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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 2: - S63-C25711: Concrete Panel Replacement for City Streets for the Department of Public Works and Engineering

To: All Prospective Bidders:

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

- The bid opening date has changed from 10:30 A.M March 24, 2016 to **10:30 A.M. March 31, 2016.**
- To respond to questions posed by perspective bidders.
 1. The following questions and the City of Houston responses are hereby incorporated and made part of the Invitation to Bid:

Question No. 1: "The attached two sheets (Exhibit "A") are representing the requirement of the City of Houston, Department of Public Works and Engineering for the concrete pavement restoration for street paving based on the age of the pavement. Please confirm if the information on these sheets apply to this project."

Answer: Yes, the information on the two sheets provided will apply to this project and or contract.

Question No. 2: "In order to work in a safe environment, the contractor of this project shall provide traffic control devices including proper signage, flashing lights, traffic plate, detours, etc. for each site, regardless of the size of the repair area. There is no line item shown on the Bid Form for this important item. We would like to suggest adding a line item for: **Traffic Control Systems for each site.**"

Answer: We agree that the line item should be revised to add Certified Flagmen as a lump sum (LS) item to cover the assumed yearly cost for Certified Flagmen per year.

Question No. 3 "Line Item 17 requires a Lump Sum amount for: *Flagman Allowance for Uniformed peace officers only. Amount not to exceed per contract.* This is quite ambiguous and is subject to different interpretations. Please note that each location of repair requires certain hours of the work of one or two certified flagmen, and one or two uniformed peace officers, which the rate of payment for each group of personnel are different. Also, in the absence of the number of the locations and the hours of required services by the above two

groups, there is not a logical way to provide a Lump Sum Number for these services for one year. We would like to suggest that this line item to be replaced by two separate lines for hourly payment to required certified flagman and peace officer. Alternatively, these payments can be considered as Traffic Control System and be included in the above suggested new line item to state: ***Traffic Control Systems for each site, including required certified flagmen and Uniformed Peace Officers.***

Answer: We agree to utilize a line item for uniformed peace officer per work order as a lump sum (LS) to provide coverage for uniformed peace officers.

Question No. 4: “We have reviewed the bid documents and it appears that to bid the project, bonds will be required for the totals of the first year of work. The second year bonds will be required for totals of the second year of work and so on to the 5th year.”

Answer: Yes, contractor shall be required to provide and submit with the bid a “Bid Bond” in the amount of 10% of the contractors Total Bid Amount. The successful contractor being recommended for award shall be required to provide Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bonds in the amount of 100% of the annual Contract amount. Subsequently the performance, payment, and maintenance bonds should be submitted to the City on a yearly basis throughout the contract term.

Question No. 5 “The Scope indicates that the “City of Houston will NOT provide inlets, manholes, and water valves as required by Contractor to complete adjustments/repairs for.” Please advise approximately what % of the repairs, will require these items (If the contract was exclusively used street repairs new manhole the contractor would be at a disadvantage if unaware prior to bid).”

Answer: In most cases, any manholes, inlets or water valves will be preexisting; therefore the only thing required from the contractor will be to adjust according to elevation if changed.

Question No. 6 “The scope of work notes that in section 1.5 The User Department Representative will provide drawings and approximate measurements to the Contractor. The contractor shall be responsible for 1.6.1 Reviewing assigned proposed plans. Is it the intent of the City to provide a plan for each repair location? Or will the repair size be filed determined to be the size shown in a City standard detail, if so what detail? (Approximately what SF per repair)?”

Answer: Drawing details will be provided on an as needed basis such as new construction of sidewalk, wheel chair ramps and locations of concrete paving that has been determined to need a design engineer. For the most part each location will only have physical addresses and total measurements of the work order. Locations will vary in size no less than 100 square feet.

Question No. 7 “The scope of work contains a section, 3.1 Salvageable Material. It is not clear how the trucking and handling of this material is to be paid for, and how much of this work will be included. What line item is this under?”

Answer: Removal of salvageable material is inclusive in line item# 1; Remove and replace concrete by the cubic foot.

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Question No. 8 “Does the Bid Bond need to be 10% of the total bid that we are submitting?”

Answer: See question No. 4

Question No. 9 “The Payment, Performance and Maintenance Bonds need to be the total amount for the year only, year 1, year 2, year 3 etc.”

Answer: See question No. 4

Question No. 10 “Is there a pre-bid sign-in sheet available for the subject project?”

Answer: Yes, the pre-bid sign-in sheet is available on the City’s ebid website. You will need to log-in to access the sign-in sheet. Click on the following link titled “Purchasing.houstontx.gov”. Purchasing.houstontx.gov.

Question No. 11 “Could you provide us with a legible copy of Drawing 02751-01 which is on page 25 of the bid document?”

Answer: Yes, please click on the following link titled “Drawing 02751-01”. Once you have been navigated to the page click “Download”. [Drawing 02751-01](#)

Question No. 12 “As a prospective bidder, our Company is requesting that the bid opening date be delayed 20 days from the pre-bid date as per the “City of Houston ITB (over \$50,000) Contracts Process document dated 3/28/2012”.”

Answer: The following link contains the latest revision (dated 1/24/14) of the City of Houston’s Procurement Manual. Ample time from the initial advertisement date of March 4, 2016 to the bid due date of March 31, 2016 has been allotted so that all bidders can respond accordingly to the bid. Click on the following link titled “Procurement Manual” for the latest revision. [Procurement Manual](#)

Question No. 13 “We are requesting a Certificate of Responsibility for this project. The Supplementary Instructions to Bidders Document 00210 states in Section P, the following: “An unexpired and unrevoked letter from the Director containing an identification number and stating that a Bidder has met the minimum qualifications to bid on street and bridge contracts within the amount and type of bidding capacity, based on Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) determination of Bidder’s capability and approval of financial stability”.”

