

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PROJECT # 11-26

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTRAL COMPUS

Date: March 9, 2011
To: All Prospective Respondents
From: Houston Community College, Procurement Operations
Subject: Informational Letter # 2 – Request for Proposals (RFP) for Parking Lot Improvements at Central Campus (Project # 11-26)

The following written questions regarding subject RFP were received in the Procurement Operations Office prior to the deadline for submitting written inquiries, of March 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (local time).

Question # 1:

Is the traffic signal at the Southwest corner of Holman and Crawford to be relocated?

HCC Answer:

Yes, at the City of Houston's discretion. The traffic signal at Holman & Crawford will need to be relocated. The signal at Holman and LaBranch may not require relocation.

Question # 2:

Will HCC pay the utility company for moving the power pole?

HCC Answer:

Yes.

Question # 3:

Will HCC pay for testing?

HCC Answer:

Yes.

Question # 4:

Can you provide the City of Houston Building Department project number to allow bidders to obtain cost of permit?

HCC Answer:

Yes. The Project No. is 10092590.

Question #5:

Is there a required completion date or contract time?

HCC Answer:

The completion date or contract time is to be determined. Contractor must provide a proposed schedule as part of the bid packet.

Question #6:

On C-6.0 note 7 reference C12.0-A13; should it reference C12.0-A8?

HCC Answer:

No. Note 7 on Sheet C-6.0 is correct on referencing Sheet C-12.0-A13. It is a Concrete Curb Detail for curbs inside the parking lot. The detail on C-12.0-A8 is for a Concrete Curb and Gutter on the public streets where curb sections will be replaced.

Question #7:

Will you provide concrete paver manufacturer, color, etc. information?

HCC Answer:

Please refer to Amendment No. 3 posted on HCC website.

Question #8:

On drawing SE200, Detail 2 Typical Site Lighting Pole Base Detail, there is no diameter of base provided. Will you please provide?

HCC Answer:

Please refer to Sheet S-1.00 for Light Pole Foundation Detail.

Question #9:

Is there a trenching detail that I missed?

HCC Answer:

No. The trenching details shown on Sheet C12.0-A1 and C12.0-A14 are for Storm Sewer Bedding and French Drain Detail respectively.

Question #10:

Drawing SE301 shows a Code Blue Station. I can't find any of them on the plans. Are these going to be added in an addendum? Is the code blue station part of this project/contract?

HCC Answer:

Yes, there is one Code Blue Station on this project. The location is the light pole with Note 3 on drawing SE200. Please see Amendment No. 4 posted on HCC website.

Question #11:

Is the security light communication furnished and mounted by others?

HCC Answer:

No. The Contractor shall provide this.

Question #12:

I am not clear on drawing note 3 on sheet SE200. It appears that there is a separate conduit back to the garage. If so, are any additional pull boxes needed?

HCC Answer:

Please see Amendment No. 4 posted on HCC website.

Question #13:

Is the parking area south of Winbern owned by HCC? If so, can the contractor use this lot for storage of equipment and materials?

HCC Answer:

No.

Question #14:

Is the security light and communications box shown on drawing SE200 the same panel as the synergy lighting control panel on drawing SE301?

HCC Answer:

Please see Amendment No. 4 posted on HCC website.

Question #15:

Is there a contactor schedule for the contactors used on the project, so we know which to purchase?

HCC Answer:

Please refer to drawing SE301 for contactor information. Detail 2 indicates the kind of contactor to purchase.

Question #16:

Does security wiring go to all light poles or just the one shown on the drawing?

HCC Answer:

No, security wiring goes to just the one shown on the drawing.

Question #18:

Can you provide a detailed scope of work for the security wiring for this project?

HCC Answer:

Please see Amendment No. 4 posted on HCC website.

Question #19:

Is Almeda Road a City of Houston Street?

HCC Answer:

Almeda Road, through the parking lot, is no longer a City of Houston Street.

Question #20:

Has there been a street easement & abandonment package that has gone in front of city council, received an ordinance number, and been approved?

HCC Answer:

Yes, LaBranch and Alameda were deeded over to HCC and LaBranch was converted into a utility easement.

Question #21:

Will you establish an allowance for the city coordinated items such as parking meters, traffic signals, & ROW signage etc.?

HCC Answer:

Contractor shall specify the cost for removing and replacing the parking meters and ROW in your proposal. The existing traffic signal poles and boxes at the Holman & LaBranch intersection shall remain in the existing location. An electrical junction box will be in the proposed sidewalk but will just require adjusting the top of the box to be flush with the new sidewalk. The traffic signal pole at Holman & Crawford shall remain in the existing location. The sidewalk shall be adjusted to make it possible for pedestrians to use the sidewalk around the existing traffic signal pole.

Question #22:

Will you establish an allowance for the Center Point Energy relocated items? Center Point won't give an estimate for cost or scheduling until they receive drawings and have physically seen the site. They expressed that they would do this once with the awarded contractor.

HCC Answer:

Yes.

Question #23:

If you decided not to do an allowance, is there a contact person with the city who is aware of and has already got a copy of this package that can give us a proposal by the bid date? The telephone number listed on the drawing was not in service.

HCC Answer:

Please refer to HCC answer to Question #22.

Question #24:

Will you establish an allowance for traffic control plan and traffic control measures? Traffic control plan has to be done by an engineer and you can't quantify what the control measure is until you have received the plan. There is not time, nor is it suitable for each contractor to do this just for a bid.

HCC Answer:

HCC shall put a contingency price of \$10,000 for a Traffic Control Plan for Holman, Crawford, and Winbern. Alameda will be closed off since it HCC owns it. The contingency price includes the delineation of a 6 ft – 8 ft wide work zone in each of these streets with the necessary traffic signs and flagmen. ESPA Corp shall prepare and obtain reviews and approvals from 611 Walker (Public Works) in the next 2-3 weeks.

Question #25:

Drawing C-6.0 note one says for a 2" asphalt topping, Detail A6 & A8 on sheet C-12.0 shows to have 2 1/2" of asphalt

HCC Answer:

Note one on sheet C-6.0 should read 2-1/2 inches of asphalt pavement as indicated on Details A6 & A8 of Sheet C-12.0.

Question #26:

Sheet C – 10.0 calls out for an HDPE pipe. The specifications call out for a PE pipe; under joints item C it states that all plastic pipe shall be fusion butt-welded. This can only happen with a solid core pipe. Can HDPE pipe with gasketed joints and fittings be used?

HCC Answer:

Yes. Watertight HDPE gasketed joints and fittings are acceptable.

Question #27:

Sheet C -10.0 shows flow line elevations for French drains; can we keep a 1/4" fall from high elevation and offset in the last couple of feet to tie into the storm piping at the elevation you show?

HCC Answer:

The elevations shown shall be followed, unless adjustment is necessary to meet the tie-in elevation. A ¼” fall over the length of the pipe is not enough.

Question #28:

Bulk of parking lot has a note 7 pointing to the curbs which refers you to sheet C12.0 detail A13 – this note shows concrete paving with an extruded curb. Is it supposed to be detail A9?

HCC Answer:

Note 7 references Sheet C12.0, Detail A7 (not A13). Please verify that the contractors are looking at the most current drawings.