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Addendum No. 1 and Pre-Bid Meeting Notes

Certified Mail

**Re: WBS 17BP.12.R.8 DL00036
Catawb County
Bridge No. 25 over Lyle Creek on SR 1491 (Section House Road)**

Bid Opening: March 26, 2013 @ 10:00 AM

Gentlemen:

The Pre-bid meeting for 17BP.12.R.8 (DL00036) was held on March 20, 2013 at 10:45am in which several questions and comments were noted.

- Several divisions have modified the "Instruction to Bidders" to give more direction on electronic bids and an optional provision is available for the divisions to use in division let contracts. Attached to this addendum is the provision that gives instructions for electronic bids. Hard copies of bids and electronic bids will be accepted.
- There was a discussion of the incentive provision and the dates associated with this provision. The incentive dates shown in the contract will not change for any conditions including approved completion date extensions. The dates listed in the incentive provision are tied to the beginning of school year and were set to reduce the impacts to the school bus routes. No disincentive costs were assigned to the contract. If the bridge is not in service by these dates then no incentive payments will be made.
- A question concerning whether or not the contractor will be allowed to open the road to school traffic before the project is completed. The intent of the incentive provision is to reduce the impacts to the school system. The resident engineer and the area bridge engineer will decide when the bridge can be opened for traffic. Some construction activities may be allowed to be done under lane closures during off peak hours but only after the bridge has been accepted by the resident engineer. Once the bridge has been accepted and approved for traffic no other construction activities that require the bridge to be closed should occur.

- A discussion of the utilities included outstanding utility relocations that are to take place before the date of availability. The city of Conover has two utilities that still need to be relocated or abandoned. The water line on the south west corner of the bridge is scheduled to be abandoned at the edge of the property by mid-May. The sewer line running under the south east corner of the project will be relocated off to the edge of the ROW on the south east corner. This work is also scheduled to be completed by mid-May. Duke Power is scheduled to temporarily relocate two power poles to the north west side of the project along the ROW line. All other utilities have either been moved out of the way or have been informed of the scope of work. The sewer line running along the north side of the project was inspected and approved to stay in place by the City of Hickroy. The City of Hickory will run a camera into this sewer line before, during and after the construction to ensure it is still in working condition.
- The apartment complex on the north west corner of the project requested that safety fence be installed along the temporary driveway that extends from the road down to the stream and is to be installed between the temporary driveway and the apartment complex. It was noted that several small children live in the apartments and the safety fence should be monitored to ensure that it is in good working order at all times.
- The approach slab on the north side of the bridge was drawn on the plans to show a curved section on the edge of the road. However, the structure plans show a standard approach slab. The standard approach slab drawings in the structure plans should govern over the plan drawing.

Sincerely,

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COMPUTER BID PREPARATION (OPTIONAL):

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The bidder may elect to prepare his bid and MBE/WBE or DBE participation electronically by means of a personal computer. For electronic bid preparation the Contractor shall download the Expedite program from the NCDOT "Project Letting" website. Then download the appropriate .ebs electronic file of line items and quantities unique to each project from the Division Office's website.

The only entries into the program which will be permitted by the Bidder are the appropriate unit or lump sum prices for those items which must be bid in order to provide a complete bid for the project, and any MBE/WBE or DBE participation in the appropriate section of the Expedite program. When these entries have been made, the program will automatically prepare a complete set of itemized proposal sheets which will include the amount bid for the various items and the total amount bid for the project in addition to the unit or lump sum prices bid. The computer generated itemized proposal sheets shall be printed and signed by a duly authorized representative in accordance with Subarticle 102-8(A)(8). This set of itemized proposal sheets, when submitted together with the appropriate proposal, will constitute the bid and shall be delivered to the appropriate Division Office or location specified in the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. If the Bidder submits his bid on computer generated itemized proposal sheets, bid prices shall not be written on the itemized proposal sheets bound in the proposal. The computer generated itemized proposal sheets (.ebs bid file) shall also be copied to a compact disk (CD) furnished by the Contractor and shall be submitted to the Department with the bid.

In the case of a discrepancy between the unit or lump sum prices submitted on the itemized proposal sheets and those contained on the CD furnished by the Contractor, the unit or lump sum prices submitted on the printed and signed itemized proposal sheets shall prevail.

The requirements of the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS will apply to the preparation of bids except that a bid may be submitted on computer generated itemized proposal sheets in which case the entries on the itemized proposal sheets will not be required to be in ink. Changes to any entry on the computer generated itemized proposal sheets shall be made in accordance with requirement Number (6) of the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. When the computer generated itemized proposal sheets are not signed and received with the proposal, the bid will be considered irregular.