



## ANACOSTIA RIVERWALK TRAIL – KENILWORTH TRAIL SECTION

### SOLICITATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### AMENDMENT 3

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1. Ex. Inkberry Holly size 2.5' – 3' in a 7 gallon cont. Plant Schedule 1 & 2 have Inkberry Holly sizes in a 2 gallon cont. at 3' ht. We will not be able to find any 2 gallon size plant material 3 gallon will be the next size available ; however even then it will not meet the 3 ht. requirement.

*If necessary, provide plants in larger containers in order to meet the height requirements.*

2. Ceanothus Americanus ( the same problem as above)

*If necessary, provide plants in larger containers in order to meet the height requirements.*

3. Next question the watering of the plant material. Will the landscape contractor be responsible for watering the plant material for one year?

*Per the DC Standard Specifications 611.02 (C) (14), the Contractor is responsible for care during the 2-year guarantee period, including watering, cultivating, pruning, repair and adjustment of stakes, and other standard proper care as directed.*

4. Will the landscape contractor have an area where they can set up a temporary nursery?

*Potential staging areas are identified on the plans. Establishing staging areas is the responsibility of the contractor.*



5. Will the landscape contractor be responsible for maintaining the tree and shrub protection around the trees and shrubs?

*Per Special Provision 70 - Installation of Tree and Shrub Sleeves, Sections (D) and (E), the maintenance of the tree and shrub protection during the 2-year guarantee period is the responsibility of the contractor.*

6. At some point will the landscape contractor be responsible for removing the tree and shrub protection?

*Per Special Provision 70 - Installation of Tree and Shrub Sleeves, Section (E), the tree and shrub protection shall not be removed but shall be left in place at the end of the 2-year guarantee period.*

7. Will the backfill of the trees and shrubs only use existing soil? If not what is the required backfill mix?

*The landscape details on sheet DT-03 (attached) have been revised to indicate the backfill of all plantings shall be topsoil, and that this backfill is incidental to the individual plant items.*

8. Will the planting be broken down into phases? If so what will the phases be?

*There is no requirement for phasing of the planting.*

9. Bid Items 2060, 2070, 2080, 2090 are all titled the same "Prefabricated Pedestrian Bridge S". Can you please clarify which item is for which bridge?

*Bid items 2060, 2070, 2080, and 2090 are for structures S1, S2, S3, and S5, respectively. A revised bid form is included in this amendment.*

10. Special Provision 109 – Metalization of Ferrous Metal Surfaces. Addendum 4 of the previous advertisement of this project revised this special provision to allow for hot dip galvanizing of the pedestrian bridges. Will this be allowed in this advertisement also?

*Yes. Special Provision 109 allows hot-dip galvanizing as an alternative to metalizing.*



11. Please confirm that design/build teams can use scour limits as shown on plans for both bid purposes and for final design submissions.

*The scour depths included in the contract documents are based on the current structure design. If the contractor chooses to revise the proposed structure design in a way that affects the scour depths, the contractor is required to analyze and evaluate the scour depths, and ensure that the proposed structure design takes the changes to the scour depths into account.*

12. Item # 2 of Section 2 on page five of the specifications implicitly excludes Abutment B of S5 from modified design proposals. This statement is in conflict with Section B on page seven of the specifications, please reconcile statements.

*Abutment B of Structure S2 is the substructure unit that should be excluded in both places because it is within the Amtrak right-of-way, and cannot be changed.*

*REVISE paragraph 2.2 on page 5 of S.P. 2 as follows:*

2. *Bridge Abutment Substructures for Pedestrian Bridges S1, Abutment A of structure S2, S3, and S5.*

13. Please provide structure designations (eg. S1, S2...) for bid items 2060-2090.

*See response to question 9 above.*

14. Please provide loading/analyses that were used in determining axial and lateral service capacities for S6 elements as shown in tabular form on plan sheet 4A.

*Loading is based on the codes listed in the Specifications.*

15. Lateral service capacity requirements for helical anchors appear to be far less than caisson lateral capacity requirements as shown in tables on plan sheet 4A for S6 piers, please confirm that minimum lateral capacities for S6 piers A-D are correct.

*The minimum lateral capacities in the table are correct.*



16. DDOT has not established any type of pre-qualification or proposal process for this procurement, how will you be able to evaluate offers other than strictly on price. Based on bid results from the first procurement attempt, bidders clearly had different interpretations of the requirements and this procurement process is even more ambiguous. We strongly recommend that a proposal by offerors be part of the evaluation process otherwise DDOT will be making a determination of a design concept after award of contract.

*Bids will be evaluated on the basis of price alone. Upon award, the selected contractor shall submit proposed design modifications to the Chief Engineer for review and acceptance. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide a modified design that is acceptable to the Chief Engineer. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld by DDOT if offeror's modified design meets the specified criteria.*

17. The "Geogrid Reinforced Trail for Areas of Potential Contamination" section on plan sheet 16/393 calls for a "Vinyl Clad Chain Link Fence, 6 FT. HT." on the right side of the section.
- Is the same fence as shown on Plan Sheets 24/393 and 25/393?
  - If so, is the fence to be 6 ft or 8 ft as shown on the trail plan sheets?
  - If not, what are the limits of the 6' fence shown in the section?

*The height of all vinyl clad chain link fence shown on sheets 16/393, 24/393, and 25/393 is eight (8) feet, to match the existing fence. This has also been revised on the bid form included in this amendment.*

18. Permatrak Inc. has requested consideration as a vendor for precast concrete boardwalk products.

*DDOT is not pre-approving products at this time. Vendors are encouraged to contact prospective bidders directly for consideration of their products. A list of pre-bid conference attendees can be found on the DDOT Office of Contracting and Procurement webpage at <http://www.ocp.dc.gov>.*

19. We are requesting that bid date be extended at minimum of a week due to the fact that areas of this project were inaccessible to us and our subcontractors due to the Federal Government Shutdown for most of the bid time.

*The bid opening date will not be extended.*



20. Please confirm the forms to turn in at the bid date are just the ones in the DC package "Bid Forms and Proposal". There are no Maryland SHA forms to turn in at bid time.

*Correct. There are no Maryland SHA forms that need to be included in the bid package.*

21. There are portions of the project that will require an Arrow Board. Can an item be established for this work?

*Any necessary arrow boards should be included in the bidders' lump sum for Maintenance of Highway Traffic.*

22. On page 6 in the portion of the Modified Designs for Selected Project Elements, it states "The following design elements shall not be altered by the Contractor's design: 2. Vertical Profile". Please confirm in the case of "Modified Design for Trail Embankment" we can alter the vertical profile to accommodate a redesign in those areas. Our design may alter the thickness of the section in those areas.

*The vertical profile of the trail may not be changed, therefore the overall thickness of the trail embankment section must remain as shown on the plans.*