

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (CLARIFICATIONS) FOR BIDDERS

CROSSLEY COURT SEWER EXTENSION, EAST LYME, CT

1) Is there any jacking and boring or directional boring associated with the project?

No. There is no jacking and boring or directional boring anticipated. However, field verification of the existing sewer stubs may be necessary by way of test pits.

2) What is the approximate cost estimate of the whole project?

The project cost is estimated to range between \$200 - 250k.

3) In section 00200, paragraph 4 of the specifications it states that “a separately bound bid proposal form is provided in the contract documents for use by the bidder”. We did not receive the form when we picked up the plans and specs. Please provide these documents.

There are no separately bound Bid Proposal Forms. The only form provided is the “Form of General Bid”, Section 00410.

4) The bidders are required to provide a five (5) percent bid security with their bids. A bid bond form has not been provided. Is a standard AIA bid bond acceptable?

No. A Bid Bond form will be provided with Addendum No. 1 for completion.

5) The plans do not show the extent of the water main and water service work. please provide a plan or sketch which clearly defines the limits of this work so that the appropriate materials can be included in the bid prices for these items.

The extent of the water main reconstruction consists of two locations shown on Drawing PP-1 at stations 100+50 (assume 40 L.F. of reconstruction) and Station 104+04 (assume 20 L.F. of reconstruction). This coincides with Bid Item 3e for 60 LF of water main reconstruction. The water service reconstruction is shown on Drawing PP-1 at approximately Station 104+30. This is reflected in the form of General Bid Item No. 3f (one service.)

6) A bid item (4c) has been provided for two (2) bituminous concrete driveway aprons. Only one (1) bituminous concrete driveway apron is shown. The driveway apron at house #20 on plan sheet PP-3 is shown as concrete. How will the replacement of this concrete apron be paid for?.

See Addendum No. 1.

7) Sanitary manhole no. 3, shown on plan sheet no. PP-2, is noted to have an “inside drop”. The difference between the inlet and outlet invert elevations is 2.04” +/- . Based on the detail provided for an inside drop on plan sheet D-1 an inside drop cannot be constructed with an elevation difference of 2.04”. Please clarify.

Sanitary Manhole No. 4 is not a drop manhole. The word “INSIDE DROP” on the profile on Dwg. PP-2 should be disregarded. Also note that in the plan view on PP-2 SMH-3 should be labeled as SMH-4..

8) The profiles do not show the proposed chimneys. Can you please provide an estimated height for each chimney?

The total height for two (2) proposed 6” concrete sewer chimney connections will be 11 VF (vertical feet). The proposed chimneys are for the two houses without basements, #28 and #12.

9) The pay item for building connections (sewer laterals)(section 01270, para. 1.06.b.2) does not list permanent pavement repair as included in this item. Will permanent pavement repair be paid for under item 4b?

Yes. Permanent pavement for building connections will be paid for under item 4b in accordance with Section 02745, Paving. Also see Addendum No. 1.

10) The pay item for building connections (sewer laterals)(section 01270, para. 1.06.b.2) states that loaming and seeding is included in this item. What work do you envision be paid for under bid item 3d – “loam, seed and fertilizer”?

Loam and seed will be required at miscellaneous areas that are disturbed during construction.

11) The plans call for the repair of a bituminous mound in front of house #44 (sheet PP-1). What is the detail for this work?

The existing bituminous mound is an approximate 3 foot wide x 3 inches high drainage spreader that will need minor asphalt berm or mound repair after new commercial building connection is installed as shown on plans. Restore to preconstruction conditions.

12) There are three (3) locations on the plans where a note calls for the contractor to “repair and / or replace existing pipe as necessary”. The locations are house #9 (sheet PP-2), house #5 (sheet PP-3) and house #7 (sheet PP-3). No other information is provided. What size are these pipes and what do they carry?

The existing pipes to be repaired/replaced as necessary are 1 ½” plastic pipes as shown on plans. Locations are based on service card as-built information. Purposes are unknown at this time. Field verification will determine repair/replace if any.

13) The sewer trench detail calls for the trench to be backfilled with “compacted suitable backfill” from the top of the 12” sand cushion to the subgrade of the trench. Section 02300 of the specifications defines this material as “select backfill”. Will the excavated material be acceptable for use for this item? If the excavated material is deemed to be unsuitable, how will the contractor be paid to dispose of the unsuitable excavated material and provide suitable backfill material?

Material deemed to be unsuitable shall be addressed under Bid Item 8a, page 00410-7, in Addendum No. 1.

14) The sewer trench detail calls for the sewer pipe to be bedded in crushed stone. Section 02300 of the specifications defines this material as 5” minus gravel per Conn DOT Article M.02.02-1, Grading B. Typically, PVC sewer pipe is bedded in ¾” crushed stone. Is it truly your intention to bed the sewer pipe in 5” minus gravel?

The “COMPACTED CRUSHED STONE” bedding for the sewer trench shall be ¾ inch crushed stone.

15) Is this project subject to prevailing wages?

No. Connecticut prevailing wage rates do not apply to this project.

16) Does the contractor have to be Connecticut DAS certified?

No. The contractor does not have to be Connecticut DAS certified.

17) The contract time allowed is 90 calendar days. The specs say that the temporary pavement has to remain in place for 90 days before the permanent pavement can be installed. These two statements conflict. Please clarify.

The contract time allowed and project completion shall be 120 consecutive days upon the issuance of a “Notice to Proceed”. See Addendum No. 1.