

**CITY OF GREENSBORO, NC  
ENGINEERING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT  
AND  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

DOWNTOWN GREENWAY – PHASE 4  
TIP # EB-6037C; WBS ELEMENT # 48854.3.3

CONTRACT NO. 2015-003

RE-BID

ADDENDUM No. 1

August 2, 2023

RE: Downtown Greenway – Phase 4  
Contract 2015-003; TIP # EB-6037C; WBS Element # 48854.3.3

To: Holders of Construction Contract Bidding Documents

By this addendum, the City of Greensboro is changing, revising the specifications or plans for the contract listed above as follows:

**SPECIFICATIONS REVISED:**

The **ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS** is being revised to move the Bid Date and the Bid Time. The first paragraph in this section is to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Sealed proposals will be received until **2:00 p.m. local time**, on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023** by the City of Greensboro, NC in the Engineering Conference Room located on the 3rd floor of the City of Greensboro’s Melvin Municipal Office Building for the above listed contract as shown in the plans and described in the Special Conditions. The Melvin Municipal Office building is located at 300 West Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27401. The Bid Opening will also be available via Zoom.”

The **FORMS** section is being revised as follows:

The **PROPOSAL** section starting on Page 313 is to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the attached Proposal section entitled “2015-003\_EB6037C Proposal 8-2-23.pdf”. The following Line Item has been modified in the attached Proposal section:

1) Revise Line No. 223 the Quantity from “2,700.00” to “2.70”.

Note: the UOM for Line No. 223 is listed as M/G and is intended to represent 1,000 Gallons.

**PLANS REVISED:**

None

**POINTS OF CLARIFICATION AND QUESTIONS ADDRESSED:**

- 1) Is this project going to have a "fill-in" Excel proposal bid form?

*Response: Yes, several revisions have been made from the second bid proposal form to the second Re-Bid proposal form. Therefore a revised spreadsheet is being issued as explained under the following Information Available to Bidders.*

- 2) What approximately is the budget?

*Response: The budgeted number for the referenced contract as listed in the City's CIP as \$12,500,000.00. Please realize the City does not issue the Engineer's Estimate (nor the OPCC's). This is a Budget number and not an Estimate.*

- 3) Please confirm the bidder shall use NCDOT approved DBE firms for this project?

*Response: Yes all Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) are required to be certified at the least, as a "Subcontractor" and prequalified as a "DBE" at the time of the Bid Opening as listed in the NCDOT's "Directory of Transportation Firms" on the following website:  
<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html>*

- 4) Must the DBE's be an approved contractor or subcontractor by NCDOT?

*Response: See response to previous question.*

- 5) If the contractor decides to work a weekend due to weather delays during the week, will the contractor have to pay the CEI services fee?

*Response: The City will inspect this in house, so no CEI fees. Permission to work on the weekend will have to be requested and approved by our Construction Inspections section on an as needed basis.*

- 6) Please provide the subsurface information?

*Response: Yes, the geotechnical report is listed in the advertisement as available upon request. A link to the geotechnical report was included in the electronic issuing of the Re-Bid Bid Documents. This link will be additionally provided upon requesting thru the following email:  
[engbids@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:engbids@greensboro-nc.gov)*

- 7) Shall all of the addendums from the previously bid project pertain to the current bidding project if the scope of work is still included?

*Response: This question is referring to the original first bid letting. Since the first letting resulted in exceeding the budgeted amount the project has been redesigned with several major components removed. Therefore, the bid documents for this second letting have been reissued and the contract is being let anew.*

- 8) Are any special provisions in place for pedestrian access, detours or controls?

Response: No, the area will be an active work zone and pedestrians will be restricted from the work zone. However, pedestrian detours and signage will be required in areas as specified in the specifications and on the plans to provide proper handling of pedestrian traffic where the proposed trail crosses or intersects with existing pedestrian facilities, such as sidewalks along cross streets, etc.

- 9) Does 360 days contract time seem to be enough with current construction delays like material lead times?

