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**Addendum No. 2 and Pre-Bid Notes**

**Certified Mail**

**Re: WBS 45358.3.6 BD-5212F DL00037  
Iredell County  
Bridge No. 39 over West Branch Rocky River on SR 1138 (Presbyterian  
Road)**

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

Gentlemen:

The Pre-bid meeting for BD-5112F (DL00037) was held at 10:00am on March 20, 2013 in which several questions and comments were noted.

- The first question was on whether or not electronic bids would be accepted and if so, what are the submittal procedures. Several divisions have modified the "Instruction to Bidders" to give more direction on electronic bids and there is an optional provision that is attached to this addendum that gives instructions for electronic bids. Hard copies of bids and electronic bids will be accepted.
- The next question concerned the limits of the asphalt approaches and if they could be reduced. The conditions of the existing approaches were not identified and standard approaches were used to smoothly tie in the existing grades to the bridge deck. The resident engineer may alter the limits of the approach work based on the conditions of the existing pavement once the bridge has been replaced.
- In addition to the limits of the approaches, a question was asked if the surface layers of asphalt could be applied at the same time. Typically the final layer of surface is applied once all other activities have been completed to ensure a clean, smooth surface.
- It was noted that the geotechnical data supplied in the contract was not tied to the project survey. The engineering firm was requested to supply the information necessary to tie the borings to the project survey.

- 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.

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.