

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

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

TICONDEROGA DRIVE RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**COUNTY PROJECT NO. RH901
PROJECT FILE NO. E5060**

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

Q1. I noticed that a bid bond form was not included in the downloaded specifications for the above project. Do you have one you can provide, or can we use one provided by Surety?

R1. The County does not have a standard bid bond template, you may use one provided by your bonding company.

Q2. I would like to request a job walk for the above project for our project engineer. How would I go about scheduling this task.

R2. The County advises all contractors to schedule their own project site walk through. The County does not have a scheduled mandatory site walk through. Contractor can perform their own site visit and furnish the acknowledgement of site visit form to County staff.

Q3. Is there a pre bid meeting or any pre qualifications for the Ticonderoga Drive Retaining Wall Improvement Project - County of San Mateo?

R3. There is no pre bid meeting.

Q4. Does a bid bond need to accompany the bid proposal?

R4. Yes, please reference the forms in Appendix C.

Q5. The TCP is suggesting a shift for the traffic control. Are you thinking about doing signals, or do you want a quote for the signage?

R5. As noted in the plans, the traffic control plan (TCP) provided is a guideline and the Contractor will need to submit their own TCP for County's approval. The TCP shows a traffic shift with one lane in each direction. The County does not anticipate a need for a traffic signal as the traffic shift maintains the existing lane configuration.

Q6. Is this project subject to the Buy America or Buy American material requirements for steel products?

R6. This Project is NOT subject to Buy America or Buy American material requirements.

Q6. For the chain link fencing on the wall, there is no color given for the vinyl clad fencing. There are price differences for some colors. Please clarify the color of the vinyl clad fencing.

R6. Fence vinyl cladding should be black.

Q6. Could you please confirm quantities for bid items 11 - Structure Excavation and 12 - Lightweight Concrete Backfill. Our independent takeoff is drastically different.

R6. For structural excavation, a length of 210 feet (comprising an approximate wall length of 170 feet plus 40 feet on both sides) is used, multiplied by a cross-sectional area of 70 square feet. This calculation yields 14,700 cubic feet, which is then converted to approximately 540 cubic yards. Similarly, 470 cubic yards for cellular concrete using the formula: $210 \times 60 / 27$.

Q7. Can the time of completion for the Contract be extended to 90 WD for this project?

R7. The County anticipates that a project duration of 70 working days is achievable with effective planning and execution. Additional working days may be considered, if necessary, based on the specific needs of the project during construction and upon request by the Contractor.

Q8. When does the County anticipate a NTP for this project?

R8. The County anticipates executing a NTP for this project in early June 2025.

Q9. Is the Contractor obligated to provide an excavation and lightweight backfill section to the temp excavation dimensions and limits shown on the "Typical Section" of plan sheet 8?

R9. No, the Contractor is NOT obligated to provide an excavation and lightweight backfill section to temporary excavation dimension and limits shown on the "Typical Section" of plan sheet 8.

All RFI Requests were due by April 25th, 2025 at 5:00 pm. The RFI submittal period is now closed. No further responses will be provided for any additional RFIs received.

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