Response: The majority of all City construction contracts are experiencing the same material/supply procurement delays. The 360 day contract time is as designed with consideration to the current construction climate. The City very much realizes that the procurement delays are not in the Contractor's control. Therefore and immediately following full contract execution, it is the City's expectation that the Contractor will place material orders in particular on long lead time items, and document established delivery dates. Since this is an NCDOT/Federally Funded contract the City will be in communication with NCDOT regarding lead times and delay issues as they arise. As a result, the City anticipates working with the selected Contractor to modify the contract timelines based upon submitted construction schedules, **documented** delivery dates and other realistic delays which may occur.

- 10) Sheet IR1 notes several utilities are to be located by others. Is there a date that these items will be relocated by?

Response: Everything that needed to be relocated prior to construction has been completed except for an AT&T duct bank at the crossing of Spring Garden St. that is really deep. The City determined during coordination that it would be more feasible to work this during construction..

- 11) Be advised there are several long lead time items such as precast box culverts, drainage inlets, and ductile iron pipe for this project. To have such items available and delivered to the job in a timely manner, should the owner consider a delayed NTP? Box culvert suppliers are notifying us the delivery of the product could be 5-6 months out from approved drawings. Also, Ductile Iron pipe has had lead times approaching one year from order date?

Response: As addressed previously in Question #9 documented ordering of materials will take place after the contract is executed which may not impact the issuing of the NTP. Document all delays for consideration of time extensions at the contract end.

- 12) Will the owner provide an asphalt index price, or shall the asphalt subcontractor have to hold their prices for the duration of the project?

Response: Price indexing does not apply to this contract for asphalt binder. The bid price will be held for the duration of the contract.

- 13) The bid form did not have a line item for the glulam bridge at station 10+30.22. The details for this bridge are still in the bid documents. Please clarify if this bridge is still a part of this contract or not.

Response: In previous Addenda the Proposal was revised by adding Line Item No. 283, "Glulam Bridge Station 10+30.22". See Specifications Revised above where corrections are being made to this line item.

- 14) Over the past year, the city has placed a few inches of aggregate over most of the proposed greenway. Any idea of how much material was placed? How will the contractor be paid to remove this additional material?

Response: Removal of material will be paid for by the per unit price for unclassified excavation where it needs to be removed.

- 15) Will the owner consider adding a contingency (allowance) bid item for the removal of subsurface rock?

Response: No. If rock is encountered, it will be handled under Unclassified Excavation within the NCDOT standard specifications.

- 16) City of Greensboro standard detail 207 (Standard Trench Beddings for circular pipe) is shown on the bottom right corner of plan sheet UC2C of UC8. Sheet G1 of G1 references the NCDOT standard 300.1 for pipe installation. Please clarify which pipe backfill details shall be used.

Response: COG Detail 207 applies to sanitary sewer bedding.

- 17) Pay Item Line Number 223 – LANDSCAPE BOULDERS (RIVER STONE) is called out on sheet no. L-206 Drawing note 9. Note 9 states placement will be similar to detail 4/ L-502. Detail 4/ L-502 is has been removed as no longer applicable. Can the detail be provided?

Response: The detail was removed as the design intent of detail 4 / L-502 no longer pertains to this project. However, additional notation narrative was added to the note referencing the boulder installation and selection under the notes section on sheet no. L-206. See Plans Revised above where Plan Sheets have been correction and substituted.

- 18) Can the owner please identify where the new valves are to be installed?

Response: Valve locations are to be installed as shown/specified on the UC sheets.

- 19) Some of the borings from the geotechnical report indicate the existing railroad ballast is as deep as three feet. It is acceptable for this ballast material to be left in place?

Response: The existing railroad ballast should be reused as much as possible for subgrade stabilization, gabion basket style walls, deep fills, and behind retaining walls. However, ballast can remain in place if it passes the tests referenced in the Geotech Report.

- 20) The guardrail subcontractors are telling us the last 50' of each lone (end units) cannot receive the rustic finish. The end units must be clean, primed, and painted with 1 coat of Pro Cryl Universal primer and two coats pf Cher Cryl High Performance B66305 semi-gloss. Please advise if this is acceptable or the owner wishes to change all of the guardrail to a galvanized finish.

