (540-332-3858) if a site visit is desired.

7. Is 480 days long enough?

Response: Bids shall be based on the contractual schedule in the Bid Documents. Requests for schedule extensions will be evaluated after Award on a case-by-case basis.

8. Are there any funding restraints?

Response: The City has obtained grant funding for the sewer and anticipates additional grant funding for water. If the bids are over the grant awards then the City will consider making up the difference with other funds. No special requirements are anticipated that would be due to funding sources (i.e. no Davis-Bacon requirements, Build America Buy America, etc.).

9. Will rock allow for an extension of time?

Response: See response to #7 above.

10. Is there any chance for the extension of contract time?

Response: See response to #7 above.

11. How soon will a decision be made for extending the time?

Response: See response to #7 above.

12. Are the abandoned lines to be filled with flowable fill?

Response: No, abandoned lines are to be capped, unless otherwise noted on the plans.

13. Do the tie-ins to existing lines have valves?

Response: Existing gate valves on water lines are present at or near the tie-in points and are available to provide shutoff.

14. Is there clearing, and is there a problem with bats?

Response: The project includes some clearing. This project is not subject to environmental impact permitting so time of year restrictions on clearing do not apply.

15. Are there any work hour restrictions?

Response: Normal work hours are to be between 7AM and 7PM Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays. Prior approval from the City Engineer is required to work outside of normal work hours, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

16. Can the excavated stone be processed onsite and used for trench bedding material?

Response: Stone processed onsite for use on the project would be required to meet the VDOT specifications, certifications, and quality control measures required for stone specified as bedding material in the City's standards and specifications.

17. Can any of the City property be used for laydown/storage?

Response: Any use of property outside of the project limits for the purpose of the project shall be approved by the property owner, and a copy of an agreement shall be provided to the City. Any necessary additional erosion & sediment control and/or stormwater measures and permitting requirements for such use will be the responsibility of the contractor. The City is willing to consider the use of additional City property for project activity as needed, to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CLARIFICATIONS:

1. City of Staunton Standard Detail S-8 "Sewer Pipe Installation" is included on sheet U1.1 of the On-site plan set and sheet D-3 of the Downstream plan set. This detail only applies to gravity sewer installation, not necessarily to sewer force main installation. For force main pipe installation trench requirements, the same requirements that are shown in Standard Detail W-12 "Water Pipe Installation" shall apply, unless noted otherwise in the plans.
2. There is a discrepancy between Specifications 104.2.2.B and 104.3.7.C regarding maximum stone size allowed in clean earth fill. Specification 104.3.7.C shall prevail for all backfill more than 1' above the pipe; for backfill within 1' of the pipe, Specification 104.2.2.B shall prevail, and care should be taken not to place any stones larger than approximately 1" adjacent to the pipe.
3. If the Contractor disturbs or causes any damage to property or facilities within the VDOT road extension project limits, the Contractor shall repair such areas at their expense, including any restabilization efforts. If such disturbance occurs prior to closeout of VDOT's Construction General Permit, VDOT approval of remediation efforts may be required. Closeout of VDOT's CGP is anticipated to occur in November 2024.
4. Sewer Note 9 on sheet T-3 of the Downstream plan set calls for protection of the proposed gravity sewer from sulfide attack, for a distance of 2,000 feet downstream from the point of entry of the pumped flow. Thus, this shall apply to the sewer line and manholes from the proposed junction box at Sta 58+65 downstream to approximately Sta 38+65. The manholes in this range are to be lined in accordance with the same product requirements that are called out for the pump station wetwell interior on Wastewater Pump Station Note 4 on sheet P2.0 of the On-site plan set and the corresponding portion(s) of Section 09 9656 "Concrete Epoxy Coating" of the Specifications. Line items B20 and B21 on the bid form refer to the lining to be installed in the 48"- and 60"-diameter manholes in this range; payment for the lining in the proposed square junction box at Sta 58+65 is inherent within line item B24, and is thus not to be included in line items B20 or B21.

ENCLOSURES: None

RESPONSE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM ON BID FORM

All other terms and conditions remain the same.