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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 3 to Invitation to Bid No. S50-C24671 for the 69th Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Pump Station, Digester and Thickener Blower Switchgears, Sub-Station and Starter Replacement for the Public Works and Engineering Department

To: All Prospective Bidders:

This letter of Clarification is being issued for the following reasons:

- **To provide clarification to Letter of Clarification No. 2:**

1.) **NOTICE TO BIDDER:**

General Clarifications

There is one Letter of Clarification No. 2 and one Addendum No. 1 document that are available on the City's website for this project's bid process. Any previous Letters of Clarification No. 2 and Addendum No. 1 that were previously sent out are null and void. **Contractor shall only utilize what is currently on this project's website.**

We have double checked the links that are provided within the Letter of Clarification No. 2. The links take you to the login page. You are to log in and search for this project. All the necessary information is there for the Contractor to utilize. If you have any further issues, you may call me, Art Lopez at 832-393-8731, and I can assist you.

Clarification to Letter of Clarification No. 2

Answer to Question No. 2 on the Letter of Clarification No. 2 should read:

Transformers XFMR-BL & XFMR-BR are also called "Old blower facility transformers" and are shown on sheets E-5 and E-19. The new transformers are to replace the old transformers. Currently, the existing transformers have a 15 KV LIS switch on the primary and an Air Terminal Compartment (ATC) on the secondary. The new transformers will be bottom fed and have ATCs on both primary and secondary as specified in section 16276. LV section of transformers are located on the side closest to the old blower facility.

Clarification to the Engineering Drawings

Contractor Question No. 1:

Note 4 on sheet 15 indicate that we are to remove a section of the existing cable tray. Note 3 on sheet 21 says to install new cable tray. Are we really supposed to remove it and then

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replace it with new at the same location? In addition, can you confirm that it is your intent for the cables from “XL” and “XR” on sheet 21 between the new switches and the cable tray/substations to be installed in new cable tray?

Engineer Response:

The engineering drawings are clearly defining that all cable tray going to the pump stations is to be replaced. For cables going to switches XL and XR, note number 6 that was modified by Addendum No. 1 calls specifically for tray and additional supports. From switches XL and XR to the transformer ATC, the one line diagrams call for conduit.

Contractor Question No. 2:

Note 1A on sheet 19 indicates that we are to replace existing tubing with SS tubing in the new control cabinets. Please confirm that we are to replace the tubing and components at the location of the new control panels only and not throughout the facility.

Engineer Response:

The tubing is required to be changed only from the blower assembly instruments to the blower instrument panel only. See Sheet E11, detail 2, note A for additional details.

Clarification to the Project Manual

Contractor Question No. 1:

Sections 00430-00840 are missing from the specifications on your website for the above referenced project. 00820 and 00821 are downloadable from the site but everything else is not found.

Engineer Response:

The project manual's table contents was prepared prior to this project being implemented through the City's SPD Division. The SPD Division will be providing any and all of the necessary Bidding and contracting requirement documents needed for both the successful submission of the Contractor's bid and the procurement of the successful low bidder's contract with the City for construction of the project.

Contractor Question No. 2

Addendum No. 1 states that Contractor is to replace Bid Form B with an attached Bid Form B, however, there is not an attached Revised Bid Form B.

Engineer Response:

Contractor to refer to attached Revised Bid Form B. As illustrated at the Pre-Bid Conference, the on-line E-Bid electronic Bid Format, is the City's, SPD bid response program. This electronic bid form is to be used when submitting your bid online. Contractor may choose to

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either print out the submitted electronic bid form (once completed), or submit a hand written copy of the bid form (utilizing the revised Bid Form B) with his typical bid submission package.

When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s). It is the responsibility of the bidder/respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders/respondents shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this solicitation and resulting bid.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Letter of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

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