Response: The above proposal is acceptable.

- 21) Bid items 142 - 6" valve, 143 - 8" x 6" tapping sleeve and valve, 144 - 12" valve, and 145 - 24" valve have no specifications provided. The provided specifications only detail the two insertion valves. Please provide specifications for the items requested above.

*Response: The UC Special Provisions are not exhaustive technical specifications. They append/modify the 2018 NCDOT Standard Specifications, which include requirements for materials and incorporate (by reference) the utility owner (City of Greensboro) standard specifications. Please review City standard specifications and details for these items.*

- 22) The contractor is required to bypass the active sewer line in order to install new sewer pipe, valves, and make necessary tie ins. Can the owner please provide the respective flow rates the contractor will be required to maintain?

*Response: The largest sanitary sewer main being relocated as part of the project having the most flow is an 18" main with a flow rate of approximately 2.52 MGD*

- 23) Please verify this project does not require the contractor turning in DBE affidavits that are typically required by the City of Greensboro.

*Response: This is an NCDOT funded contract and does not require submission of City MWBE Affidavits. In accordance with SP1 G63 - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (Local Government Agencies) starting on page 20 (with DBE goal listed on page 22) of the specifications, submit The Listing of DBE Subcontractors with your bid found on page 346.*

- 24) Under the Section Major Utility Adjustments (page 94 of 828) - the City of Greensboro states such adjustments will be completed by the utility owner and coordinated by the City of Greensboro. Because the City of Greensboro, North Carolina is coordinating the utility adjustments and the utilities are to complete the adjustments, would the City of Greensboro, North Carolina revise the Contract to allow the Contractor to receive an equitable adjustment in the Contract Lump Sum Price for delay the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, or the utility cause to the Work?

*Response: No, the City will ensure adjustments are complete or provide other areas within the project to work while adjustments are being finalized.*

- 25) Even though the City of Greensboro has reflected utility locations on drawings, under the Section Protection of Existing Utilities the city of Greensboro States - "There is no guarantee as to the accuracy or completeness of such information, and all responsibility for the accuracy and completeness thereof is expressly disclaimed. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for locating all existing underground installations." And then it states, "Any delay or extra cost to the Contractor caused by pipelines or underground structures or obstructions not shown on the plans, or found in locations different than those indicated, shall not constitute a claim for extra work, additional payments, or damages." Additionally, the City of Greensboro requires the Contractor to pay for any damage caused to such utilities and indemnify the City of Greensboro for any claims related to damaged utilities. In lieu of stating, "Any delay or extra cost to the Contractor caused by pipelines or underground structures or obstructions not shown on the plans, or found in locations different than those indicated, shall not constitute a claim for extra work, additional payments, or damages," would the City of Greensboro, North Carolina include language in the Contract similar to what is provided below?

“If the Contractor encounters conditions at the site that are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated in the plans or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature that differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the plans, the Contractor shall promptly provide written notice to the City and the Engineer and, in no event, shall such written notice be provided later than 14 days after the conditions are first observed. The Engineer will then promptly investigate such conditions and, if the Engineer determines that they differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, will recommend that an equitable adjustment be made in the Contract Lump Sum Price or Contract Time, or both. If the Engineer determines that the conditions at the site are not materially different from those indicated in the plans, the Engineer shall promptly notify the City and Contractor, in writing, stating the reasons. If either the City or Contractor disputes the Engineer's determination or recommendation, the disputing party may submit a claim as provided in the Contract.”

*Response: No. The response is the same as above and any damage caused by the contractor to existing utilities will be the responsibility of the contractor. The plans show the utilities to the extent known, but other unknown utilities may be present.*

- 26) Under the Section AT&T Duct Bank Relocation (page 95 of 828) – the City of Greensboro states that the Contractor will coordinate with AT&T to relocate the existing duct bank and AT&T is responsible for all costs associated with this relocation. If AT&T delays the project, will the Contractor be entitled to time and additional payment?

