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Memorandum To: Potential Bidders and Meeting Attendees

From: Michael Kneis, P.E. 
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Subject: Meeting Minutes and Addendum Items for DE00086 – US 1
Corridor Clearing from US 64 to the Chatham County Line in
Wake County

A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held at the Division Engineer's Office at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. The sign in sheet is attached showing people in attendance.

Jeff Allen opened the meeting with introductions and a brief overview of the project. The following items were discussed and noted:

The purpose of Intermediate Contract Time Number 1 (page 7) is to ensure the Contractor finishes the work in the first 6.5 miles of the SB direction that has already been worked on by the previous Contractor. There are several projects within the US 1 corridor that will require coordination and cooperation. The 3705.3.13, Landscape Planting along US 1 Corridor is of particular concern because the planting work cannot take place on the slopes until the tree removal is complete. The Contractor performing the clearing work will be required to phase operations in a continuous manner and complete cleanup after tree removal so that slopes become available for the planting Contractor to begin work. The intent of Intermediate Contract Time Number 1 is to create a portion of project that is complete thus allowing an awarded planting contract for this corridor to begin in this area.

After the pre-bid meeting it has been determined that the wording for ICT 1 is insufficient and should be changed. Please strike the first line of ICT 1 (page 7) and replace with the following:

“The Contractor shall complete the work required for the pay items **Corridor Clean Up, Select Hand Clearing** and **Select Mechanical Clearing** in the limits as shown on Sheet 1.”

The availability and completion dates for ICT 1 remain the same.

Chipping debris and leaving chipped material on-site is allowed but the Contractor will not be allowed to pile chips into large piles or deposit chips into streams or drainage features. The Contractor may blow chips onto the slopes as long as they are evenly distributed.

If the Contractor's operations cause rutting or damage to the shoulders or slopes while performing this work, the NCDOT will require the Contractor to make repairs to those areas. The Contractor will not be responsible for repairing ruts not caused by their operations.

On page 31 "Corridor Clearing" please strike the third paragraph of that provision, which states all traffic control is incidental. There are pay items included in this contract for traffic control. When the Contractor's operations require a lane or shoulder closure, specific payment will be made for these items. No direct payment will be made for additional signs, lights, safety and traffic control items as these items will be considered incidental. The Contractor will not be required to install lane closures for bringing equipment in and out of the site as long as the Contractor selects areas with wide shoulders and remain in place for less than 15 minutes.

The term "brush" includes saplings, briars, sedge grasses, etc. The Contractor will be required to clean the slopes of brush in addition to trees. The Contractor may choose the means to accomplish this work (bush hog, shin cutter, chipper, etc.) just as long as slopes are clean when work is completed. The debris from these operations can remain on site as long as it is mulched up.

Care must be taken to drop trees away from the roadway. Even if the tree is not going to fall into the roadway, many drivers are reactionary when they see a tree dropping toward the road. Safety of the public shall be regarded as prime importance.

There are areas that will require select clearing (either hand or mechanical based on Contractor's operations) to clear beyond the limits shown on the plan typical. This will be performed in areas to give the slopes more of a rolling slope appearance. The majority of the southbound areas have already been flagged by NCDOT. The northbound areas will be flagged by NCDOT as clearing is performed to allow the Contractor continuous operations.

In the area between NC 55 and Ten-Ten Road in the northbound direction the limits of cutting will be less than those shown on the typical because of the adjacent service road and the natural barrier between facilities that the trees provide. The southbound direction in that area has already had tree clearing performed and no additional trees will be removed in that area for the same reasons.

Portable signing will be allowed on this project as long as signs are properly maintained to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

The last mile in the southbound direction (immediately after crossing the lake travelling down to the county line) has already had tree removal performed. This area may be considered "Corridor Clean Up" instead of "Corridor Clearing" as directed by the Engineer.

In areas of "Corridor Clean Up" the Contractor will be responsible for spreading or removing any mulch piles left by the previous Contractor, as well as debris and brush removal as per the contract. Stumps in these areas that are 6" above grade should be recut to be flush with natural ground and herbicide should be re-applied.

Federal funding is being used on this project and the Department will expect the Contractor to comply fully with Federal provisions included within the proposal. This will include timely submission of certified payroll and other required paperwork. Please notify the Department if a wage rate determination is required.

Payment per shoulder mile is measured along the mainline roadway and includes all clearing at bridges, interchanges and signs per limits established in the proposal and plans. Additional shoulder mile payment will not be made for work required at interchanges, etc. indicated on the project plans.

Herbicide treatments need to be pre-approved by the Division Roadside Engineer and need to be applied by or under a licensed applicator as discussed in the proposal. Pine trees do not require treatment but it is the desire of the Department that all hardwood stumps be treated. Dye is required to verify application.

Time extensions for weather will be based on the 40% rule as discussed in Section 108-10 of the Standard Provisions. Please note that the December 15th thru March 16th exclusion does not apply to this project.

If the Contractor chooses to work in multiple places along the same corridor in the same direction and closures are required, provide a minimum of one mile between closures, measured from the end of one closure to the first sign of the next closure.

Sunday restrictions as stated in "Prosecution and Progress" on page 9 of the proposal are lifted and the Contractor will be allowed to perform work on Sunday with no lane closure restrictions. The Contractor will also be allowed to work on the state holiday on Monday, January 20, 2014 and weekday peak hour lane closure time restrictions per ICT 2 will apply.

Please note that there are no changes to the pay items and bid sheets as a result of this addendum. This Addendum shall be made a part of the plans and bid documents and shall be submitted with the bid and/or acknowledged on the signature sheet of the proposal. Bids submitted without this addendum attached or acknowledged may be considered non-responsive.

For additional questions prior to bid opening, contact Mike Kneis at (919)220-4600. Any responses to questions will be emailed to all prospective bidders.

Sign Up Sheet for Pre-bid Meeting

Project Corridor Clearing 1 Date 1/8/20

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