Answer: The Certificate of Responsibility is not being requested for this project.

Question No. 14 “Is the City of Houston going to provide slurry for the mud jacking?”

Answer: No

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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 Procurement 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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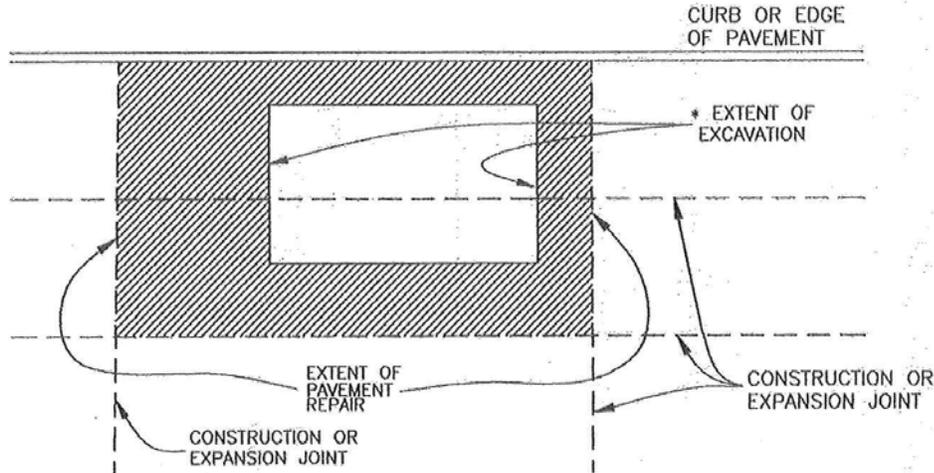
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EXHIBIT "A"

CONCRETE PAVEMENT RESTORATION

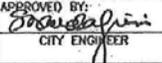
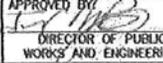
AGE OF PAVEMENT
LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 5 YEARS



NOTES:

1. EXTENT OF PAVEMENT REPAIR SHALL BE PERPENDICULAR AND PARALLEL TO TRAVEL WAY.
2. REPLACE ENTIRE PANEL WIDTH AND LENGTH TO NEAREST CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION JOINT BEYOND EDGE OF EXCAVATION.
3. SAW CUT AND EXPOSE 15" OF REINFORCING STEEL WITHIN EXISTING PAVEMENT. PROVIDE HORIZONTAL DOWELS (PER SPECIFICATION SECTION 02902-01) IF EXISTING REINFORCING IS BROKEN OFF.
4. REPLACE CURB WHEN ADJACENT LANE IS REPLACED.
5. MAINTAIN EXPANSION JOINTS AT EXISTING LOCATIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY CITY ENGINEER.
6. SPECIALTY PAVEMENTS (IE: BRICK PAVERS) TO BE REPLACED WITH MATCHING PAVEMENT IN ALL CASES.
7. REPLACE PAVEMENT MARKINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY SPECIFICATIONS 02764 AND 02767.

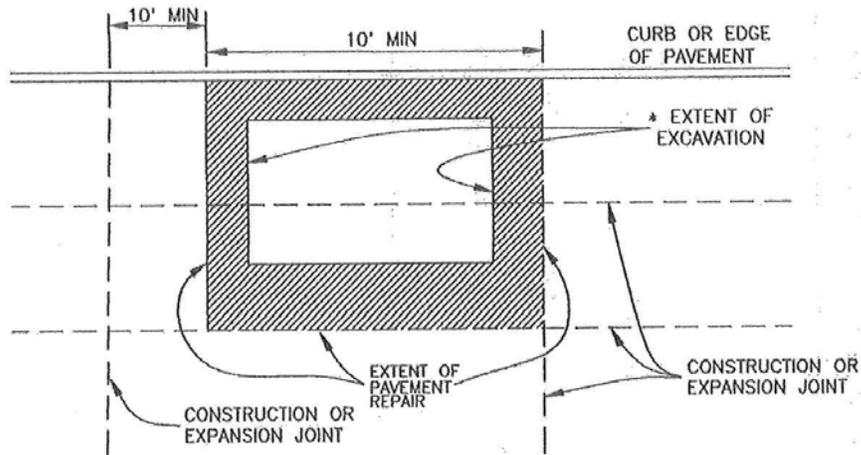
* EXTENT OF EXCAVATION INCLUDES 18" OVERCUT AS SHOWN ON STANDARD DETAIL 02902-01.

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Street Cut Pavement Replacement CONCRETE PAVEMENT LESS THAN 5 YRS IN AGE (NOT TO SCALE)	
APPROVED BY:  CITY ENGINEER	APPROVED BY:  DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING
EFF DATE: JUNE 2002	DWG NO: 02951-01

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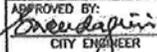
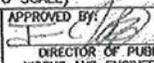
AGE OF PAVEMENT
GREATER THAN 5 YEARS



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REPLACE PANEL WIDTH TO NEAREST CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION JOINT BEYOND EDGE OF EXCAVATION.
3. LENGTH:
 - a. MINIMUM LENGTH OF PAVEMENT REPAIR ALONG TRAVEL WAY IS 10' FROM THE NEAREST JOINT,
 - b. IF EDGE OF EXCAVATION IS LESS THAN 10' FROM EXISTING CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION JOINT, REPLACE PAVEMENT TO EXISTING JOINT.
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