

Pre-Bid Conference Minutes

Project: Elkhorn Recharge Facility

Contract No.: 24-03-C

Date of Meeting: September 26, 2024

Bid Opening: October 10, 2024

Attendance at this meeting was not mandatory to bid.

Project website: <https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Works-and-Planning/Construction-Bidding-Opportunities/24-03-C-Elkhorn-Recharge-Facility>

Estimate Range: \$6,900,000 - \$7,700,000

Contractors in Attendance

- Kolton Stonier, AJ Excavation
- Anthony Avila, Anthony's Leveling
- Matt, Clark Bros, Inc.
- Paul Garcia, G&J Heavy Haul, Inc.
- Greg Gillenwaters, Granite Construction
- Juan Serrano, Jim Crawford Construction
- Tim Smith, Wood Bros
- Jim Leppo, Yarbs Grading and Paving
- Troy Yarbrough, Yarbs Grading and Paving

Consultants in Attendance

- Kevin Johansen, Provost & Pritchard

County Staff in Attendance

- Adan Ortiz, Water and Natural Resources
- Augustine Ramirez, Water and Natural Resources
- Darren Findley, Water and Natural Resources
- Jacqueline Wongsing, Design
- Jennica Geddert, Design

Description of work as in the Notice to Bidders

The work consists of, in general, of the construction of an approximately sixty-acre recharge basin and stockpile area at the site including basin excavation, compacted stockpile placement, placement of excess basin material, conveyance channel excavation, cast-in-place and precast concrete structures, furnishing and installing slides gates, propeller meters, rubber gasketed reinforced concrete pipe (RGRCP), County road crossing, and all other miscellaneous items to complete the work described in the Plans and Specifications to provide for a fully functioning recharge basin.

Bid Submission

- Contractors have the option of using Bid Express to submit an electronic bid. Any hardcopy bids or hardcopy bid bonds can be dropped off at the office.
- Due to construction on the 7th floor, the best way to deliver any hardcopy bid documents is to call 559-353-4919 to let us know so we can make arrangements to receive them, and email the tracking numbers to DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov.
- DIR must be paid and up to date. We're aware of the issues the website is having, so we may need to ask for additional confirmation if it's still showing pending or expired.
- Insurance limits and requirements are listed in the sample agreement of the Bid Book.
- Subcontractor details that are required at the time of bid opening: The firm name, the location of the place of business, the California contractor license number, and DIR number; all other information is due within five (5) calendar days after the bid opening.
- CARB requirements – bidders must submit valid Certificates of Reported Compliance issued by the California Air Resources Board with their bid. Their subcontractors' certificates are due five (5) calendar days after the bid opening. These are the certificates that are provided by DOORS, not the Truck and Bus Regulations.

Discussion of project

The project includes clearing and grubbing of surrounding areas near the canal. Certain areas are included within the additive bid items and will be marked off on an updated plan sheet supplied by the consultant.

Note:

- There is a typo in the agenda. The RFC deadline of seven (7) days prior to bid opening is correct in the Notice to Bidders.
- The east fence is to be within property line by the poles. The north fence is to be within the property line by the owl boxes.

Questions

When will Contractors have access inside of the canal?

Barring flood release, there should not be any water inside of the canal until May.

Will the piles around the perimeter berm be cleared off?

If the alternate bid items are awarded, Road Maintenance will be coordinated with to clear the piles before construction begins.

What should be done with the processing (soil cement) material near the berms?

The soil cement material that is piled near the proposed stockpile areas (berms) needs to be broken up to 3-inch maximum diameter pieces before placement in the bottom of the stockpile areas as shown on the plans and described in the specs.

There are some discrepancies between the Geotech report and the Specifications regarding compaction of soil. Which do Contractors follow?

Contractors should follow the directions in the Specifications.

Is there a water source?

There are wells all around the job site (approximate depth to water 170 ft), but there is no electricity and no pumps. Contractors will need to provide their own pumps and generators. Refer to Section 01 51 36 of the Technical Specifications.

What is included in the clearing and grubbing bid item? Can it be marked on the plans?

The approximate areas for the clearing and grubbing bid item are shown on the attached exhibit. Vegetative matter removed during clearing and grubbing operations may be spread on the western portion of the property as shown on the attached exhibit.

Can Elkhorn Ave. be closed during the work?

Yes. Refer to Special Provisions 12-4.02C(3)(o) Closure of Conventional County Roads.

Are the wells on the premises to remain where they are?

Yes.

What is the basis of the low bid?

The bids will be based off the base bid, plus all of the additives. See the Notice to Bidders.

Oral explanations or interpretations of plans and specifications are not binding. Any explanation, interpretation or clarification of plans and specifications will be in the form of a written addendum to the plans and specifications issued to the planholders of record.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ask any questions they might have regarding this project. No allowance will be made after the bids have been received for any errors or omissions due to any misconceptions made by the Contractor.