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Subject – Online Pre-Bid Questions and Answers Website – Construction Contract Bidding

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Effective December 18, 2013, all pre-bid questions related to advertised construction contracts must be submitted through the CTDOT “Online” Q and A website located at the following link. PLEASE READ the Home page and the instructions on how to submit a question. Link: <http://dot-contractsqanda.ct.gov/Default.aspx>

The website link is located on the CTDOT internet website, under Doing Business with CONNDOT - Contractor Resources, and will also be incorporated in the bid solicitation documents on the State Contracting Portal for each project. Below is a summary of the changes taking place.

1. Pre-bid questions must be submitted through the CTDOT Online Q and A website.
2. Responses to the questions will be posted to the website as well. As always, the Department cannot guarantee that all questions will be answered prior to the bid date.
3. It is the bidder’s responsibility to monitor, review, and become familiar with the questions and answers on the Q and A website.
4. When submitting a bid, bidders must complete the new “Pre-Bid Q and A Acknowledgement” folder in the Expedite bid proposal file (ebs file).
5. Q and A will no longer be part of Addenda documents.
6. Project specific Q and A (if any exist) will be incorporated into, and are considered to be part of the bid/contract solicitation documents and the final contract document.
7. Questions that have already been submitted to the DOT contracts email (our current process) for projects currently advertised, do not have to be resubmitted through the CTDOT Q and A website. These questions may be addressed through addenda (if applicable) as usual. All future questions should be submitted through the Q and A website.

This notice shall supersede any language in the Construction Contract Bidding and Award Manual that may be contradictory to this subject matter. Official Bid Manual revisions will come under separate cover in the near future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-594-3128 or Gregory.straka@ct.gov.

Thank you.

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PRE-BID QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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WELCOME TO CT DOT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WEBSITE FOR ADVERTISED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS!

The purpose of this website is to allow contractors/bidders to present pre-bid questions related to DOT construction projects that are advertised for bid. This site is not meant for the expression of "general public" opinion, comments, or questions that are not related to a particular project for the purpose of bidding.

Questions should focus on the technical aspects of the contract plans, specifications, bid documents and requirements. General administrative type questions, such as, "where can I find the plans and specifications for this project", should be asked outside of the Q and A website by contacting the DOT Contracts Unit directly. Questions will be posted for public view once they are vetted by the Department. Responses will follow.

Questions pertaining to DOT advertised construction projects must be presented through the CTDOT Pre-Bid Q and A Website. The Department cannot guarantee that all questions will be answered prior to the bid date. **PLEASE NOTE - at 12:01 am, the day before the bid, the subject project(s) being bid will be removed from the Q and A Website, Projects Advertised Section, at which time questions can no longer be submitted through the Q and A Website. At this time, the Q and A for those projects will be considered final, unless otherwise stated and/or the bid is postponed to a future date and time to allow for further questions and answers to be posted.**

If a question needs to be asked the day before the bid date, please contact the Contracts Unit staff and email your question to dotcontracts@ct.gov immediately.

Contractors must identify their company name, contact person, contact email address and phone number when asking a question. The email address and phone number will not be made public.

The questions and answers (if any) located on the Q and A Website are hereby made part of the bid/contract solicitation documents (located on the State Contracting Portal), and resulting contract for the subject project(s). It is the bidder's responsibility to monitor, review, and become familiar with the questions and answers, as with all bid requirements and contract documents, prior to bidding. By signing the bid proposal and resulting contract, the bidder acknowledges receipt of, and agrees to the incorporation of the final list of Q and A, into the contract document.

Contractors will not be permitted to file a future claim based on lack of receipt, or knowledge of the questions and answers associated with a project. All bidding requirements and project information, including but not limited to contract plans, specifications, addenda, Q and A, Notice to Contractors, etc., are made public on the State Contracting Portal and/or the CTDOT website.

Reminders and Instructions on How to Submit a Pre-Bid Question

1. Please review and become familiar with all contract bid documents (plans, specifications, addenda, special provisions, schedule of items, Notice to Contractors, etc.) available for download on the State Contracting Portal. Link - http://www.biznet.ct.gov/scp_search/BidResults.aspx?groupid=64
2. Please read all existing project questions to eliminate duplicate questions.
3. Submit/ask one question at a time in the "question text box". DO NOT ask multiple questions on different subject matter in the "question text box". The system will prompt you to ask another question for that project, or click "done".
4. Complete all required fields when entering a question or the question will not be submitted.
5. Please present questions clearly. Be specific in asking your question. Be sure to reference page numbers, item numbers, plan sheet numbers, etc. where applicable.

To learn more about the CT DOT visit www.ct.gov/dot/site/default.asp.