*Response: Additional time and payment considerations will be given. However, work must proceed on other portions of the contract if there is a delay to this portion of the contract due to utility relocations.*

- 27) Under Unknown Utility Investigation (page 95 of 828) – The city of Greensboro states that “When installing the 72” reinforced concrete pipe between drainage structures #202 and #212, the Contractor will investigate and identify the owner of the unknown utility that corresponds with test hole D-205 on Sheet IR2. If the existing utility conflicts with the proposed drainage pipe, the Contractor will coordinate with the City to relocate the utility. All work associated with this is considered incidental to the project and no specific payment shall be made.” Since this is not known if it is a conflict or not, would the City of Greensboro, North Carolina revise the Contract to allow the Contractor to receive Contract Time and Additional Payment if the unknown utility is a conflict and impacts the project schedule and cost?

*Response: No, However, work can proceed on other portions of the contract if there is a delay to this portion of the contract due to utility relocations.*

- 28) Gabion Retaining wall details on sheet ST-27 has conflicting information with Roadway profile sheet X-59. Both sheets are attached. The provided cross sections show a new grade line that has is stepped vs the sloped 2’ rip rap section in the plan detail. Can you please confirm that the rip rap is to be placed per the structural detail or the cross section?

*Response: The rip rap is to be placed per the structural detail. The cross sections have been revised match the structural detail.*

- 29) Please also note the roadway section measurements are conflicting with the detail. Can you please confirm the new grade line in the profile is correct? If it is correct can a detail be provided for the rip rap & gabion that matches the new grade? If it is incorrect can a new grade line be provided to confirm if embankment/excavation is needed to accommodate the gabion walls & riprap?

*Response: The grade line in the structural detail is correct. The grade line in the cross sections have been revised to match the structural detail.*

- 30) Please clarify bid item 131 “Heated in Placed Thermoplastic Marking Lines (4” 90 Mils) 24 EA. Was it the intent to have the quantity by the LF?

*Response: The pay item #131 has been revised to read “HEATED-IN-PLACE THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING SYMBOL (90 MILS)”. The quantity is to remain the same as 24 Each (EA). See Specifications Revised above where corrections are being made to this line item.*

- 31) When this project bid last year, there were three shoulder drain items listed as bid items. In the current iteration of the project, there is just the item for 1170 LF of shoulder drain (Item 53). The previous bid included items X” Shoulder Drain Pipe and X” Outlet Pipe for Shoulder Drains in addition to Shoulder Drain. Were these intentionally omitted from the current iteration? If so, do these parts of Section No. 816 need to be taken into account under item 53 “Shoulder Drain”?

*Response: See addition of line items to itemized proposal*

- 32) Are you only looking for Prime bidders or will you also be looking for subs to handle certain parts - We are a vegetation management company so we can help with tree trimming and clearing?

*Response: Per the advertisement (fifth paragraph) All contractors submitting bids (Prime, Sub and DBE) for this contract are required to be pre-qualified and listed in the NCDOT’s “Directory of Transportation Firms” on the following website:*

*<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html>.*

*In order to submit a bid all bidders (the Prime) must be prequalified as a “Bidder” or “PO Prime” on the previously mentioned NCDOT web site. In order for the DBE firm (the Subcontractor) to be counted towards the goal (12% DBE goal on page 24), the firm must have a Certification as a “DBE” (certification as WBE, MBE, HUB or other are not necessarily certified as a DBE) and the firm needs to be Prequalified as a “Subcontractor”, “Bidder” or “PO Prime” to perform as a subcontractor as per NCDOT/Federally Funded Contracts.*

- 33) From the plans I cannot discern if there are any tree trimming or clearing needs – can you let me know if that is part of the scope

*Response: There is no specific line item for Tree Trimming or Tree Removal, but there are 2 line items which include “CLEARING AND GRUBBING” (1 LS) and “SUPPLEMENTARY CLEARING & GRUBBING” (1 ACR), both according to NCDOT Standard Specification Section 200.*

- 34) I realize the above reference project is a Federal Funded DBE Project and not a M/WBE Project. With that being said, will the City of Greensboro submit their own DBE Sub

Solicitation List or do we just use NC DOT List Only and with the COG M/WBE Jobs, we usually have to submit Affidavits A, B, C, F, Etc... with our bid?

*Response: As with Federally Funded Projects to meet the DBE requirements you will only need to submit (with your bid) the "Listing of DBE Subcontractors" form on page 352 of the Project Manual. See the Disadvantage Business Enterprise (Local Government Agencies) section starting on page 21 for DBE specifications (12% goal on page 24). For a sub to qualify as a DBE and count towards the goal, the firm must have a Certification as a "DBE" (WBE, MBE, HUB or other do not count) and the firm needs to be Prequalified as a "Subcontractor", "Bidder" or "PO Prime". The following link will give you the NCDOT Connect web site where you can search for Prequalification and Certifications:*

*<https://www.ebs.nc.gov/VendorDirectory/default.html>.*

*Please see page 26 of the Project Manual for submission of the Good Faith Effort which isn't until (~5 calendar days...) after the Bid Opening.*

*The City's MWBE forms are not applicable in this situation and need not be submitted. Before going to council for award, Engineering will request an MWBE Exempt Memo since this is a Federally Funded contract.*

- 35) If I am reading this correctly, this will be another re-advertisement and you are requiring 3 bids to open? I believe this is round 4 and we have yet to have 3 bids on the 3 previous openings.

*Response: This is a Re-Bid on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bid Letting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bid letting was not a Rebid of the 1<sup>st</sup> because there was a significant change in scope. Only 2 bid were received at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letting so again this is a Re-Bid on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letting and we have to re-advertise. After the second advertisement (or a re-advertisement of a Re-Bid), a contract can be awarded even if fewer than three bids are received.*

- 36) Can the Bid Opening be extended?

*Response: As previously mentioned the original letting for this contract was initiated earlier in 2022. The first letting resulted in exceeding the budgeted amount and the project was redesigned with several major components removed. A second letting was initiated in May of 2023 which resulted in not receiving the minimum number of (3) bids to proceed with the opening. As you can image the City, the funding agency, and the Downtown Greenway Oversight Committee are eager to begin construction. Other than an ultimately necessary extension such as the extension previously listed under **SPECIFICATIONS REVISED** it is unlikely any further extensions will be issued.*

- 37) I had a landscaper ask if the quantity of water is correct for line item 223. Can you please check and confirm the proposed quantity of 2.7 MGal is correct?

*Response: Currently the quantity in Line Item No. 223, "Water For Planting" in the Itemized Proposal is listed as 2,700 M/G. The quantity is being change from 2,700 to 2.7 as per previous FORMS Section Revisions under **SPECIFICATIONS REVISED**.*

### **INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO BIDDERS:**

- 1) For information only and to assist bidders in the preparation and submittal of their Proposals, the City is providing an Excel version of the Itemized Proposal that appears on pages F-313 through F-317 of the Specifications. Upon opening the attached Excel file, the bidder simply needs to insert their Unit Bid Price in Column F (Price). The spreadsheet is set up to do the rest of the calculations.

Once all the Unit Bid Prices have been entered, the bidder can **print** the Itemized Proposal for their submittal. In order for the Itemized Proposal to be complete, please make sure to include pages F-312 (Cover) and 318 (Signature Sheet) as part of your Proposal submittal.

This addendum must be recognized as **Addendum No. 1** on the signature page of the proposal. This Addendum forms a part of the Contract Documents and modifies the original Procurement Documents. Acknowledge receipt of this document in the space provided on the Proposal Form is required. Failure to do so shall subject Bidder to disqualification.

All other aspects of this contract remain the same.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) 2015-003\_EB6037C Proposal 8-2-23.pdf
- 2) 2015-003\_EB6037C Itemized Proposal 8-2-23.xls (Excel file)

**END OF ADDENDUM**

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